



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

October 1, 2009

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, October 1, 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 Paul Parsons
FLAGLER	Catherine Robinson Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Michael Boyle Bob Spaeth Larry Williams
PUTNAM	Wes Larson Nancy Harris Mary Lawson-Brown Chip Laibl
ST. JOHNS	Ken Bryan Don Crichlow Jane Miller Karen Stern Cyndi Stevenson
EX-OFFICIO	Danita Andrews Geoff Sample <i>for Jeff Cole</i> Thomas Hill <i>for Larry Parks</i> Beth Weatherford <i>for Greg Strong</i>

Excused: Shirley Graham, Milissa Holland, Jon Netts and Carol Vallencourt

Others Present: Commissioner Michael Crews, Commissioner Barry Holloway, Ed Preston, Roger Yarborough, Joe Cone, Steve Fitzgibbons, Austin Chapman, Joel Addington, Tony Robbins, Walter Fufidio, Mike Kloehn, Valerie Britt, Dana St. Claire and other members of the public

Staff Present: Jeff Alexander, Michael Calhoun, Frances Dunlap, Jennifer Hewett-Apperson, Traci Hochhalter, Ed Lehman, Steve McMikle, Margo Moehring, Guy Parola, Ameera Sayeed, Donna Starling, Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor and Sheron Forde

President Boyle welcomed everyone and asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation and Pledge was led by **Mr. Register** of Baker County.

*Approval of Minutes

Ms. Brown moved approval of the September 3, 2009, meeting's minutes; seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried unanimously.

Passing of the Gavel

President Boyle passed the gavel to **President-Elect Griffis**, as the in-coming President for 2009/2010. **Incoming President Griffis** presented a ceremonial plaque to **Past President Boyle**. **Past President Boyle** stated that it was an honor being the president of the NEFRC and a pleasure to work with the Members of this Board. He also thanked Council staff who, under Mr. Teeple's leadership, made his job easy, and expressed his appreciation for the willingness of the Members to work together. **Incoming President Griffis** stated it is an honor for him to serve as the in-coming president of the NEFRC. He stated that in connection with his love for the Northeast Florida Region one of his goals for this year is to protect Northeast Florida and leave it better than we found it.

Public Comment

Ms. Valerie Britt, 378 Tilefish Court, Jacksonville – Regarding Coastal High Hazard Area issues (CHHA) Ms. Britt thanked Past President Boyle and the Board for their actions and strong leadership in helping to avoid what could have been a potentially bad precedent on behalf of herself and the Pablo Point Civic Association Board. Speaking individually, as a property owner, on the proposed City of Jacksonville Text Amendment, Ms. Britt stated that she is not speaking in opposition or in support of the amendment, only making a brief comment. She stated that she has been a big supporter of industrial preservation and planning for exactly where industrial went in COJ and has had some concerns regarding amendments that came through that were actually changing the FLUM to residential. She added that she is not opposing this, she just want to bring to the Board's attention her concerns with the whole Industrial Preservation project. Ms. Britt noted that the City of Jacksonville has viewed industrial preservation as a zoning and land use issue, and she cautioned the NEFRC Board to ensure that the renewal of residential sites from the industrial preservation map does indeed leave the residential properties with a residential FLUM designation. Finally, she stated that her other point was that part of the process involved a lot of residential community input on whether they wanted it to be in the preservation project at all. She is only asking for caution on this, she is not asking for any changes in the staff recommendation.

*Consent Agenda

President Griffis asked if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda. **Commissioner Boyle** moved to pull the Town of Beverly Beach 09CIE-1 Adopted Amendment be pulled from the consent agenda. There being no further items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda, **Commissioner Boyle moved approval of the amended Consent Agenda; seconded by Ms. Brown; motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion Agenda

*Town of Beverly Beach Adopted Amendment 09CIE-1

Ms. Hewett-Apperson stated that the Town of Beverly Beach Adopted Amendment 09CIE-1 is the required adoption of the five-year Capital Improvements Program and other Capital Improvements Element text amendments in accordance with the timing of capital improvements and financial feasibility as mandated by State law. Staff respectfully recommends that the Council finds the Town of Beverly Beach Adopted Amendment 09CIE-1 consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Mr. Register moved to find the Town of Beverly Beach Adopted Amendment 09CIE-1 consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Mr. Thompson; motion carried.

*Nassau County Adopted Amendment 09-1

Mr. Parola provided an overview of the Nassau County Adopted Amendment 09-1. He highlighted the following areas; 1) a proposal to change 203.58 acres to medium density residential, which is a three phase development through 2026 that are enforced through a comprehensive plan policy; contained within the policy is a cap on the total residential units of 748. Staff 's analysis of SR 200 shows that there is capacity; 2) a proposal to change 491 acres to 46 acres of commercial and 445 acres to Industrial. The limitations on the development through a site specific policy limits the total development to 688 PM peak hour trips. The traffic study submitted with the application shows that 10% of those trips will head west into the City of Macclenny. The best available data made available to staff as well as the traffic study submitted by the applicant shows there is roadway capacity on US 90 through the City of Macclenny. Mr. Parola stated that with the LOS aside, there is legitimate concern about impacts to Baker County and the City of Macclenny by truck traffic and those impacts engaged quite a bit of discussion in the Committee meeting. Based on Nassau County's commitment to cooperate with Baker County and the City of Macclenny during the transmittal phase, staff included a note encouraging this continued desire for cooperation and coordination between these parties. Mr. Parola stated that staff recommended to the Committee and also to the Board that this amendment is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and indicated that it did pass at the Committee level. Mr. Parola stated in reference to the note, the Regional Council hosted a conference call on September 23rd, which included the City of Macclenny, Baker County, Nassau County and representatives of the owner. At that time there were commitments by everyone to coordinate and cooperate; however, the mechanism for that has yet to be resolved, which is why issues remain today. Discussion followed.

President Griffis introduced Baker County Commissioner Michael Crews; Assistant City Manager for the City of Macclenny, Roger Yarborough; Baker County Manager, Joe Cone; Baker County Planning Director, Ed Preston; and Joel Addington from the Baker County Press.

Mr. Register stated that the intersection of Hwy 228 and Hwy 90 in the City of Macclenny is already broken. Trucks cannot make turns without affecting all other vehicles at that intersection. Baker County is working on an alternative route from this area to I-10 at the 228 intersection. Based on the discussion in the P&G Committee, the developer and Nassau County has agreed to include Baker County in any modification that goes above 688 peak hour trips as this development grows. However, the first trips out of this development will also cause a lot of problems.

Mr. Register moved that the City of Macclenny and Baker County be included, not as an approving party, but in the discussions as the developer and Nassau County work through the Development Agreement (DO) for the first phases of the development; Mr. Fish seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Boyle asked for more specifics as to the role envisioned for Baker County and the City of Macclenny. **Mr. Register** stated that it is an attempt to keep everyone informed and be able to see the negotiations between the County and the developer as the process moves along.

Commissioner Boyle stated that Nassau County has tried to be as open and transparent and up front as they possibly could with this entire project for over two years. Therefore, he doesn't want anyone to believe or feel that Mr. Register's motion is to cure an ill that exists. **Mr. Register** apologized if his comments insinuated that as that is not the case. **Commissioner Boyle** also stated that he also want to make sure that counties are not inadvertently involving other counties in the approval process of development agreements. He added that Nassau County has no objections to the motion to include Baker County and the City of Macclenny on with the progress and the impacts it may have.

President Griffis recognized Nassau County Commissioner Holloway.

Commissioner Holloway stated that he supports this and encourages being proactive and continuing to work together to move forward because the potential impact 20 years down the road will go a long way to enhancing the quality of life in Nassau, Duval and Baker Counties. **Commissioner Boyle** stated that this project is located in Chairman Holloway's district.

Mr. Spaeth stated that at the last, the transmittal phase, meeting Nassau County mentioned that they would be very happy to have Baker County and the City of Macclenny sit at the table for discussions between the developer and the County and agreed that they would all be together.

Mrs. Stern stated that she supports the motion made by Mr. Register; however, her concern is that there had seemed to be a lack of communication and involvement of the parties who will be impacted. As a regional body there should be some way to ensure this type of issue is not repeated, to make sure all parties are involved and are at the table without getting to the point that we are at now.

Commissioner Stevenson inquired whose model was used to determine the impacts were met. Mr. Tony Robbins, representing the developer, responded that the traffic analysis has consistently been coordinated through the Florida Department of Transportation's (DOT) professionally accepted methodologies and has utilized the best available information. Due to the lengthy process that a large scale amendment goes through, updated information and current data for 2008 counts were incorporated in a revised traffic analysis for adoption. It is a completely accepted methodology through all the review agencies, through all the agencies that have reviewed this. Not once has the issue of the methodology been an issue because of the proactive nature of the applicant meeting with DOT and other governmental entities, coming up with the distribution and analysis and assumptions at the outset.

Mayor Robinson inquired if a meeting was held with Baker County as well. Mr. Robbins stated that the minutes did not reflect that Baker County was at the meeting at DOT's District office, and he was not sure if they were on conference calls. He also added that in the Committee meeting Mr. Fudio eluded to conversations and communication with the Planning Director of Baker County, Mr. Preston. He stated that meetings were held with all entities, agencies and local governments that expressed any concern throughout the process, for example, when the City of Baldwin expressed concerns, a meeting was held with Mayor Totman. Although they do not have a vote on this process, a meeting was held with them and they were made a part of the study group. When it was discovered that Baker County and the City of Macclenny had concerns, they were added to the list of entities to work with.

Mr. Fish inquired of Mr. Robbins if, while doing the traffic study and evaluations, he was aware of the

Jackson-Shaw project. Mr. Robbins stated that at that time, December 2008, they were aware that there was an amendment for the Jackson-Shaw project and that at various levels the application was found not compliant; with no activity on the Backer County side. They had been monitoring Baker County's progress with the amendment and understand that last month Baker County acted to adopt a remedial amendment based on a traffic study. **Mr. Fish** inquired if they took into account any traffic associated with the Jackson-Shaw project? Mr. Robbins stated that they utilized the accepted analysis methodology. **Mr. Thomas Hill**, DOT, stated that the model that was used for the traffic analysis for this project does not include Baker County at this time so Jackson-Shaw could not have been accounted for because the model does not have Baker County in it.

Mr. Smallwood stated that the State Legislature writes the rule, regulations and stipulations that require adherence because it's the law. All the developers can do is understand what the rules are, apply it to their project and submit it to the regulatory agencies who only confirm the data, which is all they can do. The Council's role here is to find it either consistent or not consistent and pass it on.

Mr. Thompson reiterated a statement made in the Committee meeting that we need to be objective versus subjective and that it really follows the science, which is where there is a little bit of an issue. Common sense says there's an issue, but the science says everything is fine. He asks how long are the residents of Baker County to suffer before the science catches up with common sense. This is where he is and he feels uneasy about it.

Mayor Robinson stated that she believes Baker County is looking for input and commitment from the developer that planning is done before the process reaches the acceptable number of trips. The developer should not wait for that number to be triggered or six months ahead of time to do another study to decide what they're going to do. Regardless of what DOT says the number should be, Baker County hasn't been included in the system or the processing and so how can the numbers be verified as accurate to go forward? She believes that a solution could be that the developer comes to the table now and, not use the legal technicality of what the acceptable numbers are, but say we're going to plan for a phased development and begin to build this bypass, or whatever the solution is to this problem, and deal with it on the front end.

Commissioner Boyle stated that the issue has been raised as to whether Baker County had been involved in the negotiations and the planning with ICI, and with the traffic studies, etc. There is a development in Baker County called Jackson-Shaw, which is basically two-and-a-half times as big as the one in Nassau County and abuts Nassau County. Nassau County was not a party to that negotiation and was not invited to participate nor would Nassau County expect to be. The Jackson-Shaw project will most likely impact Nassau County, but it's understood that that's a Baker County project that will be very beneficial to them and they have supported it. **Commissioner Boyle** responded to Mr. Thompson's comment that he agrees there is an issue at that major intersection in the City of Macclenny. However, that situation has existed for a number of years. What has Baker County already done to try to alleviate that issue rather than make it sound as though Nassau County's project is going to be the straw that breaks the camel's back? Nassau County doesn't want to make it any worse, but it's also not fair to hold Nassau County's project up for issues that have not been addressed in an adjoining county.

President Griffis stated that one thing that was done was to advise Jackson-Shaw that it wasn't going to work and to not come back to them with this project unless that is fixed. Baker County realizes it's broken, but doesn't want to make it worse.

Mr. Fish stated that the bypass that Jackson-Shaw is being required to do is due to this intersection. In addition, an extension of this bypass into Nassau County is being considered as well. He added that this Board is a Regional Board addressing Regional issues. This project is the most geographically

regional issue that he has seen in his long tenure on this Board. There is a narrow point of Nassau County between Baker and Duval Counties. While the land of Nassau comes north and south, the entire project goes east to west, i.e., transportation, I-10, the railroad and US90. They either run into Duval or Baker Counties. The traffic and everything else for this project is not really utilized by Nassau County Roads, it runs east or west. If a bypass can be done, it would save them a flyover, tying into Hwy 228 at the Interstate; giving everyone good truck traffic. Jackson-Shaw is buying into it; we think Nassau County should too.

Commissioner Bryan stated his agreement with Mr. Smallwood that the Board's job is to determine whether this is compatible or not. He would like to see the project move forward, but is concerned with the traffic issue. He stated that a possible solution is for the respective counties to come together with the developer on the front end and put their heads together to come up with a plan to start moving forward with actually fixing the problem.

Mr. Larson stated that a lot has to do with the State Statute requirements and how far out the level of service issues extend in determining whether there is a traffic impact or not. He suggests that maybe in the process of transmitting these amendments to DCA, the Council might raise the issue of the Statute requirement for how far out you need to go to determine impacts. Do we need to take a look at the State Statute to see how to prevent this non-communication from occurring in the future by adding something that clarifies it or extends it to help prevent this type of thing from happening?

Mrs. Stern stated that the State Legislature got us into this and they're not going to get us out of it, and local governments alone are not going to do it either. Regionalism is very important and we are a regional body. This is a great example of how we need to stand up and take a leadership role in showing the State how this can be done better by looking at projects such as this on a regional basis, which is what we haven't done here due to the lack of communication. This issue speaks to the regionalism more so than anything we've had before.

Mr. Robbins stated that, as a point of clarification, there is nothing in this amendment before you today that prohibits anything resembling the representation you are considering. This process is more of a formality because operations aren't at a land use level. Those entities being in existence does not prohibit that from happening, both parties could take advantage of that. Don't hold up a vote on a land use decision when it's more of an operational situation that should be looked at. The existing mechanisms that we have in place now and the awareness that we have on each side of the table lends itself to that. With the consistency and both jurisdiction finding them in compliance, the objection and recommendation report, he takes serious issue with notice of concerns seven days before the vote, especially if this was such a big concern to say this is the only answer and can you sign on to that; and if we don't sign on to that, we're bad guys and we're being maligned.

Mr. Larson added that in this particular case we're dealing with an issue that's in one Regional Council, one DOT District and yet we're also faced, from time to time, with having two different Regional Planning Councils involved in an issue and two different DOT Districts. So when you go to DCA with a recommendation or with a question, we need to realize that it has bigger ramifications than just one Regional Planning Council. We have a serious issue and we could at least raise the issue with DCA.

Mr. Register stated that Baker County is not opposed to this development. It's his job to create new jobs for Baker County and this development will probably create more jobs for Baker County residents than it will for Nassau County residents. Baker County is aware of the problem in downtown and that the problem is not being created by this development, it's there today. This development will probably make it worse if things move forward without any modification. He would like the language included as he stated in the motion that the City of Macclenny and Baker County be kept aware

President Griffis stated that a motion and a second is on the floor – restated below.

Mr. Register motioned that the City of Macclenny and Baker County be included, not as an approving party, but in the discussions as the developer and Nassau County work through the Development Agreement (DO) for the first phases of the development; Mr. Fish seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Register stated that Baker County supports this development and Nassau County, and has a desire to work together to make this development, as well as others, successful. Nassau County has a lot of property on the west side of Nassau County that may be developed one day. Baker County has a lot of property that's close to Nassau County that may be developed one day and we all need to continue to work together to make everyone of these developments successful and beneficial to everyone.

Mr. Register moved to find Nassau County's Adopted Amendment 09-1 as amended consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Boyle thanked Mr. Register and his colleagues from Baker County. He stated that they've had a very cordial and good relationship between the two counties and is pleased to see that this particular issue won't disrupt that. He stated that he pledged in the Committee meeting and reassert that pledge to work with Baker County because if Nassau County prospers, so does Baker County.

By voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

*Clay County Transmitted Amendment 09-MIL

Mr. Parola provided background information and an overview of Clay County's Transmitted Amendment 09-MIL stating that this item was reviewed in the Planning & Growth Management Committee and that the reason it is before the Board is due to the fact that it was received after the preliminary agenda packet mail out. This amendment contains the revision to previous Camp Blanding amendments. He stated that the P&G Committee voted to transmit this report to the Department of Community Affairs and respectfully request that the Board does likewise. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve transmittal of Clay County's Transmitted Amendment 09-MIL to the Department of Community Affairs; seconded by Mr. Smallwood; motion carried.

* City of Jacksonville 09-2ARB

Mr. Teeple introduced the City of Jacksonville's amendment stating that before them is a subtle difference in how we are reviewing comp plan amendments. Historically when DCA has not objected or commented on an issue in the transmittal round, somewhat like extra jurisdictional impacts, regardless of what this Council says, by law they are precluded from finding a comp plan to be not in compliance when they have not articulated the issue during the transmittal phase. In reviewing the statutes and our obligations under 163 and 186 FS, we don't have that option just because the DCA is precluded from taking a final action on a Comp Plan, we don't have the statutory option to simply say DCA doesn't care about it and therefore we're not going to review it. Therefore, staff will be reviewing things where DCA has not made a formal objection during the transmitted phase.

Mr. Parola stated that the City of Jacksonville's Adopted Amendment 09-2ARB is a revision from the staff report that was mailed out. Staff changed their findings due to the receipt of additional information after the preliminary agenda packets were mailed out. Mr. Parola stated that the ARB signifies an alternative review, in which the actions of the Council will be forwarded to the City of Jacksonville with a notification to DCA. He provided a synopsis of the amendment as follows: 1) 159.16 acres proposed for Public Buildings and facilities, which may be the future home of the Greenland Energy Plant; 2) 53.32 acres proposed for light industrial and is part of the Nassau County amendment. There are specific limitations on development to preclude trips exceeding 30PM peak hour trips. Mr. Parola noted that the report encourages the City of Jacksonville to coordinate and cooperate for transportation impacts with the City of Macclenny, Baker County, Nassau County and the Town of Baldwin; 3) 157.41 acres proposed for Light Industrial – staff acknowledge there are some issues with the Level of Service (LOS) with Pecan Park Road. Information was provided indicated that the transportation impacts are being mitigated thru the City's CIP; 4) 22.7 acres proposed for Community/General Commercial - staff acknowledged there are some LOS issues with Pecan Park Road. Information was provided indicated that the transportation impacts are being mitigated thru the City's CIP; 5) 15.22 acres proposed for Community/General Commercial – staff noted that I-95 may have some LOS issues. Information was provided indicated that the applicant is coordinating their efforts with the COJ to address these concerns; 6) 69.67 acres proposed for Multi-Use to be incorporated into the existing Northwood RAC. Information was provided indicating that the mitigations for impacts caused by the overall RAC are currently the subject of the Fair Share Agreement; 7) 754.26 acres proposed for Light Industrial, formerly part of the Northwood RAC. An asterisk is being placed on the FLUM limiting development to 4.7 million square feet of industrial and 50,000 square feet of commercial office, the impacts are being mitigated through the existing RAC Fair Share Agreement; 8) 3.74 acres proposed for high density located in Riverside Avenue. The Text Amendment refers to some existing residential properties, with a pre-existing low density residential land use category assigned to them. The Text Amendment removes whatever restrictions that their inclusion in the industrial preservation map gave them. Mr. Parola stated that staff recommends that the Council finds this amendment consistent with the SRPP.

Mr. Teeple added that another nuance involved in staff's review is that the City of Jacksonville is a Densely Urbanized Land Area (DULA) Community, thus the State mandate for the requirement for transportation concurrency has been removed and DCA is not making comments on those issues. There are still requirements within the City of Jacksonville's Comp Plan for maintenance of LOS. When the State passed SB360, nothing changed the standards for our review in looking at local government Comp Plans against the standards within our SRPP. Although there is no longer a State Mandate for concurrency in DULA Communities, nothing has changed in the law that says we can stop looking at them. Therefore, we will continue to look at them and bring forward information with regard to transportation issues in all of our DULA Communities.

Commissioner Boyle moved to find the City of Jacksonville 09-2ARB consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Commissioner Laibl; motion carried unanimously.

*Resolution 2009-07 – Art Graham

Mr. Teeple introduced Resolution 2009-07 recognizing former Councilman Art Graham for his contributions during his tenure and appreciation for his services to the Northeast Florida Regional Council. A brief discussion followed.

Vice Mayor Lawson-Brown moved to approve Resolution 2009-07 recognizing former Councilman Art Graham; seconded by Commissioner 'Crichlow; motioned carried.

Ms. Brown requested to accompany Mr. Teeple when the Resolution is presented to former Councilman Art Graham.

St. Augustine's Birthday Celebration

Commissioner Crichlow stated that 2013 is the State of Florida's 500th birthday. In 2016, the nation's oldest City, the City of St. Augustine, will be celebrating its 450th birthday. He stated that both of these events will be of significant regional impact to Northeast Florida. Commissioner Crichlow introduced Mr. Dana St. Claire, Executive Director of St. Augustine's 450th Celebration, to provide an update on the planning of this event.

Mr. St. Claire thanked the Council for allowing him to present information about a very important international and national event. He stated that Northeast Florida is a region that is often considered the most historical place in America. The celebration is planned as a three-year event beginning in 2013 with the 500th anniversary of the State of Florida and ending in 2015 with the 450th anniversary of the founding of the City of St. Augustine. This concept was presented to Congress, who developed the St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission and enacted on March 30, 2009 as Public Law 111-11 and authorized by President Obama. He provided a brief historical background of the City of St. Augustine and an overview of the plans for the celebration. Mr. St. Claire's presentation will be posted on the Council's website following the meeting.

Attendance Roster

Mr. Teeple stated that the attendance roster for the past fiscal year. He requested that each member to review the roster and inform staff of any identified mistakes. Mr. Teeple stated that once the corrections are made, if any, the roster will then be forwarded to the appointing authorities, including the Executive Office of the Governor for the Gubernatorial Appointees and to each of the County Commissions.

Regional Visioning Update

Ms. Moehring stated that the invitations for the County Checks were sent from Mr. Bob Rhodes, the Chair of the Regional Community Institute (RCI). All the dates have been scheduled. She stated that Saturday, January 30th is being considered for the Youth Exercise with approximately 300 people and encourage the Members to suggest youth groups that may be interested in sending young people, age 14 thru 22 years old. Ms. Moehring directed the Members attention to the highlights containing a photo of the RLA graduating class of 2009. She stated that Members participation continues to be welcomed for committees that are working on various issue areas for the Vision; Ms. Brown is the Chair for Affordable Housing, with the committees still being formed. The next meeting of the RCI Board will be following the December NEFRC Board meeting at 2 pm. Ms. Moehring provided an update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy stating that the public comment period has now ended with no substantive comments; therefore, staff will forward the CEDS to the EDA with a letter from OTTED stating that it is consistent with the State of Florida's Economic Development Plans.

Mr. Register asked if Ms. Moehring has a list of the people who have signed up for the County Check events. If so, could the list be sent to the respective County Representatives on this Board so that they can encourage others to sign up, if they haven't already done so? Ms. Moehring indicated that staff can do that, and that the sign-up period will be closed a week in advance.

Mr. Teeple added that a flyer with the County Check dates is located in the back pocket of Members' agenda binders.

Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) Overview – Part I

Mr. Teeple stated that it has come to his attention that some Members may desire a refresher on the SRPP and provided an overview of the SRPP in context. Mr. Teeple provided a brief historical background of the creation of the SRPP covering the requirements, purpose and effect and the amendment process. Mr. Teeple stated that the next steps will involve the Board's review of each element over the next five months, working with the Regional Community Institute to develop a Regional Vision that will address each element with a target completion date of 2011, and then begin the process to amend the SRPP with a target completion date in 2013. Mr. Teeple's presentation will be posted on the Council's web site following this meeting.

CITAMS Presentation

Mr. Steve McMikle, Citams Program Coordinator for the Emergency Preparedness Programs Division, for Region Three, which includes six other counties outside the Northeast Florida Region. Mr. McMikle stated that the Citams is an all hazards assessment methodology program designed to calculate risks and provide options for consideration. This program is used by the Northeast Florida Domestic Security Task Force in assessing critical infrastructure. Critical infrastructures are vital systems and assets that would have severe local, state and national impact if they were in any way damaged. He provided an overview of the program, which is a no cost assessment to the business owner/site.

Elected Officials Reception/Regional Leadership Awards

Mr. Teeple stated that located in the front binder pocket is an announcement and application packet for this year's Regional Awards Program. He stated that the nominations are due November 13th. Staff will notify the winners by the end of November. Mr. Teeple added that due to scheduling issues and attempting to link together a Regional Delegation meeting of our Legislators, the first or second week of January is being considered with a determination to follow once staff can identify when Committee meetings will occur in Tallahassee in January, we will pick one that is not a Committee week. In addition, staff is investigating alternative venues to the World Golf Village, such as the University of North Florida's University Center. Mr. Teeple urges Members to take the applications with them to provide to individuals and organizations deserving of recognition in any of the categories. The application will be posted on the web site following this meeting with the capability of download the application. Mr. Teeple added that he will be doing mailings of the application as well.

City of Jacksonville Ordinance 2009-621 Remedial Amendment

Mr. Teeple stated that this is a remedial amendment by the City of Jacksonville relating to the Moody site and is included for the Members information only. No action is required. Mr. Teeple stated that this is consistent with the Governor and Cabinet's findings. In addition, the City is currently reviewing new policy as to how to mitigate for Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) impacts. He highlighted the main issue of the findings was that you simply can't fill your way out of being in the CHHA.

Census Materials

Mr. Teeple provided the Members with the Census materials that last month's presenter, Ms. Stephens of the U.S. Census, was unable to provide at that time due to mishaps with the airlines.

Public Comment

None

Members/Ex-Officio Members Reports

Ms. Andrews presented the Members with a copy of the State's most recent report on The Florida Economy.

Mr. Sample mentioned three upcoming meetings; October 15th at 10 a.m. is the Northern/Upper Sante Fe Basin water supply planning area workgroup, October 30th at 9 a.m. is the Northern/Upper Sante Fe Basin minimum flows and levels subgroup meeting, and November 10th at 9 a.m. is the Northern/Upper Sante Fe Basin alternative water supply subgroup meeting. More information can be obtained by visiting their website www.sjrwmd.com.

President's Report

President Griffis stated that he is in the process of forming committees and if a member has a preference to please let him or Mr. Teeple know at their earliest convenience. The new committees will be announced shortly and will take effect at the November meeting. He added that he has already received some requests and indicated that Ms. Brown has agreed to serve as the Chairperson for the Planning and Growth Management Policy Committee. Mr. Teeple stated that the current Committee list will be provided to the Members via email for their review.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Teeple introduced the Council's new employees; Ms. Jennifer Hewett-Apperson will be serving as a Senior Planner and the Communication Specialist. Mr. Alexander to introduced Ms. Traci Hochhalter, a student employee with the Emergency Preparedness section through January 2010; Ms. Frances Dunlap, a retired JSO assistant chief, will be working with the Interoperable Communications program; a highlight of this program will be presented to this body at the next meeting. Mr. Teeple stated that the Board photos are available for those who had their pictures taken. If a member did not have their photos taken, please inform him so that arrangements can be made to have them done. Mr. Teeple stated that many of the Members' staff participated in one form or another in the successful APA Florida Conference in Jacksonville with approximately 700 people in attendance. He added that Council staff, Ms. Moehring, Mr. Alexander and himself were presenters at the conference. It was last held in this Northeast Florida in 1990. Mr. Teeple apologized for not introducing the Council's employee of the quarter and is doing so now. Ms. Ameera Sayeed, of Planning and Strategic Initiatives, is our Employee of the Quarter, who is multi-talented individual and goes above and beyond the call of duty. Streamlines the Water Management District's newsletter is available on the side table. He mentioned the upcoming events, which included all the dates for the County Checks.

Next Meeting Date

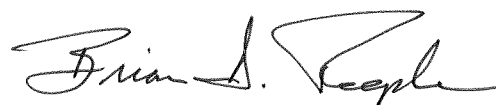
The next Council Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 5, 2009** at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 am.



Michael Griffis
President



Brian D. Teeple
Chief Executive Officer