

Minutes of the
NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
May 4, 2006

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, May 4, 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	Gordon Crews Hugh Fish Charles Prachar
CLAY	Deidra Franklin Bill Basford Harold Rutledge Carol Vallencourt
DUVAL	Mary Louise Dungey Elaine Brown James Fletcher
FLAGLER	Blair Kanbar Joann King Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Bob Spaeth
PUTNAM	Linda Myers Brad Purcell
ST. JOHNS	Karen Stern Harry Maxwell Don Crichlow
EX-OFFICIO	Linda Burnette Larry Parks Wes Larson

Excused Absence: Ginger Barber, Ansley Acree, Chip Laibl, Mary Lawson Brown, Clare Berry, Bruce Maguire, Gregory Strong, Rea Fleckenstein, Jerry Holland

Absent: Tom Branan

Others: Valerie Britt, Jennifer Auger, Tony Robbins, Susan McDonald, and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Mario Taylor, Ed Lehman, Amanda Loach, Mike Hadden, Donna Starling, Walter Bowman, and Peggy Conrad

Ms. Vallencourt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fish moved approval of the April 6, 2006, meetings' minutes; seconded by President Stern. The motion to approve the minutes unanimously carried.

President's Report

President Stern informed everyone that the elevator malfunction is now corrected.

*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 Bob Spaeth; motion unanimously carried.

Discussion Agenda

*Town of Hastings – Transmitted Amendment 06-1

Mr. Lehman stated that the Town of Hastings - Transmitted Amendment 06-1 that need to be addressed were in area of state road 207. The Committee adopted staff's comments unanimously. If residential development is built to the maximum densities, DRI review would be required. The Committee adopted the recommendation on the need for a regional wastewater facility – nothing that it was being required for the DRI located to the west in Putnam County. In addition, the Committee recommended that commercial development should keep pace with residential development, to avoid a single-family residential development. Impacts to schools were not analyzed. There was discussion about when will school and waste water facilities will be addressed. **Commissioner Myers moved approval of Staff's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Maxwell; motion unanimously carried.**

*Nassau County – Adopted Amendment 06-1

Mr. Lehman stated this is confusing because Nassau County sent two adopted Amendments based on the same transmitted schedule, one received April 25th, 2006, after the packets were sent out that is why it appears as discussion agenda. The proposal in its adopted stage to modify buffer requirements from existing 50ft rate of requirement to 25ft requirement. This was reviewed as transmitted stage at December 2005, meeting. At that time we had no comments or concerns. The DCA issued their ORC report for this and had no objection to this proposal. The 25ft requirement is consistent with Water Management District rules. If adopted today, it will be sent to DCA. If they concur it will become law.
Commissioner Kanbar moved approval of Staff's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Maxwell; one opposed Commissioner Fletcher.

Overview of Three Rivers DRI

Mr. Lehman called attention to the memorandum Ms. Dungey has pointed out the typo reference to 3200 dwelling units, not square feet.

Mr. Lehman stated that the Overview of Three Rivers DRI will be presented to the Committee & Board in June. Mr. Lehman introduced Mr. Tony Robbins with Prosser Hallock Inc Planners and Engineers to share a power point presentation. Mr. Robbins stated the central theme of this project is to create something not to be forgotten about in a few years. Mr. Robbins stated that opportunity arose in Nassau County where the State Department of Environmental Protection and Water Management District acquired 22,000 acres for a new State Park, through the agreement with the land owners was to concentrate on any development that would happen within the area. There are 1600 acres for development. The location is west of interstate 95 in Nassau County. This developer plans to build 3200 units in this area. Active seniors will be part of community, single family, multi family, also preserve for industrial sites within this community area. This will be a walkable area to shop.

The proposed project is anticipated to be back before the Board with the recommendation to be considered for adoption at the June Council meeting. Questions were asked about if they will have slips for boats for only residents, Mr. Robbins said no that it will be a dry stack storage area for boats to go in. Mr. Maxwell asked if there will be affordable housing. Mr. Robbins stated that it remains open to the process of the development that will offer a variety of affordability. Commissioner Fletcher asked questions regarding the reference to the cost of lowest housing and the percent of housing at the lowest cost. Mr. Robbins will address this at June 1st meeting. Commissioner Fletcher asked if this project will make improvements to Interstate 95 ramp and improvements at the interchange. Mr. Robbins stated that there will be improvements, but working with DOT he is not sure if it will start on the east or west side first. President Stern and Mr. Lehman thanked Mr. Robbins for his presentation.

Coastal High Hazard Area

Mr. Lehman stated that he is filling in for Mr. Ed Preston. Mr. Lehman stated that we conducted a CHHA growth management meeting on April 19th. More than 20 people, all coastal communities, attended except for Nassau (Nassau staff

were committed locally and could not attend). There was good attendance from local government, Department of Community Affairs, representatives from developers and attorneys. Council staff presented the issue of increased residential densities in high hazard areas. Ed Preston presented an analysis and suggested mitigation options like safe rooms. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Teeple stated that no later than May 12th the attendees would need to submit their recommendations to be presented at June 1st meeting.

Affordable Housing Task Force Update

Mr. Taylor stated that there will be a Task Force kick off meeting on May 9th. He thanked to Mr. Hadden for his work on the meeting marketing. We are planning an affordable housing summit for August 9th for the entire region. President Stern stated Mr. Taylor is working on some dynamic speakers. President Stern also stated that she and Mr. Teeple met up with Representative Mike Davis sponsor of the affordable housing bill that passed the Legislative. Mr. Davis was very interested in us having this summit; as it will feed into having a statewide summit. President Stern stated Councilwoman Ms. Elaine Brown just appointed chair of an Affordable Housing Task Force for Duval County. She hopes the Duval Task Force will work in parallel to Regional Affordable Housing Task Force.

Regional Leadership Academy Class 2006 - 2007

Mr. Hadden stated that the 2006-2007 Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Academy class is beginning to form. The inaugural class was launched in the Spring of 2005 and concluded in November 2005. The marketing packet will be available Tuesday, May 9th. The two day opening retreat for this class will be September 11 & 12, 2006 at the World Golf Village. Commissioner Brad Purcell stated that relationships and knowledge exchange were very worthwhile. Councilwoman Elaine Brown thought the “mix” was perfect for that class. President Stern encouraged recruitment.

Members Reports

Commissioner Myers requested Mr. Taylor to explain the Regional Council’s Legislative Priority brochure that was distributed at the last meeting and how useful it has been to many of us in Tallahassee. Mr. Taylor stated the response has been great and many copies are still being requested and used for several forums. Mr. Taylor said special thanks to Mr. Hadden for making this happen. Mr. Mario Taylor stated that his goal was to start earlier this cycle and improve upon what was accomplished.

Public Comment

None.

Chief Executive Officer’s Report

Highlights – Highlights are in the notebook front pocket which list the basic information on the Leadership Academy as well as the Affordable/Work Force Housing Task Force kick off.

Newspaper Articles – Show many activities in the Region and staff involvement.

Legislative Update – There has been a variety of leadership struggles that has affected the outcome many of Bills and Proposals at this time. Mr. Taylor listed several bills that would affect

the Region and explained that their results would be provided at the June meeting.

Mr. Taylor stated that with much regret that this is Ms. Conrad last meeting with us, tomorrow is her last day working for the Council. President stated that Ms. Conrad will be missed and we appreciate all the years of service.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the Nassau County Judicial Annex, Grand Jury Room, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097.

Adjournment

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

Karen Stern
President

Mario L. Taylor
Deputy Chief Executive Officer