SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

August 23, 2010

6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Rd., Main Hospital, Auditorium C, Jacksonville, FL. 32216

Call to Order

Jim Hill, SE CPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30.m.

Speakers

Mike Weinstein, State Representative, District 19 provided an update on the 2011 budget, the budget process and the info challenges that are occurring at the State level. There was a lot of discussion in regard to off-shore drilling, bills that are passed and the stimulus money that Florida has received from the Federal Government.

Bill Joyce, Public Works, Chief of Engineering and Construction Management informed the group of the flood plan map has been updated with assistance from F.E.M.A. and with information from the Storm Water Master Plan. Mr. Joyce walked the group through their web site (www.makingtherisk.com) and answered many questions.

Staff Reports

- Bill Killingsworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department: no report.
- Debbie Menard, Duval County Public School: informed the group that today was the 1st day of school and that the school district is happy to announce that the first day of the new Atlantic Coast High School went off with out a hitch. Atlantic Coast High School opened with 1400 students enrolled; initially they were only expecting to open with 1100 students. It will be a fiscally challenged school year; this will also be the last year that DCPS will have stimulus money to help. Since the stimulus money will be disappearing, the DCPS is currently working on next years budget already.
- Jim Green, FDOT: informed the group that the J. Turner Butler / 195 interchange ha been completed. In the fall the ITS project on U.S.1 (cameras & message signs) will be set up to coordinate communications between traffic on I-95 and U.S. 1; the goal is to the system make communication seamless so they can work around traffic problems. The west side of the Mathews Bridge will have significant lane closures to repair beams that trucks have hit due to their height. By the end of the year the I-95 / I-10 interchange will be completed. The Overland Bridge on I-95 is still being developed; so far the bids appear to be coming back low which will allow FDOT to accomplish/realize larger and improved projects.

- <u>Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department</u>: no report ~ available for questions.
- <u>Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:</u> provided a medical update for John Wadell and Ray Aleksic and thanked Debbie Menard for representing the DCPS at the meeting.
- <u>Bobby Deal, JSO, Zone 3 Assitant Chief:</u> introduced Lt. Kitchen and Sgt. Abram to the group. National Night Out was held on August 3rd and over 40 neighborhoods in District/zone 3 held events (despite the heat). Zone 3 also held their annual Safety Fair at the Avenues Mall, where over 300 safety helmets were given away. As mentioned, school is back in. Be aware when driving through school zones. Tickets that are written in a school zone are double. For example, if you are driving 15 miles over the speed limit, typically that equates to a \$215 ticket, but in a school zone that would be a \$430 fine.
- <u>Bob Crawford, Code Compliance:</u> informed the group that they have completed the Philips Highway systematic sweep. Code Compliance plan to start another sweep which will begin on Atlantic in the San Marco area and will continue out Beach Blvd. CPAC members wanted to thank Bob for all the work he has done to get the area clean signs from the right away and from the poles.
- <u>Ouinn Bledsoe, Recreation & Community Services Department:</u> the fall/winter guides are available and it the back of the room. To coordinate with the opening of the schools, 19 after school programs will be held in community centers; 5 of the centers are in district 3. September 25, 2010 is a Worldwide Day of Play; this citywide is sponsored by Nickelodeon and the Jaguars (details available in the fall/winter guide).

Chair's Report

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved August 2010 CPAC meeting summary.
- In September a Nomination Committee will be set-up; please let Jim or Rosemary know if you are interested in serving on this temporary sub-committee.

Subcommittee Chair Updates:

<u>Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell:</u> concern with the turn out at the election tomorrow; please get out and vote. It has been disturbing to see the candidates go after each other, hopefully all that will end after tomorrow.

Economic Development- Chairperson: No Chair

Education - Co-Chairmen: George Banks and John Waddell: no report.

<u>Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan</u>: the Vision Plan for the SE district has been passed by the Planning Commission and the LUZ committee, next it will be recommended to City Council. At the June LUZ Subcommittee meeting the attendees reviewed an application on Baymeadows Road (2010C-012) and the subcommittee unanimously voted to support the Baymeadows Community Council in sending a letter in opposition asking for no action by the city until the sight plan is approved by the Baymeadows Community Council. As an update the Planning & Development Department is recommending against that application. On September 8th, this application will go to LUZ and the Baymeadows neighbors will have a presence there.

<u>Land Use & Zoning – Co-Chairmen: Michael Lashbrook and Pat Corrado</u>: stated that the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed all current applications. There were no concerns from members in the community; no actions were taken by the subcommittee.

<u>Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Kathleen Perera</u>: informed the group that she had 27 membership surveys returned; if you have not completed and returned a survey, please complete one.

Safety - Chairman: Ray Aleksic: not present

<u>*Transportation Development* – Gloria Stephens</u>: not present, but Ralph Hodges informed the group that JTA was holding a public hearing (same time as CPAC) in regard to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). JTA is devising a method for express bus service; this service will have minimal stops and run every 10 minutes.

<u>*T.R.U.E. Commission*</u> – Gamal Lyons: not present, but sent a report read by Jim Hill. The commission did not meet in July or August because they did not have a quorum.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

Pat Corrado announced that the Mandarin Community Club is holding Flag retirement Ceremonies. If you have an old US Flag that needs to be properly disposed of; please contact Pat for the upcoming ceremonies.

Jim Robinson introduced himself as a candidate for an At-Large City Council position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, Sepetember 27, 2010

LOCATION: St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Road, Main Hospital – Auditorium C