

Minutes of the  
NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL  
January 6, 2005

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, January 6, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

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

BAKER	Charles Prachar Julie Combs Ginger Barber
CLAY	Carol Vallencourt Deidra Franklin Harold Rutledge
DUVAL	Mary Louise Dungey Jerry Holland Rea Fleckenstein Paul Parsons
FLAGLER	Blair Kanbar Ralph Carter Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Ansley Acree Bob Spaeth Tom Branan Ken Walker
PUTNAM	Chip Laibl Linda Myers Brad Purcell
ST. JOHNS	Bruce Maguire Harry Maxwell Karen Stern
EX-OFFICIO	Linda Burnette Wes Larson Bill Green

Excused Absence: Hugh Fish, Larry Parks, Mary Lawson Brown, Harry Maxwell,  
Joann King

Absent: Glenn Lassiter, Clare Berry

Others: Mark Schou, Geoffrey Sample, Jennifer Auger, James Bennett, Thad Crowe,  
Cathy Rhoden, Denise Bunnewith, Drew DeCandis, Holly Parrish,  
Bill Basford, Alice Basford, Charlie Faulkner, Sans Lassiter, Cyndi Stevenson,  
and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Brian Teeple, Barbara Rovedo, Jeff Alexander, Ed Preston, Ed Lehman,  
Amanda Loach, Mike Hadden, Donna Starling, Lee Brown, Tobin Lilley,  
Maurice Postal, Steve Mahaven, Mike Brown, and Peggy Conrad

**President Kanbar** led the Council in a prayer then led the pledge of allegiance.

\*Approval of Minutes

**Commissioner Stern moved approval of the December 2, 2004, meeting's minutes; seconded by Mr. Sgroi; motion unanimously carried.**

President's Report

Introduction of New Board Members

**President Kanbar** welcomed new Board members, Commissioner Harold Rutledge, representing Clay County, Commissioner Tom Branan representing Nassau County, and Commissioner Gordon Crews representing Baker County.

\*Consent Agenda

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

Discussion Agenda

Items Added or Modified Since Draft Agenda Mail Out

\*Clay County – Transmitted Amendment 05-1

Mr. Lehman stated that this item was received too late to be included with the mail out. Mr. Thad Crowe, the Clay County Planning Director, gave an overview of the Amendment.

**Commissioner Walker moved approval of Clay County - Transmitted Amendment 05-1 for transmittal to DCA; seconded by Commissioner Stern; motion unanimously carried.**

\*Resolution 2005-01 Honoring Mr. Bill Basford

**President Kanbar** thanked Mr. Basford for his service to the Council since 1982. Mr. Basford said he would miss the Council and its members and encouraged Council members to continue in the spirit of regional cooperativeness. Mr. Teeple thanked Mr. Basford for all of his assistance and teachings over the years and also thanked Mrs. Basford for her help with holiday lunches and special occasions over the years. **Ms. Fleckenstein moved approval of Resolution 2005-01; seconded by Commissioner Myers; motion unanimously carried.**

\*Baker County - Adopted Amendment 04-2

Mr. Lehman reviewed Baker County – Adopted Amendment 04-2 stating that this was received too late to be included with the mail out. Mr. Lehman stated that the Planning and Growth Management Committee agreed with Staff’s recommendation unanimously that this amendment is consistent with the SRPP. **Commissioner Stern moved approval of Staff’s recommendation that this amendment is consistent with the SRPP; seconded by Councilman Holland; motion unanimously carried.**

\*Resolution 2005-02 Honoring Commissioner Albert Holmberg

**Commissioner Maguire moved approval of Resolution 2005-02; seconded by Commissioner Stern; motion unanimously carried.**

\*Resolution 2005-03 Honoring Mr. Mario Taylor

**Commissioner Maguire moved approval of Resolution 2005-02; seconded by Mr. Laibl; motion unanimously carried.**

\*Resolution 2005-04 Honoring Commissioner Julie Combs

**President Kanbar** thanked **Commissioner Combs** for her service to the Council. **Commissioner Maguire moved approval of Resolution 2005-02; seconded by Commissioner Stern; motion unanimously carried.**

\*FY 03/04 Independent Audit

Mr. Teeple introduced Mr. Mark Schou, of Cornelius, Schou, Leone, & Matteson. Mr. Schou called attention to the audit report and a Power Point presentation with an audit overview and financial analysis. Mr. Schou mentioned that the audit encompasses the NEFRC, the BDC, and Healthy Start, although BDC and Healthy Start are also issued separate reports. New requirements are included with the audit to be in compliance with GASB 34, the new governmental auditing standards. Another change is that a Management Discussion and Analysis is now included with the audit. An unqualified opinion was issued. **Mr. Sgroi moved approval of the FY 03/04 Independent Audit; seconded by Councilman Holland; motion unanimously carried.**

Mr. Teeple thanked Staff members, Donna Starling and Rachel Carter (with oversight from Barbara Rovedo) for their efforts in the fiscal department.

\*West Palm Coast (now known as Palm Coast Park) Development of Regional Impact  
Development Order Review

Mr. Lehman stated that this item was brought to the Council without a Committee recommendation due to lack of time at the Committee meeting. The DRI was approved at the August 5, 2004, meeting. There continues to be transportation concerns. Mr. Lehman introduced Drew DeCandis, Planning Manager with the City of Palm Coast, Sans Lassiter with Lassiter Transportation Group, and Charlie Faulkner with Palm Coast Holdings. Mr. Lehman stated he has not had time to review this due to the holidays. He then highlighted the transportation conditions that are different from what was in the recommendation report. One major concern is the proposal that \$6.7 million will be paid by impact fees.

Mr. DeCandis gave an overview of the DRI. A discussion followed regarding impact fees and what they can be used for.

**Commissioner Stern moved approval of Staff's recommendation that they continue to work with DCA, FDOT and the City and proposed delegating, to Staff, the final decision on whether to recommend appeal or no appeal of this Development Order; seconded by Commissioner Acree.**

**Mr. Lehman stated he still had concerns but was optimistic that they could be worked out prior to the February 11<sup>th</sup> appeal deadline by DCA.**

**Ms. Dungey made a motion, amending the original motion, that when Staff is ready with their recommendation, they should confer with the Chairman of the Planning & Growth Management Policy Committee. Commissioner Acree seconded the amendment to the original motion. Commissioner Myers stated a Conflict of Interest with this project and she would therefore abstain from voting. The motion unanimously carried. The main motion was then approved.**

Florida Prepares for Terrorism

Mr. Alexander stated that the eight-minute promotional video had been produced as a result of the previous year's terrorism exercise. The video will be used to market the program to the public to let them know what is being done to make the State of Florida safer. Mr. Alexander called attention to the local information taken from the 2004 Annual Report on Domestic Security in Florida. **Commissioner Purcell** thanked Mr. Alexander for his recent assistance during the hurricanes. **President Kanbar** also thanked Mr. Alexander.

Super Bowl Exercise

Mr. Alexander stated that the Regional Council had completed the facilitation of a bio-terrorism exercise the previous day. Mr. Alexander stated that an exercise would be held to review the Super Bowl safety plan the following week.

#### Members Reports

None.

#### Executive Director's Report

Mr. Teeple called attention to the Highlights article regarding Buffer Zone Protection Planning. He then updated everyone on the Growth Management changes. Mr. Teeple then called attention to the Information Report and the article by Neal Pearce on Regional Initiatives.

#### Identifying Regional Issues and Solutions (IRIS) – Public Policy Development Issues

Mr. Teeple stated that he would be presenting the work program, regarding growth initiatives, to the Baker County Board of County Commissioners at their January meeting. Progress is being made in Nassau County with regard to the Yulee Area Wide DRI.

#### Public Comment

None.

**Commissioner Maguire made a motion that a resolution in support of keeping the USS Kennedy in Jacksonville be drafted by Staff; seconded by Mr. Sgroi; motion unanimously carried.**

Mr. Teeple introduced the newest Staff member, Ed Preston, stating that he will be working with Jeff Alexander.

#### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2005, 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 11:35 a.m.

Blair Kanbar  
President

Brian Teeple  
Executive Director