

City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street



Meeting Minutes - Twice Amended

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

CM Al Ferraro, Chair

CM Randy White, Vice Chair

CM Aaron Bowman

CM Terrance Freeman, Alternate

Robert Birtalan

Lindsey Brock

Matt Brockelman

Lane Burnett

State Rep. Cord Byrd

Mark Devereaux

Marc Hardesty

Jill D. Haskell

Raymond S. Pringle, Jr.

Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio

Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio

Jessica Smith, Legislative Assistant

Susan Grandin, Asst. General Counsel

Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University

Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University

Richard Distel, Research Assistant

Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

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Note: Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 9th, 2020

Meeting Convened: 9:32 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 12:49 PM

1. Approval - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Minutes for June 17, 2020

Vote: 11-0

2. St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality and Manatees - Dr. White & Dr. Pinto

Dr. White talked about the water levels and water salinity. Dr. White talked about the artificial reefs that are helping to clean the water which has been implemented since 2014. Dr. White said that there has been a virtual marine camp at JU this summer. CM DeFoor said that COVID-19 has led to more boating which highlights the value of the waterways in Jacksonville.

Dr. Pinto reported a total of 6 manatee deaths and none of them are attributed to watercrafts.

- 3. [2020-0279-E](#) ORD Transmitting to State of FL’s Various Agencies for Review, a Proposed Large Scale Revision to FLUM of 2030 Comp Plan to Change Future Land Use Designation from AGR-II, AGR-III, AGR-IV, RR & LI to AGR-IV, RR, CGC & CSV on (2167.51± Acres) N. & S. of Normandy Blvd, & Off of McClelland Rd. & Off of Solomon Rd, as More Particularly Described Herein, Pursuant to Application Number L-5441-20A; Adopting Sign Posting Plan Pursuant to Sec 650.407 (C) (3), Ord Code; Providing Disclaimer that Transmittal Granted Herein Shall Not be Construed as an Exemption from Any Other Applicable Laws. (Reed) (LUZ)(PD & PC Apv) 6/9/20 CO Introduced: LUZ, JWC(added on 7/1/20)
 6/16/20 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
 6/23/20 CO Read 2nd & Rerefered;LUZ
 7/28/20 CO PH Addn'l 8/11/20
 8/11/20 CO PH Cont'd 8/25/20,per 2020-200-E
 8/12/20 JWC Approve 10-0
 8/18/20 PH Approve 7-0
 8/25/20 CO PH Approved 18-0
 LUZ PH -8/4/20, 8/18/20
 Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3184(3), F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code –7/28/20 & 8/11/20,8/25/20

Ed Lukacovic, Planning Department, detailed the land use amendment and he went over the slides which detail the drainage and zoning. He went over the current and proposed development standards for the impact assessment and covered the wetlands that can have different levels of flooding.

APPROVE

Aye: 10 - Birtalan, Brock, Brockelman, Byrd, Haskell, Pringle, Devereaux, Ferraro, Bowman, and White

Absent: 4 - Barket, Burnett, Hardesty, and Freeman

4. New Business:

- Upcoming Waterways Events with Special Events – Brent Fine/Ryan Ali
- Upcoming Waterways Events with Visit Jacksonville – Michael Corrigan/Katie Mitura
- Emerald Trail along the Waterfront – Kay Ehas
- The Northeast Florida South Atlantic Coastal Study (SACS) Focus Area - Ashleigh Fountain
- ADA and Adaptive Sports for People with Disabilities - Ray Pringle

Upcoming Waterways Events Ryan Ali (Special Events)

Mr. Ali went over events along the waterways and he highlighted the upcoming big events in Jacksonville. CM DeFoor asked where the Jazz Festival will be located. Mr. Ali said that the space around the Landing is where it is designated and CM DeFoor suggested using Metro Park.

Upcoming Waterways Events Michael Corrigan (Visit Jacksonville)

Mr. Corrigan spoke about the big impacts COVID-19 has had on tourism.

Kay Ehas Groundwork Jacksonville Emerald Trail along the Waterfront.

Ms. Ehas detailed that trails will drive economic development. She detailed the model of this trail as well as the progression going into for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. She detailed the McCoy's Creek Restoration Project which will help to reduce flooding, improve water quality and create habitat for fish and wildlife. Ms. Ehas detailed the trail and the impacts it will have on the parks. Commissioner Pringle emphasized the importance of having access for people with disabilities.

The Northeast Florida South Atlantic Coastal Study (SACS) Focus Area - Ashleigh Fountain

Ms. Fountain detailed the watershed planning study about the increased storm damage. She detailed the focus area action strategy goals for the current efforts. She highlighted the Northeast Florida Focus Area. She went over recommendations for the coastal area. Mr. Adkison asked about the Ft. George Inlet and stressed the importance of keeping the inlet open.

ADA and Adaptive Sports for People with Disabilities - Ray Pringle

Mr. Pringle showed two videos about the adaptive kayak launch and how the City of Jacksonville has made the city more accessible. Commissioner Birtalan thanked Mr.

Pringle for all of his work for people with disabilities.

Chair Ferraro said that at the next meeting Commissioner Devereaux and Mr. Adkison will discuss the topic of the sandbar created and the possibility that it is a result of river dredging.

5. Old Business:

- Public Participation at the King Fish Tournament - Jim Suber
- Enforcement of Dilapidated Marinas – Susan Grandin
- Dredge Spoil Site Schedule - Robert Birtalan
- Update on the Ft. George Inlet - Jason Harrah
- The Derelict Vessel/Floating Structures Committee - Susan Grandin/CM Randy DeFoor
- Boaters Skip Day – Jill Haskell
- Updates of Dock/Ramps – Brian Burket
- Updates on Shad Creek - CM Al Ferraro

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Lindsey Brock explained that it will be deferred until the next meeting.

Public Participation at the King Fish Tournament - Jim Suber.

Captain Suber said that there has been great activity with tournaments all over Jacksonville. He went over some derelict vessel issues and removals. Captain Suber said they are waiting to receive the \$6,000 FWC grant for removal. Over 300 boats were at the King Fish Tournament and the event was very successful.

Enforcement of Dilapidated Marinas – Susan Grandin

Ms. Grandin gave a short update. The problem is both within commercial and private marinas. Ms. Grandin explained that currently the City is looking into changing the ordinance code to define a dock as a structure so the City would be able to act on unsafe structures with an enforcement mechanism.

Dredge Spoil Site Schedule

Mr. Birtalan said he has not been working on it yet, but would give an update at the next meeting.

Update on the Ft. George Inlet - Jason Harrah

Mr. Harrah gave an update on the timeline about the review for Ft. George Inlet which is under review for the study so then it can move forward.

Boaters Skip Day – Jill Haskell

Jill Haskell showed a YouTube video about boater skip day. She talked about how many people attended and that many more places are doing skip days.

Updates of Dock/Ramps – Brian Burket

Mr. Burket, Parks and Recreation, gave updates on areas that had damage from Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Mr. Burket went over the finished and proposed docks, boardwalks and ramps. CM Ferraro asked if any posts are being reused downtown. Mr. Burket said nothing is being reused since the damage they have received over time.

Updates on Shad Creek - CM Al Ferraro

Mr. Ferraro updated about the meeting he had with neighbors about the need for speed and no wake zones because the boat traffic has been damaging the docks. CM Ferraro said he is looking at the Planning Department for getting something accomplished for the community.

6. Public Comment

Nancy Altman is a resident along Shad Creek and she said that the sign along Shad Creek Bridge is already crooked and might need to be addressed.

CM Bowman brought up the topic of final dredging contract from Jax Port and the Army Corps and he suggested discussing it at the next Waterways meeting. He said that getting updates from both Jax Port and Army Corps at the next meeting would be very helpful.

7. Adjournment

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Rollcall

- Present** 12 - Commissioner Robert Birtalan, Commissioner Lindsey Brock, Commissioner Matt Brockelman, Commissioner Cord Byrd, Commissioner Jill Haskell, Commissioner Raymond Pringle, Commissioner Lane Burnett, Commissioner Mark Devereaux, Commissioner Marc Hardesty, Chair Al Ferraro, Council Member Aaron Bowman, and Vice Chair Randy White
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Garrett Barket

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