

**SOUTHEAST  
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY  
March 23, 2009**

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

**Jim Hill, SE CPAC Chair**, called the meeting to order at 6:27p.m.

**Speakers**

**Vince Seibold, Chief of Environmental Quality, City of Jacksonville**, informed the group the about Ordinance 2008-030 and Ordinance 2008-028. These ordinances were necessary to combat problems with nitrogen impacts, drainage impairment, algal bloom, fish kills, aesthetics, and violations of water quality standards. Ordinance 2008-028 aims to limit nitrogen pollution from fertilizers. All homeowners, retailers and commercial fertilizer applicators must follow these requirements: Clean up fertilizer spills, do not apply fertilizer during flood or storm watches, do not blow lawn clippings or leaves into streets, ditches or storm drains, follow recommended fertilizer application rates, create a six-foot zone of landscape planting or ground cover that does not require intensive fertilizer, watering and mowing, and follow Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program practices.

Ordinance 2008-030 was created to address the problem that Florida's water is running out, and Jacksonville residents, businesses and utilities must do their share to save our supply. To help with local conservation efforts, Ordinance 2008-030 states that everyone must follow these irrigation requirements: March – November (daylight savings time) no watering from 10 a.m. to 4p.m., odd addresses may only water on Wednesday and Saturday, even addresses may only water Thursday and Sunday, non-residential facilities may only water Tuesday and Friday, and you can only apply ½ inch or less of water each cycle. November – March (standard time) no watering from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., odd addresses may only water Wednesday, even addresses may only water Thursday, non-residential may only water Tuesday, and you can only apply ¾ inch of water one time per week. The watering restrictions apply to everyone, regardless if you use city water, well water or apartments / condominiums.

**James G. Bennett, P.E., Urban Transportation Development Manager, FDOT**, informed the group that FDOT is proposing the replacement of the I-95 Overland Bridge, which carries northbound and southbound traffic on I-95. The project location on I-95 will begin in the Palm Avenue area to the north and end at San Diego Road to the south. The I-95 Overland Bridge replacement is due to structural deterioration. For cost savings the existing bridge will be replaced with two smaller bridge sections and a filled earth section. Land acquisition will begin in July 2009 and construction is expected to begin in July 2011. To accomplish the bridge replacement, traffic from I-95 southbound will be temporarily re-routed during construction to reconfigured Collector / Distributor (C/D) road that currently runs parallel to I-95. There will be a newly constructed exit ramp to

the C/D road that will remain a permanent feature and will serve as the exit to Beach Boulevard/Atlantic Boulevard and Philips Highway from I-95 southbound. The existing exits to these roads from I-95 southbound will be permanently closed as part of the project. Widening of the C/D road; additional lanes will be needed during construction when I-95 southbound is re-routed onto the C/D road. Also, the direct traffic of the Beach Boulevard/Atlantic Boulevard and Philips Highway exits in the final configuration. Direct access from Main Street to Hendricks Avenue will be permanently closed as part of the project due to the dangerous weave that currently exists with traffic from the Acosta Bridge. Traffic from the Acosta Bridge will retain access to Hendricks Avenue. Gary St. shall remain permanently closed at the railroad crossing. For additional information email [James.Bennett@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:James.Bennett@dot.state.fl.us) or call 360-5646.

### **Staff Reports**

**Mayor Liaison:** New Liaison still to be named.

**Jim Green, FDOT:** no report ~ available for questions.

**Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** informed the group that Brad Thoburn is no longer the director of the Planning & Development Department. Currently, Bill Killingworth is the Interim Director. Available for questions.

- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** informed the group that the St. Johns River Water Management District will host a public workshop on April 6 to be held from 10 a.m. to noon to present proposed amendments to the St. Johns River Water Management District 2005 Water Supply Plan (DWSP 2005). The workshop will be held at District Headquarters, Governing Board room, 4049 Reid St. (Highway 100 West), Palatka. Details of this meeting will be emailed.
- **Officer Sun Bai, JSO, District 3:** no formal report, but available for questions.
- **Jackie Gregson, Recreation Services Superintendent,** provided information about the Jaxparks... Get Out There Event to be held on March 27 – 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com)
- **Terri Lindeman, Code Compliance,** informed the group that Code Compliance is continuing the systematic neighborhood sweeps; Pine Forest and Alumni Way have been completed. Terri also informed the group that the neighborhoods are selected by the amount of code violations that are reported and sighted. If you would like to suggest a neighborhood for a systematic sweep, contact Terri at [terril@coj.net](mailto:terril@coj.net).

### **Chair's Report**

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved February 2009 CPAC meeting summary.

- Informed the group that the new SE CPAC website is completed. The new web address is [www.JaxSECPAC.org](http://www.JaxSECPAC.org). Jim also recognized Michael Lashbrook for his involvement and participation with the website. Jim walked the CPAC through the new website and showed the new features that are available.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell:** Betty Wolf led the group in Dick's absence. Betty informed the group that the St. Johns River Water Management District will host a public meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. to vote on the water withdrawal from the St. Johns Rivers in the Orlando area. The meeting is open to the public, but the only individuals that will be allowed to speak at the meeting are those that are involved in the law suit.

**Economic Development– Chairperson: Kathleen Perera:** informed the group that this subcommittee would be utilizing the new website to post information that should be helpful and relative to economic development in the southeast district. In reviewing data and information for the subcommittee a number of websites were researched. The current versions of the JEDC and Chamber of Commerce websites are not that helpful; currently they have old and outdated information. Remember to file your taxes before April 15<sup>th</sup>; this subcommittee would also like to request a speaker to discuss the Fair Tax. For those that get phone service from Verizon you can now take advantage of the "opt out" program by calling 1-800-333-9956. It has been announced that the City of Atlanta is interested in moving the Florida/Georgia Football Game to Atlanta. The Florida/Georgia Game has been played in Jacksonville for 80 years and the current contract is good through 2010.

**Education – Co-Chairmen: George Banks and John Waddell:** the subcommittee discussed the funding situation that all schools are facing statewide. The discussion also brought up the possible need for a special assessment for funds.

**Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan:** informed the group that the next Vision Planning Steering Committee meeting will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Southeast Branch library at 6:00 p.m. Currently, House Bill 1019 and Senate Bill 1306 are going through local government. With these bills they will gradually replace local government's proportionate fair share requirements with a state required mobility fee. In effect it takes away the city's ability to disapprove a development based on its impact on traffic.

**Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Michael Lashbrook.** The LUZ Subcommittee discussed a number of issues but wanted to present a couple of issues to the full CPAC. One of the issues SW2009-01 was discussed in detail by the full CPAC. After the discussion it was determined that the CPAC would write an opposition letter to the proposed sign waiver 2009-01 change. A copy of the opposition letter is located at the end of this summary.

**Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Chris Monti.** Has been working with Pottsburg Crossing as a new member and has been working to re-activate Bowden Estates.

**Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic:** Pat Corrado lead the subcommittee in Ray’s absence. The discussion focused on 3 key topics: keeping safe in your home, keeping safe on the streets and keeping safe in your car. In order to keep in your home remember the importance of keeping your doors & windows locked at night; remember to set your alarm if you have one and keep your house locked when you are working in your yard. To stay safe on the street always be aware of your surroundings. Be especially vigilant when walking to and from your car, loading your car and unlocking your vehicle. Remain safe in your vehicle by keeping your doors locked. This applies to when you are in the car as well as when you are out of the car. There have been reports recently of individuals trying to impersonate a police officer; always ask for identification. In all situations use common sense. Remember 911 is for emergencies only. If you need to contact JSO in a non-emergency situation, please call the non-emergency number 630-0500. There was also mention that fire season and hurricane season is approaching, be prepared.

**Transportation Development – Gloria Stephens.** Spoke to FDOT in regard to the outer beltway. According to FDOT, they are currently resolving legal issues related to tax revenues from P-3 partners. These should be resolved through legislative action. They could begin to solicit bids by the end of 2009. This would be a great economic boost for our area.

***The floor was opened to all in attendance:***

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

***NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2009***

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



**Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
Chair: Jim Hill Vice Chair: Frank Morgan

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March 6, 2009

To: James F. Register, Chair, Planning Commission  
Hon. Arthur Graham, Chair, City Council Land, Use, & Zoning Committee

Re: Opposition to the Sign Waiver 2009-01 to reduce the maximum height of one sign from 5 feet to 8 feet and reduce the minimum setback from 10 feet to 2 feet.

The Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (SECPAC) is in **opposition** to the above sign waiver for the following reasons.

- Approving this sign will set a precedent for other businesses to override the City's sign ordinance.
- This signage waiver would not be in keeping with other signage in the area.

Sincerely,

Jim Hill, Chair  
Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor  
Brad Thoburn, Director, Planning Department