The Annual Meeting of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. (RCI) was held on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at noon. The first order of business was graduation of the Regional Leadership Academy Class of 2011. Mr. Teeple made a brief presentation on the financial report and audit, which was moved and approved. The terms of the following Board members were unanimously extended for a 2 year term: Mayor Page, Mr. Rhodes, Dr. Emerick, and Ms. Phelan. Ms Elaine Brown was unanimously added to the Board for a 2 year term. The general activity update was deferred to the Board meeting, which immediately followed. The next Annual Meeting was set for September 27, 2012. The Annual and Board Meetings took place at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216. The following members were present or on the telephone:

Mike Boyle, Dawn Emerick, Kellie Jo Kilberg, Linda Myers, Mayor Page, Mary Alice Phelan, David Reed, Quint White, Willie Gonzalez, Shannon Eller, Bob Rhodes, Mike Miller, Shari Schurr, Lynette Williams-Austin, Barbara Buck, Matthew Ciupak, Robert Farmer, Susan Grandin, Nikole Helvey-Mitchell, Frederick Jones, Commissioner Leary, Paul Martinez, David Meyers, Melissa Tiberio, Allen Tilley, Raymond Tyner, Kirk Wendland, and Jennifer Yoder

Staff: Brian Teeple and Margo Moehring

Chair Rhodes called the RCI Board meeting to order at 12:45pm with the following Board members present (in person and via phone):

Mike Boyle, Dawn Emerick, Kellie Jo Kilberg, Linda Myers, Mayor Page, Mary Alice Phelan, David Reed, Quint White, Willie Gonzalez, Shannon Eller, Elaine Brown and Bob Rhodes

Staff: Brian Teeple and Margo Moehring

The minutes from January 27, March 21, March 24 and June 23 were unanimously approved. The Board’s newest member, Ms. Brown, moved the approval of First Coast Vision, with a second from Mr. Gonzalez. The document was unanimously approved with a note that language was to be added to address the preferred growth pattern, Mr. Rhodes’ signature was to be added, and several sponsor ads were to be included. There was discussion of RCI’s role going forward. Staff suggested that RCI carry out regional policy work as needed by the region and NEFRC. Members noted the importance of a resource role as First Coast Vision moves forward, to provide technical help with implementation. It was also discussed that, as many regional organizations are required to do regional plans, efforts should be made to align these planning efforts so they satisfy organizational needs and move the region forward towards a common vision. The need for one organization that is identified as including ambassadors for the vision was noted, along with the importance of using best practices from other areas.

Next Steps: The Chair stated that the next meeting will be January 27, 2012*. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

*Through subsequent e-mail communication, the Board rescheduled the next meeting to September 27, 2012.

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