

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

The Gathering Café
Branford, Florida

September 28, 2006
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Carlson, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Jack Donovan, City of Gainesville
John Driggers, Dixie County
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Scherwin Henry, City of Gainesville
John Hersey, Bradford County
Emily Weed Ketring, City of Perry
Eddie Martin, Alachua County
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
Heather Neill, Lafayette County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Gerald O'Neil, Alachua County
Malcolm Page, Taylor County
James Painter, Alachua County
Tracy Reeves, Madison County
Andrew Smith, Union County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Curtis Hamlin
Peggy Hersey
Carolyn Justice
John Kock
J. Doyle Thomas
James Tyler
Jon Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Alcantar, City of Archer
Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville
Martha Butler, Hamilton County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Melaine Clyatt, Union County
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
David Dodge, Bradford County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Kirk Eppenstein, City of High Springs
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Mitchell Gentry, Gilchrist County
John Glanzer, City of Newberry
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Randy Hatch, Suwannee County
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
John Martin, City of Hawthorne
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

James Bennett, FL Dept. of Transportation
Bill Henderson, FDOT

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes
Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Scott Koons
Carol Laine

Board Members names are bolded

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with an invocation given by Mayor Davis, and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Thomas stated that there was a quorum of the Board of Directors and she announced that, due to the changes made to the organization policy, all Council members were able to vote.

Chair Thomas introduced and welcomed guests present at the meeting.

Chair Thomas stated that there were three additions to the Chairman's Report and asked that they be added to the agenda.

IV.B. Resolution of Appreciation for Charles F. Justice

IV.C. Proclamation Declaring September 30, 2006 as Charles F. Justice Day

IV.D. Resolution Dedicating the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Office Conference Room as the Charles F. Justice Conference Room

Chair Thomas asked that Item IV. - Chairman's Report be moved after Item VI. - Director's Report.

Chair Thomas also asked that, since the Executive Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum, Item V.A. - Executive Committee Report be removed from the agenda.

ACTION: Mr. Smith made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to add Items IV.B., IV.C. and IV.D. to the agenda, to move Item IV. - Chairman's Report after Item VI. - Director's Report and to remove Item V.A. - Executive Committee Report from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 24, 2006

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the August 24, 2006 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Mayor Ketring made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hersey, to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2006, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Performance Evaluations for Columbia and Suwannee Counties
- B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Board Membership Certifications for Hamilton County

Chair Thomas asked if there were questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hersey, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Jim Painter, in the absence of Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed three items which require action by the Council. The reviewed items were:

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#125- Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments
(DCA No. 06-1)

#126- City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 06-1)

#127- City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments
(DCA No. 06-1)

Mr. Painter stated that, concerning item #125, Alachua County Comprehensive Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 06-1), the Clearinghouse Committee found that adverse impacts are anticipated to occur to a section of State Road 26 as a result of one of the County items. Nevertheless, the Committee found the County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. The Committee recommends forwarding the following Objection and Recommendation, which are the same Objection and Recommendation forwarded by the Council in its review of the draft version of the amendments:

Objection #1. Adverse impacts are anticipated to State Road 26/Newberry Road from NW 122 Street to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization boundary as a result of County item CPA-08-06.

Recommendation #1: Amend CPA-08-06 to reduce the maximum allowable development to a level which will not result in adverse impacts to State Road 26/Newberry Road from NW 122 Street to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization boundary.

Mr. Painter stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to Alachua County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Mr. Painter made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #125. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Painter stated that, concerning item #126, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 06-1), the Clearinghouse Committee found that adverse impacts are anticipated to occur to a section of State Road 235 as a result of one of the City items. Nevertheless, the Committee found the City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. The Committee recommends forwarding the following Objection and Recommendation:

Objection #1: Adverse impacts could occur to that segment of State Road 235 from SE 4th Avenue to U.S. 441 as a result of City item 06-16.

Recommendation #1: Amend City item 06-16 to reduce either the size or the intensity of use to a level which will not result in adverse impacts to State Road 235 from SE 4th Avenue to U.S. 441.

Mr. Painter stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the City of Alachua and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Mr. Painter made the motion, with a second by Mayor Ketring, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #126. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Painter stated that, concerning item #127, City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 06-1), the Committee found the City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. Nevertheless, Mr. Painter stated that the Committee recommends forwarding the following Comment and Recommendation:

Comment #1: The State Road 26 bypass road is not scheduled for construction in either the adopted Florida Department of Transportation Five-Year Work Program (FY 2006-2010) or the adopted Florida Department of Transportation Florida Intrastate Highway System 10-Year Plan (FY 2005 - 2014). Therefore, no assurance has been provided that the bypass will be constructed. If the bypass is not constructed, then State Road 26 will have been adversely impacted by all development constructed within the City which would otherwise not have been allowed due to adverse impacts on State Road 26.

Recommendation #1: It is recommended that the City request the Florida Department of Transportation to include the construction of the State Road 26 bypass in its Florida Intrastate Highway System 10-Year Plan.

Mr. Painter stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the City of Newberry and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Mr. Painter made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #127. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Justice thanked the Council for allowing him to serve its members as executive director for the past 33 years. He stated that he and Carolyn were very excited about his retirement and beginning this new chapter in their lives. He also stated that they were looking forward to traveling and enjoying their grandchildren.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Resolutions of Appreciation

Chair Thomas asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past service be approved for Ms. Carolyn McClendon, who served as a member of the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and Mr. John Conneely, who served as a member of the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Board.

ACTION: Mr. Maultsby made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Ms. Carolyn McClendon and Mr. John Conneely. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution of Appreciation for Charles F. Justice (Item Added to Agenda)

In recognition of Mr. Justice's retirement as executive director, effective September 30, 2006, Chair Thomas read the Resolution of Appreciation for

Mr. Justice, expressing the Council's appreciation for his dedicated service and for his concern for the future growth and development of the north central Florida area and the State of Florida. She asked that the Council approve the Resolution of Appreciation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

ACTION: Commissioner Page made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Charles F. Justice, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Proclamation Declaring September 30, 2006 as Charles F. Justice Day (Item Added to Agenda)

Chair Thomas read the Proclamation Declaring September 30, 2006 as Charles F. Justice Day throughout the north central Florida region, in recognition of his 33 years of distinguished leadership and service as Executive Director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and asked that the Council approve the Proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the Proclamation Declaring September 30, 2006 as Charles F. Justice Day throughout the north central Florida region, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Resolution Dedicating the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Office Conference Room as the Charles F. Justice Conference Room (Item Added to Agenda)

Chair Thomas read the Resolution Dedicating the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Office Conference Room as the Charles F. Justice Conference Room. She stated that under the guidance of Mr. Justice, the Planning Council has expanded from a one-county organization to one that serves eleven counties in technical assistance, growth management and economic development and that the Planning Council has been recognized as one of the premier regional planning councils in Florida. She asked that the Council approve the Resolution, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

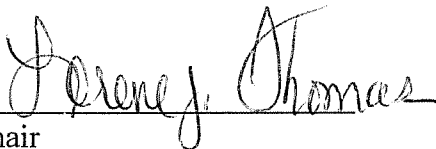
ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the Resolution Dedicating the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Office Conference Room as the Charles F. Justice Conference Room, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Thomas presented Mr. Justice with a framed print and thanked him for all the contributions he has made to the region. Several members of the Council thanked Mr. Justice for his guidance and sound leadership during his tenure as executive director.

Mr. Scott Koons, Assistant Executive Director, thanked Mr. Justice for his distinguished service and outstanding leadership provided to the Council and the communities of the north central Florida region. He also thanked Mr. Justice for the support and confidence shown to him during the past decades by selecting him as a member of the Council's senior management team and wished Mr. Justice a happy and rewarding retirement.

Chair Thomas reminded the Council that a retirement reception would be held at the Hilton University of Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Gainesville in honor of Mr. Justice on September 29, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chair Thomas stated that the next Council meeting would be held at the Gathering Café in Branford on October 26, 2006. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Chair

10-26-06
Date

Attachments (3)