



Jacksonville Waterways Commission

Reggie Brown, Chair

**JACKSONVILLE WATERWAYS COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE
ON WATER ACCESS WORKSHOP
Thursday, August 27, 2009
Conference Room "A"
9:00 a.m.**

Attendance: Commissioners Grandin (Chair), Grey, Busey, Hartley, Burnett; Kristen Reed, Shakeeb Shariff, Jody McDaniel, Planning & Development; Capt. Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator; Kendall Taylor, Beach Marine; Shannon Eller, Office of General Counsel; Ken Craig, Taylor-Engineering; Captain Mike Getchell, Jacksonville Marine Transportation Exchange; Dave Kaufman, David Stubbs, JaxPort; John Nooney; Alyce Decker, Gary Crumley, Mayport Waterfront Project; David Baurelin, Times-Union; Max Marburt, Daily Record; Herschel Vinyard, Atlantic Marine; Juliette Williams, Legislative Services; John J. Jackson, Council Research Division.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

The Chair announced that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed changes to the Jacksonville Comprehensive Plan regarding recreational and commercial working waterfronts, and potential regulatory incentives and criteria that will encourage the preservation of recreational and commercial working waterfronts as defined in Section 342.07, Florida Statutes.

Shakeeb Shariff and Kristen Reed of the Planning & Development Department reviewed the numerous recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan that the subcommittee members submitted that should be presented to the City Council. The recommendations would be submitted to the Council at the October 13, 2009 City Council Meeting. Recommendations in establishing regulatory criteria included aspects on usable slips, mooring sites, marinas, dry-docks, a boat ramp matrix, zoning overlays, and other issues. After the City Council has deliberated on the recommendations, the specific recommendations are then sent to the Department of Community Affairs in Tallahassee.

The Subcommittee discussed the definition of seaport formulated by the Cornell University Law School and cited by LII/Legal Information Institute: the term "seaport" means all piers, wharves, docks, and similar structures, adjacent to any waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to which a vessel may be secured, including areas of land, water, or land and water under and in immediate proximity to such structures, buildings on or continuous to such structures, and the equipment and materials on such structures or

in such buildings.

The City of Jacksonville's Comprehensive Plan applies *only* to Jacksonville and no other jurisdictions (e.g., the Beaches) in the County. Jacksonville has no regulatory authority for the Beach communities' waterfronts, marinas, etc.

The question was raised that in amassing data on waterways and waterfront inventories, should we include County-wide data? Regional data? The Committee recommended county-wide data.

The Comprehensive Plan's component on working waterfronts has both regulatory criteria and incentives to keep recreational and commercial waterfronts viable.

The subcommittee recommended approval of the draft policies presented and forwarding the draft policies to the full Commission for consideration.

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