



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
January 4, 2007

MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, January 4, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

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

BAKER	Ginger Barber Gordon Crews Hugh Fish Darryl Register
CLAY	Paul Bue Harold Rutledge Chereese Stewart Carol Vallencourt
DUVAL	Elaine Brown Richard Clark Rea Fleckenstein James Fletcher
FLAGLER	Jon Netts
NASSAU	Michael Boyle Todd Duncan Bill Leeper Bob Spaeth
PUTNAM	Nancy Harris Chip Laibl Wes Larson Mary Lawson-Brown
ST. JOHNS	Don Crichlow Tom Manuel Harry Maxwell Karen Stern
EX-OFFICIO	Linda Burnette Jennifer Auger (<i>for Greg Strong</i>) Larry Parks

Excused: Deidra Franklin, Mary Louise Dungey, Milissa Holland, Joann King, Jim O'Connell, Tom Branan, Cyndi Stevenson

Absent:

Others: Valerie Britt, Doug McDowell and other members of the public.

Staff: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Jeff Alexander, Ed Lehman, Donna Starling, Guy Parola, Mike Hadden, Walter Bowman, Michael Hill, Charles McCool and Angi Giles.

Vice Mayor Lawson-Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Brown moved approval of the December 7, 2006, meeting's minutes; seconded by Mr. Fish; motion unanimously carried.

President's Report

President Laibl recognized new board members **Commissioner Nancy Harris** of Putnam County, **Councilman Jon Netts** from the City of Palm Coast, **Mr. Darryl Register** from Baker County, **Commissioner Chereese Stewart** of Clay County, **Mayor Paul Bue** from the Town of Penney Farms, **Commissioner Michael Boyle** from Nassau County, **Mr. Todd Duncan** of Nassau County, **Mayor Bill Leeper** of the City of Fernandina Beach, and **Councilman Richard Clark** from the City of Jacksonville. **President Laibl** stated that the Council Committee assignments have been made.

Public Comment

Ms. Valerie Britt, 378 Tilefish Court, offered her thanks to the Council for past issues voted upon. Ms. Britt also addressed the Board regarding her concerns Water Dependent and Water Related property near the port.

*Consent Agenda

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

Discussion Agenda

City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 06-2

Ed Lehman stated that the adopted amendment was reviewed and approved by the Planning and Growth Management Policy Committee earlier. The City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 06-2 contains a number of amendments to the Future Land Use Map. Those transmitted amendments for which the Council had no comments or concerns are not reviewed. The first proposed change is 569.66 acres from Agriculture to Rural Residential. The Staff commented that the City of Jacksonville should consider impacts of increased residential densities on Normandy Boulevard. The last change is 57.82 acres from Low Density Residential and Medium Density Residential to Community/General Commercial. The Comment adopted by the Committee this morning is that Staff questioned whether the City's response adequately addresses the operating conditions at the I-295/Dunn Avenue interchange. The City should address the operating conditions of I-295 and the interchange in reviewing concurrency for any development resulting from this land use change. Mr. Lehman stated that the remaining changes were text amendments. **Ms. Stern moved approval of Staff's Recommendation for the City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 06-2; seconded by Mr.**

Larson; one nay – Commissioner Fletcher; motion carried.

City of Fernandina Beach Adopted Amendment 06-2

Mr. Lehman reviewed the City of Fernandina Beach Adopted Amendment 06-2. The amendment consists of several changes to the definitions in the Comprehensive Plan, as well as text changes to the Future Land Use Element, The Conservation and Coastal Management Element, and the Public Facilities Element. The definition changes address the new definition for the Coastal High Hazard Area, defining the City's Community Redevelopment Area, and defining definitions of net density. Policy 1.06.01 has been revised to add Waterfront Mixed Use. Reference to Traditional Neighborhood Development, which appeared in the transmitted amendment, is not included in the adoption document. The proposed change to FARs in Policy 1.06.07 is also not included in the adoption document. Policy 1.6.09 addresses the criteria for the Waterfront Mixed Use District. The change to Policy 5.07.04 to allow for increases in density in the Waterfront Mixed Use district is included. Staff respectfully recommends that the Council find the City of Fernandina Beach Adopted Amendment 06-2 consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. **Vice Mayor Lawson Brown moved approval of City of Fernandina Beach Adopted Amendment 06-2; seconded by Councilwoman Brown; motion carried unanimously.**

Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 06-D1

Mr. Lehman reviewed the amendment, consisting of a change to 2025 acres to accommodate the Mariposa DRI. The County is proposing to change the land within the project boundaries from Agriculture II to Rural Center. The proposed land use plan will accommodate the land uses proposed on Map H of the ADA, which has gone through sufficiency review by Council and agency staff. The project is bordered by agricultural land on all boundaries, including to the east in St. Johns County. The plan of development for the Mariposa DRI that is included in the Application for Development Approval consists of 3,230 residential dwelling units, 153,000 square feet of office development, 238,000 square feet of retail development, 288,000 square feet of business park development and an 18-hole golf course. Impacts from this development are being addressed through the DRI review process. In addition, the County is amending Policy B.1.1.2 to allow for a multi-use DRI to pipeline to satisfy its transportation concurrency management requirements. Mr. Lehman stated that the project is presently undergoing DRI review, and is scheduled to come before the Council in March. The Council will have the opportunity to review regional impacts from the project and determine whether to deny, approve or approve with conditions in the final review of the project through the adoption of a recommendation report. Staff will work with Putnam County, St. Johns County and the Town of Hastings, as well as FDOT, in addressing the outstanding transportation issues resulting from this development. In addition, staff will address the issue of infrastructure development to address the character of development in this area of the County. Staff and the Council will determine through the DRI process the necessary mitigation from this development. Through the negotiation of D.O. conditions, the improvements added to the Five-Year Capital Improvements Schedule may be modified. **Commissioner Crichlow moved approval of transmitting Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 06-D1 to DCA; seconded by Councilwoman Brown; one Nay (Commissioner Manuel); motion carried.**

Putnam County Adopted Amendment 06-2

Mr. Lehman stated that discussion centered upon the proposal in the area of Bostwick. The DCA objected to the density provided; the developer had limited the density – the agreement in Comp Plan Amendment is 1 unit per 4 ½ acres; proposal that road be paved and brought up to County standards. Putnam County has addressed the DCA issues, and staff recommends that the Council find Putnam County Adopted Amendment 06-2 consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. **Councilwoman Brown moved approval of Putnam County Adopted Amendment 06-2; seconded by Ms.**

Vallencourt; motion carried unanimously.

FY 2005/2006 Annual Audit Presentation

Mr. Teeple expressed appreciation to staff, namely Donna Starling, CFO for her efforts managing the Council's finances. Mr. Teeple introduced Maryann Magers, CPA, of the firm Magers & Warner, who performed the audit. The Personnel, Budget & Finance Policy Committee recommended unanimously that the Council approve the audit. Ms. Magers stated that the Council received an unqualified report, which is the highest level of assurance available. Ms. Magers presented the Council with a PowerPoint presentation and bound copies of the audit. A discussion followed regarding disaster management.

Mr. Fish moved approval of FY 2005/2006 Annual Audit; seconded by Ms. Stern; motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Resolution 2007-05

Mr. Teeple reviewed the proposed resolution regarding the re-finance of the Council building. Staff is working with Bond Counsel. Mr. Teeple hopes to have the Resolution before the Council at the February meeting.

Resolution 2007-03

Mr. Teeple reviewed the resolution regarding the National Call to Action through Regulatory Reform, sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Ms. Stern moved approval of the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Maxwell; motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution 2007-04

Mr. Teeple reviewed the resolution regarding the elimination of the cap of the Housing Trust Funds and supporting full funding from the Housing Trust Funds. **Ms. Stern moved approval of the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Duncan; motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution 2007-01

Mr. Teeple reviewed the resolution honoring the service of **Mr. Bill Basford** on the Council. **Commissioner Rutledge moved approval of the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Fish; motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution 2007-02

Mr. Teeple reviewed the resolution honoring the service of **Commissioner Brad Purcell** on the Council. **Councilwoman Brown moved approval of the Resolution; seconded by Ms. Vallencourt; motion carried unanimously.**

Town of Hastings Resolution 2006-10

Mr. Teeple reviewed the Resolution from the Town of Hastings requesting support from the Council on the transportation issues pertaining to the Mariposa DRI.

Low Impact Development Presentation

Ms. Linda Burnette, SJRWMD, introduced Dr. Pierce Jones, director of the Florida Energy Extension Service (FEES). Dr. Jones gave the Council a presentation on Low Impact Development, and the UF Program for Resource Efficient Communities. For further information, the Web site address of the program is: www.energy.ufl.edu

Members Reports

None.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Teeple called attention to the new Secretary of DCA, Hon. Tom Pelham.

Staff Introductions – New staff members Kathy Dennis and Joe Garcia were introduced.

Newspaper Articles – Mr. Teeple called attention to the various articles regarding Council members, staff and our Counties.

Upcoming Events – Mr. Teeple called attention to the upcoming events

Next Meeting Date

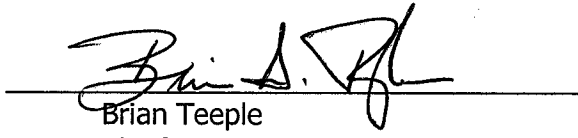
The next Council Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



Chip Laibl
President



Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer