

Minutes of the  
NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL  
April 6, 2006

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

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

BAKER	Ginger Barber Hugh Fish Charles Prachar
CLAY	Deidra Franklin Harold Rutledge Bill Basford
DUVAL	Rea Fleckenstein Mary Louise Dungey Jerry Holland James Fletcher Elaine Brown
FLAGLER	Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Bob Spaeth
PUTNAM	Chip Laibl Brad Purcell Mary Lawson Brown
ST. JOHNS	Don Crichlow Bruce Maguire Karen Stern
EX-OFFICIO	Larry Parks Wes Larson

Excused Absence: Carol Vallencourt, Blair Kanbar, Joann King, Tom Branan, Linda Myers, Clare Berry, Harry Maxwell, Linda Burnette, Gregory Strong

Absent: Gordon Crews, Ansley Acree

Others: Bill Green, Jennifer Auger, Geoffrey Sample, Jeanie Fewell, Jarik Conrad, Melinda Granlund, Valerie Britt, and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Ed Lehman, Mike Brown, Carol Brady, Ed Preston, Steve Mahaven, Cynthia Perry, Mike Hadden, Donna Starling, Walter Bowman, and Peggy Conrad

**President Stern** asked members of the audience to introduce themselves.

**Mr. Fish** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### \*Approval of Minutes

**Supervisor Holland moved approval of the March 2, 2006, meetings' minutes; seconded by Mr. Sgroi; Commissioner Maguire stated that page five of the minutes indicates he "stated" but Commissioner Maguire said he had "questioned" rather than "stated". Councilwoman Brown stated that she missed the last meeting due to the birth of her grandchild. The motion to approve the minutes unanimously carried.**

#### President's Report

**President Stern** welcomed **Ginger Barber** back to the council. **Ms. Barber** stated she was excited to be back having been absent due to treatment for cancer.

#### \*Consent Agenda

**President Stern** asked if any items needed to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. There were no items to be moved to the Discussion Agenda. **Mr. Fish moved approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Maguire; motion unanimously carried.**

#### Discussion Agenda

##### \*Proposed Budget Amendment FY 05/06

Ms. Starling stated this had been reviewed and approved by the Personnel, Budget, and Finance Committee earlier that morning. This is a mid year adjustment since by the interlocal agreement the budget must be cast in July. **Mr. Fish moved approval of the Proposed Budget Amendment FY 05/06, seconded by Mr. Sgroi, motion unanimously carried.**

##### Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review

Mr. Lehman stated that during the month of March the Council reviewed nine (9) comprehensive plan amendments, three of which were being brought before the Board for review since they were not received in time for mail out.

\*City of Jacksonville – Transmitted Amendment 06-PTF1

Mr. Lehman reviewed City of Jacksonville – Transmitted Amendment 06-PTF1. The Planning & Growth Management Committee unanimously adopted Staff’s recommendation to DCA not to review this amendment. **Supervisor Holland moved approval of Staff’s recommendation; seconded by Mr. Prachar; motion unanimously carried.**

\*St. Johns County – Adopted Amendment 06-D1

Mr. Lehman reviewed St. Johns County – Adopted Amendment 06-D1. This corresponds to the Ashford Mills DRI. The Planning & Growth Management Committee unanimously adopted Staff’s recommendation that the Comp Plan amendment is consistent with the SRPP. **Mr. Prachar moved approval of Staff’s recommendation; seconded by Mr. Basford; motion unanimously carried.**

\*St. Johns County – Adopted Amendment 06-D2

Mr. Lehman reviewed St. Johns County – Adopted Amendment 06-D2. This corresponds to the SilverLeaf Plantation DRI. The Planning & Growth Management Committee unanimously adopted Staff’s recommendation that the Comp Plan amendment is consistent with the SRPP. **Supervisor Holland moved approval of Staff’s recommendation; seconded by Mr. Sgroi; motion unanimously carried.**

\*Ashford Mills Development Order (DO)

Mr. Lehman reviewed the Ashford Mills DRI Development Order. The Planning & Growth Management Committee unanimously recommended that the Ashford Mills Development Order report was consistent with the Council’s recommendation report that was adopted on January 5, 2006, and recommended to DCA not to appeal the DO. **Supervisor Holland moved approval of Staff & Committee’s recommendation; seconded by Mr. Sgroi, motion unanimously carried.**

\*SilverLeaf Development Order

Mr. Lehman stated this corresponds to the SilverLeaf Plantation DRI DO. The Planning & Growth Management Committee unanimously recommended that the SilverLeaf Development Order report was consistent with the Council’s recommendation report that was adopted on March 20, 2006, and recommended to DCA not to appeal the DO. **Mr. Sgroi moved approval of Staff & Committee’s recommendation; seconded by Supervisor Holland, motion unanimously carried.**

Hurricane Evacuation Study Update

Mr. Preston stated they are still in the process of technical review of the Hurricane Evacuation Study which comes in two parts and mentioned that he would be reviewing the transportation portion and Mr. Teeple would be reviewing the planning portion.

Mr. Preston called attention to the memorandum addressing the transportation issues. They are trying to accommodate and address all of the community concerns regarding the

updated study. The meeting held on March 20<sup>th</sup> specifically addressed the transportation section. The State now requires that since multiple regions will be evacuated at the same time, this needs to be taken into account with the numbers being increased for that purpose. Another meeting is scheduled for the planning and policy side of this.

Mr. Teeple stated that another meeting had been held and that as a result PBS&J will be correcting some errors although this will not change the overall outcome of the study. The document will be released to the Emergency Management community on or before May 15, 2006. A second meeting, regarding the Council's interpretation of the SRPP as it relates to the CHHA, will be held at the Council on April 19, 2006. The will include representatives from the coastal community planning agencies, the general planning community, and the private sector. It is hoped to come back to the NEFRC at the May meeting with a set of global recommendations regarding the CHHA relating to the SRPP.

**Ms. Dungey** asked what form the report will take. Mr. Teeple stated that it is hoped that a set of recommendations will go out in the mail a week prior to the May meeting.

Mr. Teeple also mentioned that the development community will be asked to come up with a solution. If no resolution is reached on April 19<sup>th</sup> then the recommendations may be brought to the June meeting.

#### Legislative Committee Update

**President Stern** stated that in the absence of **Commissioner Myers** she would give the report and then mentioned that the previous week several legislative committee members attended the Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day in Tallahassee.

**President Stern** called attention to the Legislative Priorities booklet and palm card indicating the legislative priorities for the Regional council and then the legislative priorities for the individual counties. **President Stern** stated that both she and **Commissioner Rutledge** had distributed the legislative priorities information to the delegates. Mr. Taylor stated that the local governments' priorities had been given to the committee members in order for them to be delivered to the Tallahassee delegation. The object is that next year this will occur earlier and that so far the response has been very positive. **President Stern** mentioned she was returning to Tallahassee that afternoon and that she would be speaking with Representative Mike Davis, the major author of the Affordable Housing bill, since this was one of the top legislative priorities in the region. **Ms. Dungey** mentioned this is a fabulous document then asked the future plans of the committee. Mr. Taylor mentioned that an Affordable Housing Task Force is being established and for the future the committee will meet earlier to decide on their legislative priorities.

#### Blueprint for Prosperity Presentation

Ms. Brady stated Healthy Start had been involved in the development of the Blueprint for Prosperity by participating in the various workgroups and reviewing the recommendations then introduced Mr. Jarik Conrad, Executive Director, Blueprint for Prosperity.

Mr. Conrad stated Blueprint for Prosperity is a comprehensive strategic plan for raising the

per capita income of Duval County. Mr. Conrad then discussed per capita income, education, economic development, quality of life, racial opportunity and harmony, infrastructure, and leadership. Mr. Conrad asked that the Council adopt a couple of the strategies as outlined in the Blueprint since working together will be much more effective. Mr. Conrad mentioned that there will be an annual meeting to give a status update and a monthly newsletter giving an update will be available. He then called attention to [www.blueprintforprosperity.com](http://www.blueprintforprosperity.com) the website that will give ongoing updates. Mr. Conrad asked that members consider becoming a Blueprint partner.

#### Identifying Regional Issues and Solutions (IRIS) Update

Baker County: Mr. Lehman called attention to the memorandum from Senior Planner, Amanda Smith, discussing the alternative futures study. Since the alternative futures presentation the County has entered into a contract with the Council to develop an urban growth boundary study. Baker County is expected to experience rapid growth, which we start to see with the first DRI, Cedar Creek. This DRI in Baker County will double the size of the student population. These issues will be addressed by the alternative futures study.

Nassau County: Mr. Taylor stated that due to the success of the Baker County alternative futures study, the same template will be used in Nassau County. Mr. Lehman stated that during the month of April a stakeholder list will be developed then the interview process will begin. During the preliminary process, telephone interviews will be conducted to save time, although it is recognized that face to face interviews will also be required. There will be stakeholder meetings held going in to the fall. It is anticipated that in December a draft report will be presented to the Board.

#### Members Reports

**President Stern** stated that April has been proclaimed "Gator Nation" month in St. Johns County.

#### Public Comment

Ms. Valerie Britt, 378 Tilefish Court, Jacksonville, stated she was delivering, on behalf of Mary Billotti, some statements from seven other people about four different items going on in Jacksonville then distributed those statements to the Council members. Ms. Britt stated that on behalf of herself, she wanted to mention that recently a text amendment had come up for the Jacksonville port and stated she had concerns with it environmentally, economically, and procedurally. In the past there had been a section of the comprehensive plan that was a sub element for the port. When it was written, Jaxport meant the public, JPA meant the authority, and Port meant public and private. Ms. Britt stated that she was concerned that some of the changes may have some unintended consequences that she was not in favor of.

#### Chief Executive Officer's Report

Highlights – Mr. Teeple called attention to the articles regarding the newly formed Jacksonville Urban Land Institute, and the boat ramp study, KidCare, and the International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville and the African delegation.

Legislative Update – This was covered earlier in the meeting.

Newspaper Articles – Included for information purposes.

Upcoming Events – Recruitment has begun for a new class of the Regional Leadership Academy. **May 17 & 18** - there will be a growth management meeting in Orlando.

**June 12** - in cooperation with Leadership Jacksonville, a half day seminar will be held at UNF. **July 19-21** an Environmental Permitting Short Course will be held in Marco Island.

Emergency Preparedness Exercise & Training Trailer Tour – the Council purchased this trailer through a grant from Homeland security to provide work space for field exercises. Mr. Teeple invited Board members to visit the trailer on their way out of the building.

#### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216. Mr. Teeple stated that he will be on vacation and will not be attending the May meeting. Mr. Teeple mentioned that the June meeting will be held in Nassau County to discuss the Three Rivers DRI.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Karen Stern  
President

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Brian Teeple  
Chief Executive Officer