



NEFRC Planning and Growth Management Policy Committee

Thursday, May 1, 2008

MINUTES

The NEFRC Planning and Growth Management Policy Committee meeting was held on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, Jacksonville, Florida. Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order with the following members:

PRESENT

Commissioner Boyle (Chair)
Councilman Bue
Vice-Mayor Lawson-Brown
Vice Mayor Crichlow
Commissioner Harris
Commissioner Manuel (arrived 9:10a)
Mr. Register
Commissioner Rutledge (President)
Mr. Spaeth
Commissioner Stevenson
Mr. Williams
Mr. Sample for Ms. Burnette (Ex-officio)
Mr. Parks (Ex-officio)

EXCUSED

Ms. Dungey
Mayor Leeper
Mr. Maxwell
Ms. Vallencourt

ABSENT

Mr. Larson (Ex-officio)
Mr. Strong (Ex-officio)

Others: Ed Preston, Tony Robbins, Dan Chitwood, Reggie Bouthillier, Joe Cone and others.

Staff Present: Ed Lehman, Brian Teeple, Guy Parola, Ameera Sayeed, Valerie Evans, Margo Moehring, Sheron Forde, and others.

***Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Boyle called for a motion on the April 3, 2008, meeting minutes. Mr. Register made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Councilman Bue; Motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review

Mr. Lehman stated there were 11 Comprehensive Plan Amendments reviewed during the month of April. Two (2) transmitted amendments and one (1) adopted amendment are brought before the Committee and Board for review; the other eight are small scale and have been reviewed by staff.

Chairman Boyle left the meeting due to illness; President Rutledge presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Town of Hilliard Transmitted Amendment (08PEFE-1) – Ms. Sayeed provided an overview of the transmitted amendment, which contains a new Public School Facilities Element (PSFE) and text amendments to the Intergovernmental Coordination Element (IGC) and the Capital Improvement Element (CIE). Staff had no comments or concerns and recommended that the Planning and Growth Management Policy Committee approve this report for transmittal to the DCA.

President Rutledge called for a motion on the Town of Hilliard Transmitted Amendment 08PEFE-1. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Commissioner Stevenson; Motion carried.

Town of Hilliard Transmitted Amendment (08-1) – Ms. Sayeed provided an overview of the transmitted amendment, which contains several text amendments to the Future Land Use, Traffic Circulation, Public Facilities, Conservation and CIE of the Comprehensive Plan. Having no comments or concerns regarding this amendment, staff recommends that the Planning and Growth Management Policy Committee approve this report for transmittal to the DCA.

President Rutledge called for a motion on the Town of Hilliard’s Transmitted Amendment 08-1. Mr. Register made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Councilman Bue; Motion carried.

Commissioner Manuel arrived and was added to the quorum.

Clay County Adopted Amendment (08-1) – Mr. Lehman provided an overview of the Adopted Amendment, which was reviewed in its transmitted form at the January 2008 meeting. The staff recommendation was ultimately approved by the Committee and Board with comments and sent to DCA for their review. DCA reviewed the amendment and issued an Objections, Recommendations, and Comments report with several objections and comments. Regarding the change of 68.04 acres from Agriculture to Rural Residential; staff still has concerns regarding the increase in residential densities in this area. However, staff does not believe that there will be regional impacts from the potential development that may occur. Therefore, staff recommends that the Planning and Growth Management Policy Committee finds Clay County Adopted Amendment 08-1 consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. A brief discussion ensued

President Rutledge called for a motion on the Clay County Adopted Amendment 08-1. Commissioner Manuel made a motion to find it consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Plan, it was seconded by Mr. Spaeth; Motion carried.

Cedar Creek DRI Transportation Recommendation Report – Mr. Lehman provided an overview of the transportation recommendation report as agreed upon by Baker County, the Applicant, the Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Council staff. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bennett requested that the following language be considered: Recommendation #12 (page 16, line 25) remove the word “or” to read, “...County and FDOT including...” Recommendation #13 (page 17, line 1) add “FDOT” and should read, “The Developer, Baker County, the Town of Glen St. Mary and FDOT shall coordinate...” This will include FDOT in the discussions on which Bypass will be used as it will impact U.S. 90. Recommendation #14 (page 19, line 22) to reflect the language on line 29; to read, “...Master Plan (“Master Plan”) to be mutually agreed upon by Baker County and FDOT, or...”

President Rutledge called for a motion on the Cedar Creek DRI Transportation Recommendation Report. Commissioner Manuel made a motion to approve as modified by FDOT's suggested language, it was seconded by Councilman Bue; Motion carried.

DRI Report - Mr. Lehman stated that the DRI report is for information only, no action is required. He noted that the Black Creek DRI has been withdrawn.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 5, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.