



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

June 4, 2009

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, June 4, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

President Boyle called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

BAKER	Hugh Fish Michael Griffis Darryl Register Craig Thompson
CLAY	Wendell Davis Robert Page Kenneth Smallwood Chereese Stewart
DUVAL	Bill Bishop Elaine Brown Art Graham
FLAGLER	Milissa Holland Jon Netts Catherine Robinson Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Michael Boyle Shirley Graham Larry Williams
PUTNAM	Nancy Harris
ST. JOHNS	Ken Bryan Don Crichlow Jane Miller Karen Stern
EX-OFFICIO	Jeff Cole Larry Parks Greg Strong

Excused: Chip Laibl, Wes Larson, Mary Lawson-Brown, Paul Parsons, Bob Spaeth, Cyndi Stevenson and Carol Vallencourt

Others Present: Kristen Reed, Steve Fitzgibbons, Ray Spofford, Staci Rewis, Ellen Whitmer, Beth Weatherford, Sean McDermott, Beth Candill, Bill Killingsworth, Gary Kresel and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Donna Starling, Ed Lehman, Jeff Alexander, Margo Moehring, Michael Hadden, Guy Parola, Ameera Sayeed, Valerie Evans, Michael Calhoun, Sheron Forde and Angi Giles.

President Boyle welcomed everyone and asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation and Pledge was led by **Ms. Elaine Brown** of Duval County.

*Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fish moved approval of the May 7, 2009, meeting's minutes; seconded by Councilman Graham; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Teeple stated that two conflict of interest forms from the May meeting that should have been attached to the Minutes, as required by State law, were inadvertently omitted. The official Minutes will have them included as will all future minutes where conflicts may exist.

Public Comment

None

*Consent Agenda

President Boyle asked if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Griffis requested that the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 09-2AR be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda as it was not reviewed by the Planning & Growth Management (P&G) Committee. There being no other items pulled, **Mr. Thompson moved approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Stern; motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion Agenda

*City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 09-2AR

Mr. Lehman stated that the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 09-2AR comes before the Board without a recommendation from the P&G Committee as time did not allow for review of this item. He noted that this item falls under the Alternative Review process; therefore, the Council's comments will go to the City of Jacksonville and not to the Department of Community Affairs. Mr. Lehman stated that the Amendment consists of ten proposed changes to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) with one set of text amendments and provided an overview of each of the proposed changes and staff comments, if any, as follows: 1) Proposed change of 187.18 acres from Ag (iii) to Low Density Residential and 23.72 acres from Ag (iii) to Neighborhood Commercial; comment – this amendment should not be adopted unless the LOS issue on Old Kings Road is adequately addressed. 2) Proposed change of 159.16 acres from Business Park, Residential-Professional-Institutional, Community/General Commercial, Light Industrial, and Low Density Residential to Public Buildings and Facilities; comment – the P&G Committee adopted the JEA's 10-year utility site plan and was included in the Consent agenda, which the Council has approved; therefore, the site plan comments are adopted with the approval of the Consent Agenda. 3) Proposal to change 53.32 acres from Ag (iii) to Light Industrial; staff recommends – a) that the County not adopt this amendment without an approved FDOT traffic study with a mitigation plan to address the impacts on I-10 and U.S. 90. In addition, there is an asterisk, which limits development in Nassau County, and b) Additional information is needed on the provision of water and wastewater and the commitment by Baldwin, as it was with Nassau County's portion of this site, or some other commitment must be included in the adoption document. 4) Proposed change of 157.41 acres from Ag (ii), Low Density Residential, and Ag (iv) to Light Industrial; comment – this amendment should not be adopted unless there is an adequate resolution to the noted negative impacts of potential traffic on identified roadway segments. 5) Proposed change of 33.95 acres from Light Industrial to Community/General commercial; comment – issues of the impacts of potential traffic from this project, coupled with traffic from the preceding land use amendment need to be resolved if this amendment is to be adopted. 6) Proposed change of 21.43 acres from Medium Density Residential to Light Industrial and 2.34 acres from medium Density

Residential to Business Park; staff has no comments. 7) Proposed change of 38.38 acres from Low Density Residential to Residential-Professional-Institutional; staff has no comments. 8) Proposed change of 69.67 acres from Medium Density Residential, Ag (iii) and Ag (iv) to Multi-Use. Staff has no comments. 9) Proposed change of 754.26 acres from Multi-Use to Light Industrial; comment – this amendment should not be adopted unless the LOS issue on Old Kings Road is adequately addressed. The cumulative impacts of this land use change with number eight, above, should be used for the traffic analysis. Additionally, it is not clear from the table provided on how the City accounted for potential traffic from the approved Regional Activity Center in the analysis of this project's impacts. 10) Proposed change of 3.74 acres from Public Buildings and Facilities to High Density Residential; staff has no comments. Finally, staff has no comments pertaining to the Text Amendment, which addresses Industrial Overlay District. Therefore, staff respectfully recommends that the Council approve this report to the City of Jacksonville. Discussion followed.

Mr. Register asked that Baker County and the City of Macclenny's staff be provided with the results of the traffic study for the proposed change identified in number three, if conducted as recommended by Council staff, as it could have a big affect on downtown Macclenny's roadway networks. Mr. Lehman stated that the recommendation can be strengthened to include this request.

Mr. Register moved approval of City of Jacksonville 09-2AR with the amendment that Baker County and the City of Macclenny's staff be provided with the results of the traffic study for proposed change number 3; seconded by Commissioner Bryan; motion carried unanimously.

*Clay County Transmitted Amendment 09EAR-1

Mr. Smallwood stated that he has a conflict of interest in this matter as he is a partner of a group that owns land affected by a section of the EAR Amendment and will not be voting on this item.

Mr. Parola provided an overview of the Clay County Transmitted 09EAR-1. He stated that the EAR was segmented into two parts; the text-based amendments and the FLUM amendments. He stated that there were two large-scale, County initiated FLUM amendments. The first involves the Branan Field Mixed Use project. The second is the Agriculture area near U.S. 301; known within the EAR as the 301 Corridor Industrial Park. The Planning & Growth Management Committed recommended that the County will work with Regional Council staff to address the long-term impacts of the land use change.

Mr. Parola mentioned the Individual Initiated Future Land Use EAR Based Amendments with staff's comment and Committee recommendations as follows: EAR-01 proposal to change 75 acres from Ag to Ag/Residential – Staff has no comments. EAR-02 proposal to change 1,018.83 acres from Ag to Industrial – Staff has concerns that this was approaching DRI stage. However, the Planning and Growth Management Committee's recommendation was that the County will work with Regional Council staff to address the long-term impacts of the land use change. EAR-03 proposal to change 5.98 acres from Urban Core to Mixed Use. Staff has no comments. EAR-05 proposal to change 4,380 acres from Ag, Rural Residential, Mining, and Conservation to Rural Fringe, Rural Reserve, Rural Residential, Ag/Residential, Agriculture, Conservation, Commercial and Industrial. Comments – the County recognizes a deficiency, an elementary school capacity, to be dealt with by impact fees; which is against the policy in the public schools facilities element. The Planning and Growth Management Committee adopted a recommendation that the County will coordinate with the Regional Council to address long-term impacts of the land use change. Mr. Parola stated that it is staff's recommendation that the Council transmit this report to DCA noting the change in recommendation made by Committee.

Mr. Davis moved approval of the Clay County Transmitted 09EAR-1; seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried with Mr. Smallwood abstaining due to his declared conflict of interest. (Mr. Smallwood completed the required disclosure, Form 8B, which is attached to these minutes).

*City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 09EAR-1

Mr. Parola provided an overview of the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 09EAR-1 and stated that the data and analysis that accompanies this amendment generally moves everything up to the 2030 time frame; however, the future land use map and future land use element have not been moved to a long-term planning horizon. Therefore, this is a 2010 plan that will expire in about one year. The City is aware of this, but would rather do the EAR-Based amendments after completion of their final three vision plans. He then gave a brief summary of how the ear-based amendments addressed the local major issues and highlighted the St. Johns River; the creation of a Land Use, Utility and Transportation working group; Coastal High Hazard Area; and stronger language that was added for the Preservation of working Waterfronts. He went on to discuss the regionally significant policies in each of the elements as follows: *Future Land Use* – Policy 1.5.14 is a new that encourages environmentally sensitive area be placed in a Conservation land use category; Policy 2.2.3, which states that the zoning code will be amended to allow for density bonuses for affordable housing; Policy 3.2.23 states that the City will review the need for new industrial land use located in the western portion of the County; Policy 4.1.1 acknowledges that revisions to the land development regulations will be necessary to implement a revised future land use element; Objective 4.5 and Policy 4.5.1 ties the update of the future land use element and its consistency with the EAR requirements with the remaining visioning plans. Staff's recommendation – Objective 4.5 states that the City will update the FLUM and the Future Land Use Element consistent with the recommendations of the September 2007 EAR. Staff recognizes the City's desire to update the FLUM after completion of the remaining three planning district plans. However, the City has an obligation to update the FLUM consistent with the recommendations of the EAR. In under no circumstance should an update to the FLUM be determined to not be necessary or feasible as stated in Policy 4.5.1. The City should rewrite Policy 4.5.1 to state a definitive obligation and time frame to complete the update of the FLUM and Future Land Use Element. New Goal 7 and Object 7.2 states that the City shall implement strategies to encourage the preservation of environmentally sensitive lands. *Transportation Element* – Policy 2.4.2 has been revised to delete the reference to the City as staff to the MPO and reference to the updates of the long-range transportation plan of the Jacksonville Urbanized Area. Comment – This policy misstates the City's role in the long-range update for the Urbanized Area, which includes a larger portion of the region than just the City of Jacksonville. The policy should be reworded to state the City's role as a participant in the update, but not the main party responsible. *Housing Element* – Objective 1.12 and policies 1.12.1 thru 1.12.6 have been created to address energy efficiency and renewable resources. *Conservation / Coastal Management Element* – New language in Goal 2 states that the City shall require that all water conservation should be fully explored and employed for new development. Comment – Generally, water conservation measures within the Element were not enhanced; the City should consider requiring reuse lines be installed for new development, even if the lines will be dry at time of installation; and the City should reconsider the striking of Policy 4.1.1, which was stripped down to a shorter policy that has the net effect of reducing wetland protection to essentially a matter of permitting by the St. Johns River Water Management District. *Infrastructure Element* – Objective 2.2 includes language that JEA shall continue and expand the City's water conservation and demand reduction program to reduce the demand for potable water by up to 10% by 2013. Comment – the "up to" 10% reduction by 2013 should be replaced with "at least." *Recreation and Open Space Element* – Policy 1.1.1 was modified to incorporate and establish guidelines for development of recreation facilities; Policies 3.1.5 thru 3.2.2 have been added to increase protection of natural resources and provide appropriate public access to natural resources. Comment – clarification is needed throughout, such as the word "court" should be defined in policy or definitions otherwise it is unclear what recreational amenity is to be provided. *Intergovernmental Coordination Element* – Policy 1.2.5 was created stating that the City will participate in the mediation process for land use amendments with the NEFRC. No comments. *Capital Improvements Element* – Policy 1.2.4 mandates coordinated efforts between the FDOT and the City to mitigate concurrency impacts to the Strategic Intermodal System. Comment – No substantive changes to this element were noted which require comment. However, in order to meet the 2005 amendments to Chapter 163, F.S. concerning financial

feasibility, the City has adequately adopted amendments that address the need to define financial feasibility in the Capital Improvements Element. In addition, the CIE schedule meets the requirements regarding developer funding and planned revenue sources requiring referenda or other actions amended to require coordination of the schedule with the MPO TIP. Staff recommends that the Council approve this report for transmittal to DCA.

Kristen Reed with the City of Jacksonville commented on the wetlands recommendation. In response to Council staff's comments, she pointed out some of the issues that were identified and drove them to the proposed text that the City introduced as the Ear-based amendments on the wetland protection. First, the recommendation for objective 4.1.1 in the EAR states that a majority of the functions related to wetlands protection is handled by the St. Johns River Water Management District. In fact many of the policies listed under Objective 4.1 are duplicative and too detailed to be successfully implemented and measured for attainment. It was recommended that the policies under Policy 4.1.1 be reviewed and updated or amended in coordination of the Water Management District (WMD). Second, the EAR recommendation for Objective 4.3 also ties into this and asserts that a majority of the functions related to wetlands protection are handled by the WMD, furthermore, amending the policies listed under this and other wetland related objectives are duplicative and are too detailed to be implemented and measured for attainment. It was also recommended that the policies listed under Objective 4.3 be reviewed and amended in coordination with the WMD. In the Comprehensive Plan, Objective 4.3 states that the City is required to regulate land development activities and wetlands so as to compliment and not duplicate existing wetland protection programs of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the WMD and the US Army Corp of Engineers. Finally, the City of Jacksonville has not been particularly successful in implementing the regulations, especially when property owners obtain an environmental resource permits from the WMD to fill and mitigate for their impacts. For instance, in 2007 a land use application was made for a four acre site containing 3.87 acres of wetlands. The request was to go from Medium Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial to permit development of a service station. Although issues were raised, in the end the Environmental Resource Permit issued by the WMD for mitigation for those wetlands met the Litmus test and the amendment was approved and found in compliance by the State Department of Community Affairs. She further states that as you read through the wetlands protection, there is a substantial amount of text, which is extremely difficult to follow and may complicate the review of it; when you take out all the policies that are proposed for removal from the wetlands protection and read all the substantial policies that the City has added, she believes that the City has maintained the same process that has been utilized for years with the WMD as well as the fact that things have been added to encourage preservation of wetlands, putting them into conservation easements, buffering adjacent to them, reviewing them for inclusion in an environmentally sensitive lands database; then using that database as a formal way of saying they want to prioritize acquisition of these through the City for preservation projects or some other mechanism or to encourage people as they come in for amendments or rezonings to look at those and work with the City on preserving some of those wetlands and putting them into conservation easements. She added that the WMD has jurisdiction over the mitigation of wetlands and the permit for those. The City has not been granted that jurisdiction, which further creates a conflict with the text that's currently in the comprehensive plan and the way that program is actually administered.

Mr. Teeple stated that, while he is sympathetic to the City's issue, he believes that many of the policies that the City is suggesting to deleting were in fact part of a settlement agreement between the City and DCA to find their original adoption of their comprehensive plan to be in compliance. It was the articulation and adoption of those very policies that allowed them to become in compliance the first time around.

Ms. Reed stated that the City would certainly work with DCA on that issue to work out any difference

that may exist.

Mr. Parola stated that this is a fundamental issue of planning; the City controls the Future Land Use Element and the policies contained in it and how they deal with future development along environmentally sensitive areas. He stated that staff looks forward to comments by the SJRWMD during the next review process and prior to adoption.

Mr. Cole stated that the SJRWMD is almost finished reviewing the document, but are still receiving input from other staff and is unable to comment at this time.

Mrs. Stern inquired if the Council will see this again; to which Mr. Teeple stated that the Council will see this again in the adoption stage. She also asked if the Members of the Board could be provided with a copy of the original settlement agreement information. Mr. Teeple stated that staff will research the records to determine where we go from here.

Mr. Smallwood inquired if Policy 4.1.1, prior to the stripping down, was another process that the City had to go through, duplicating the exact same thing you have to go through with the WMD? Mr. Parola stated that that is the City's argument, but there is also bit of planning to it. Staff's comment is to take a look at the language that's been stripped down and determine if the planning process was accidentally stripped down as well. **Mr. Smallwood** stated that if a local governmental entity wants to take a stronger wetlands position than State Statute would require, that would make some sense to codify; they are prohibited from weakening the wetlands regulations. Therefore, it would seem to him a little bit of an unnecessary cost increase to duplicate the same effort that would be gone through the WMD. **Mr. Smallwood** added that the requirement to put unused infrastructure in the ground for reuse for new developments, does it take into account the actual ability to tie in to a reuse line that can realistically be held because if infill projects are being done and there's nothing on either side that has reuse in it, are those going to be exempt from putting infrastructure in the ground that has a low probability of being used? Mr. Parola stated it is staff's position that you are never going to have the infrastructure for reuse if you don't eventually begin installing dry lines. The Policy states that they are going to adhere to Chapter that governs reuse, which states that you will be required to hook up when it becomes available. If you never install the infrastructure on the front end of large developments, presumably all those homes will never be within proximity. Therefore, staff's position is, if it's a strong desire by the City to implement reuse, which is a long-term venture, ultimately it will have to involve dry lines. **Mr. Smallwood** stated that, as a developer, in these days we're trying to find a way to stimulate jobs and stimulate growth and holding cost to a reasonable level seems to be something that we should strive for in some of our recommendations. Requiring easement reservations for reuse lines may be a nice moderate step instead of actually having to put dry lines in the ground, which just costs a lot of money and it might not ever be used.

President Boyle stated that we all sympathize with that. On the other hand the goal of the Regional Council is to be planning for the future, recognizing that we all hope and believe in our hearts that this economic downturn will some day turn around so we need to have this type of infrastructure ready to go when it does. **Councilman Bishop** stated that he agrees with the President's comments.

President Boyle mentioned that it has been determined that this will come back before the Council, but it still needs to be sent forward today and called for a motion on this item. **Mrs. Stern moved approval of the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 09EAR-1 with staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Sgroi; motion carried with Mr. Smallwood opposing.**

*City of Bunnell Transmitted Amendment 09-1

Mr. Parola provided an overview of the City of Bunnell Transmitted Amendment 09-1, stating that the City previously adopted an amendment for this under the small scale process; DCA declined it because

it is greater than ten units per acre and it must be adopted as a large scale amendment. Due to time restraints, the P&G Committee did not get to hear this item and thus have no recommendations. Council staff recognizes that this is essentially shifting development from one parcel to another within an overall development where that development was contemplated. Therefore, staff respectfully recommends that the Council approves this report for transmittal to DCA.

Mr. Sgroi moved approval of the City of Bunnell Transmitted Amendment 09-1; seconded by Mr. Register; motion carried unanimously.

*Proposed Amended Budget FY 08/09

Mr. Teeple provided a summary of what is being brought forth in the amended budget to operate thru the end of the fiscal year, September 30th and also to present staff's thinking of how we intend to approach the 09/10 budget. From a planning perspective, the State budget provided 2.5 million in RPC funding, divided among 11 Councils, which is approximately the same as last years. Unfortunately, this number is not expected to hold due to other line item vetoes that must be found elsewhere. In addition, the Legislature is expected to be back in Session in September to deal with a shortfall above and beyond where the current budget is set. Also, SHIP funding has been zeroed out. However, there is some stimulus funding coming in to the Putnam County program, staffed by the Council. Senate Bill 360 exempts all Densely Urbanized Land Areas (DULA) Communities as well as the consolidated City of Jacksonville from the DRI process; therefore, if there were any DRI projects that would have otherwise realized revenue to the Council, these will not be coming in due to the Governor's signing of SB360. On the Emergency Planning side, there are a number of programs that are coming to an end; the Business Development Corporation is no longer a part of the Council. At the regional level, next month he will be bringing forth a budget via the Personnel & Budget Committee with a recommendation that each of the County's dues be frozen at last year's level. He added that the Council is performing changes within the organizational structure, flattening, eliminating and reassigning positions as necessary; this will include a recommended zero percent increases for staff. All of these actions are estimated to save the Council approximately \$160,000 per year. On the bright side, an existing tenant may be interested to expand their occupancy here, which we have the room to accommodate this.

Ms. Donna Starling, CFO, stated that the budget must be presented to the Board by July of each year; however, the fiscal year doesn't begin until three months following that. Therefore, the budget is just a best estimate at the time it is presented. She then provided an overview of the proposed amended budget for fiscal year 08/09, which began in October of 2008. Staff is currently estimating that the revenues for the budget will decrease by approximately \$120,000 overall; expenses are expecting to remain relatively constant; and we are expecting a net loss for the year of about \$126,000, which is primarily associated with the Reality Check activities. Staff is also anticipating a loss of about \$30,000 – \$35,000 in the Month of May in association with the Reality Check program. It is expected that we will recover some of that money, but not all. Discussion followed regarding the agency-wide budget versus the Emergency Preparedness Program budget.

Councilman Bishop inquired as to what would cause the Contract/Grant Direct Expenses line item to jump 20 percent. Ms. Starling stated that a lot of the funding for the Emergency Preparedness programs is pass-through dollars to other Regional Councils. As you will see salary cost have been reduced and direct expenses have increased. Most of that increase is subcontracted out to the other regional councils. Mr. Teeple added that these are contract dollars that are provided by the State and in-turn are subcontracted out. Councilman Bishop stated that he still does not see the revenue that matches the expenses. If we are passing through dollars, it seems to be only showing up on the expense side and not the income side; which throws the whole budget out of balance and calls into question the validity of the document. Ms. Starling stated that the agency-wide budget is calculated differently from the Emergency Preparedness Program. However, she will research that further.

Mr. Smallwood agrees with Councilman Bishop, if we accumulate expenses under Contract/Grant Direct Expenses and we can see those dollar for dollar, shouldn't there be a corresponding grouping under Revenues that shows contract/grant direct revenues so that we could really see the correlation?

Mr. Teeple stated that staff will be more than happy to provide any level of detail the Board wishes. In an effort to better understand Councilman Bishop's inquiry, Mr. Teeple stated that the question is the differential between the \$273,341 in EPP revenues and the \$620,862 in Contract/Grant Direct Expenses. He stated that part of the answer to that is we get a general contract from the Division of Emergency Management that is essentially a continuing services type of contract and some of that has been utilized to pay for subcontractor's direct expenses. As it sat there as undetermined at the beginning of the year, some of that has now been programmed to go to subcontractors as directed by the Division of Emergency Management. He doesn't presume that is all of it, but staff will do the research and provide Councilman Bishop with the detailed information. An inquiry was made if the Council receives a fee for passing the dollars through. Mr. Teeple indicated that sometimes we do and other times we don't.

President Boyle stated that Councilman Bishop has raised a valid question, which needs to be answered. Having said that, he mentioned that the Board is very appreciative of all the work that staff and the Finance Committee, with Mr. Fish, has done in trying to make cuts where they can possibly be made so that we can continue operating. That work is not going unnoticed; we thank you for that effort. It's a very difficult time, we know this in our own counties and municipalities, and certainly the Regional Council is not being spared those same types of challenges. So we thank you for what is going on here. He further stated that, under the circumstances, he would entertain a motion to table this item until the July meeting.

Commissioner Bryan asked that the Board be provided an accounting of what fees we collect and under what circumstances. Mr. Teeple agreed to provide that information.

Councilman Bishop moved tabling the Proposed Amended Budget FY 08/09 until the July meeting; seconded by Wendell Davis; motion carried unanimously.

*Proposed 09/10 CEO Contract

Mr. Teeple stated that his contract runs from June 1st through May 30th. He requested a continuation of last year's contract, which was a continuation of the previous year's contract, at the same rate of pay.

President Boyle thanked Mr. Teeple all that he and his staff does and for being very reasonable in his request.

Mr. Smallwood moved approval of the Proposed 09/10 CEO Contract; seconded by Councilman Griffis; motion carried unanimously.

Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program (SRESP) Update on the Transportation Model

Mr. Alexander provided an update of the SRESP Transportation Model. He stated that once complete, the model will provide evacuation clearance times and roadway usage data that can be used by State and local planning officials to develop local traffic evacuation plans and roadway improvements related to evacuation. He further described the four step process of methodology, data collection, prototype development and multi-regional deployment. *A copy of today's presentation will be available for viewing on the Council's web site following the meeting.*

Reality Check First Coast Results

Ms. Moehring thanked Council Staff for assisting in one way or another to help make Reality Check the

success that it was. She then provided an overview of "Game Day" and the results. She indicated that the results session showed what growth patterns were created, they were compared and discussions took place on which was preferred. The four growth patterns recognized were urban compact, multiple growth, dispersed and corridor. She further highlighted some of the tables that represented some of these growth patterns. A report containing all the data on Reality Check will be released in September. Also in September, the Council will begin regional visioning exercises in each of the Counties. Ms. Moehring indicated that "Reality Check First Coast" is being rebranded to "Region First 2060." *A copy of today's presentation will be available for viewing on the Council's web site following the meeting.*

Mr. Teeple thanked the President for his speech at the dinner the evening prior to "Game Day." He thanked Margo and Council Staff for their part in Reality Check. He especially thanked the Staff of RS&H for their real time production of the graphics. Ms. Moehring received a round of applause for all her hard work in bringing this project to fruition. President Boyle commented on the great success of Reality Check and his pride in association with the Council.

Moody Coastal High Hazard Area Update

Mr. Teeple stated that Moody Coastal High Hazard Area issue appears on the Governor and Cabinet's agenda sitting as the Administration Commission next Tuesday, June 9th. Both Mario Taylor and Mr. Teeple attended the Cabinet Aide's meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 and provided testimony. It is not known if the Administration Commission will decide, but Council Staff has committed to work with the City of Jacksonville over the ensuing weeks to revise the text amendment, which is the Council's biggest problem, and will work with DCA. He indicated that there is a lot of work to be done between now and Tuesday, when we find out what the outcome of the meeting.

2009 Legislative Session Update

Mr. Teeple stated that as the hour is late and the item is very long, the information is in binder for review and consideration. In addition, he directed member's attention to a handout regarding a June 12th webinar with Secretary Pelham where he will explain SB360. Mr. Teeple stated that the DULA communities now have a new unfunded mandate; for not having to deal with concurrency or DRIs, you now have to develop a mobility plan and a financing mechanism that provides for mobility in the region. In addition, there is a troubling part of the law that basically says local government cannot change the density of lands which are currently residential up or down. Also, local governments are now required to utilize the Regional Council Dispute Resolution process as before it was optional.

Mr. Williams added that a provision in SB2080 states that the WMD's Governing Boards must delegate to the Executive Director all of its authority to take final action on permit applications. He added that there is a movement to encourage the Governor to veto SB2080 due to this particular bit of language and encourages all to take a look at it to see how it fits into ideas of what the WMD should be doing along the lines of the Board taking action on those permits as opposed to the Executive Director. HB1171 allows those consumers who choose to pay higher property insurance for their carrier of choice; the Governor has indicated that he is inclined to veto this.

Mr. Cole stated that SB2080, the WMD has a neutral position, they implement policy the Legislature sets, so if it goes into law, they will implement. They are looking for opportunities for public input in the process; they're neither looking for the signing nor lobbying for the veto.

Mr. Teeple stated that based on the information he received this morning, he does not believe the presiding officer has signed off on SB2080, so it may not be on the Governor's desk as yet.

Proposed FPL Florida EnergySecure Line-Natural Gas Pipeline

Mr. Teeple stated that most of our County government has been visited by the FPL regarding the proposed Natural Gas Pipeline. The information is included in member's binders for review at their leisure.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

Due to the lateness of the hour, Mr. Teeple briefly indicated that CEDS is continuing positively.

Public Comment

None

Members/Ex-Officio Members Reports

Mr. Greg Strong, DEP, mentioned the finding of ultra, ultra low concentrations of Dioxin in the Georgia Pacific Mill's wastewater. A letter has been sent to GP requiring them to complete a number of additional important actions to be completed within the next year, most of which will be completed in the next six months. All of this will be done within the terms and conditions of the existing Administrative Order, which requires the company to perform a series of improvements to the facility and allows for new actions to be taken in light of new information found and received. The DEP will keep the Council informed and updated throughout the process.

President's Report

President Boyle expressed appreciation for those who not only attend the meetings, but also for those who are able to remain when the meetings run a little over.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

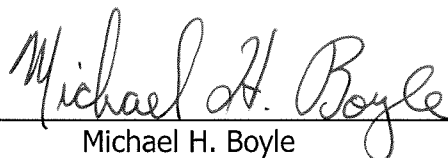
Mr. Teeple stated that those who are GUB or non-elected members representing local government, your financial disclosures are due on or before July 1st. Those who are elected official, it is presumed that their own Disclosure Coordinators are handling their reporting requirements as those requirements are a lot higher than for non-elected officials. Mr. Register added that if you serve in different capacities; you will need to fill out the form more than once even though they are all filed in your Counties Supervisor of Elections office. Mr. Teeple stated that he will double check with the Commission on Ethics for confirmation of that. He asked the Board's desire to hold the next meeting on July 2nd as it precedes the July 4th weekend. President Boyle inquired by a show of hands the desire of the members and it was thus determined that the meeting will be held on July 2nd.

Next Meeting Date

The next Council Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 2, 2009** at 10:00 am. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.



Michael H. Boyle
President



Brian D. Teeple
Chief Executive Officer