

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY May 21, 2007

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

Gamal Lyons, SE CPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers

- **Dylan Reingold, Assistant General Counsel, Land Use and Environmental Law, City of Jacksonville** presented information on the legal perspective in regard to LUZ issues. The presentation topics included: the legal process, quasi-judicial process, appeal of rezoning process, procedural due process, application of correct law, substantial competent evidence and the hearing process. The information was well received by those in attendance and Mr. Reingold held a long Q&A session, in which he was able to address all of the questions/concerns of the CPAC members and their associations.

Staff Reports

- **Ed Hall, Mayor Liaison:** announced that the I-295 / St. Augustine Road interchange project has reviewed all bids and the project should be awarded by the next CPAC meeting. Also, the Greenland Road project bids are currently under review; the bids will be going before a board for further analysis.
- **Jim Green, FDOT:** report read by Gamal Lyons: the appropriate FDOT staff has contacted those that will be impacted and those concerned with the Deercreek /Southside Blvd. improvement project and the Avenues Walk project. Also, the intersection of Gate Parkway West and Southside Blvd. will be opening soon. The city is conducting their final inspections and the signal should be turned on shortly after.
- **Lt. George Grant, JSO:** stated that overall crime in district 3 is down 2% and robberies (personal and business) are up 10%. Lt. Grant also encouraged each CPAC member to make sure they have an active Neighborhood Watch Program, to keep homes and vehicles locked at all times.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhoods Services:** informed the group of the Homeowners Association Workshop, to be held on June 2, 2007 at the Main Library. Announced the 11th Annual Florida Neighborhood Conference in Sarasota, FL; registration booklets available.
- **Mike Koerner, Planning and Development:** introduced Aaron Glick to the group as the new SE CPAC Planning liaison. Also announced that the planning re-write is still under way.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 7:40 to 8:00 p.m.

Chair's Report

- Informed the group that the next CPAC meeting would be June 25, 2007, but *there will not be a CPAC meeting held in July.*
- Verified quorum
- Voted and approved April 2007 meeting summary

Subcommittee Reports:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell. Southside Blvd. re-paving almost complete. Deercreek HOA has partnered with Watson Realty and Bank of American to assist with beautification of medians in the center of Southside Blvd from Baymeadows Rd. to Phillips Hwy. The residents of Deercreek will meet with FDOT to get curbing, lighting and landscaping for the Southside Blvd. beautification project. The Beautification and Environment subcommittee recommended that Deercreek HOA contact Greenscape to work on a charrette to assist with this and future projects. Illegal dumping was also discussed. There has been a considerable amount of dumping along the Florida East Coast Railway tracks and behind the Phillips Hwy. Wal-Mart. There continues to be a lot of concern about the contaminated soil on the former site of the Southside Generating Plant; the subcommittee will continue to follow this problem.

Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Bill Kintz. Discussed the need for a study and visioning process to improve capacity and structure along Southside Blvd. from the I-95 connector to Phillips Hwy. The Economic Development and Transportation subcommittee recognize the need to present and conduct a town meeting that includes the city council representatives, FDOT, businesses and local residential HOA representatives to develop a comprehensive design, plan and visioning process.

Education – Chairman: Cal Walton. Discussed the publicized status of three Duval County Public Schools receiving national recognition; these schools are Stanton Prep, Paxton High School and Douglas Anderson High School. The subcommittee also discussed some of the pro's and con's of magnet programs and how they impact the remaining public schools. This subcommittee would like a follow up report from Duval County Public Schools on the possible academic and financial affects to other high schools.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan. Discussed the continued economic down turn on Baymeadows Rd. with another failed business and several properties currently for sale. Expressed their concern about the re-writing of the zoning code by interested parties close to the development community; will meet with the Land Use and development subcommittee and attempt to meet with other CPAC's to discuss this situation.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Jim Hill. LUZ subcommittee met at 5:45 p.m.; prior to the meeting. At this meeting they discussed #R-2007-440 in which they recommend an opposition letter in regard to this project. Originally the project proposed to have 200 - 250 apartment units to be built on 40 acres, but the most recent plan has 504 units proposed. The neighboring communities and the LUZ subcommittee are in opposition and made a motion to send a letter to city council stating this. The motion was approved with no opposition.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens. Discussed the difficulty for new CPAC members to become active, involved and locate the various subcommittees during the break out session. This subcommittee will look at creating highly visible signs to identify each subcommittee. Subcommittee descriptions were distributed to all in attendance.

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic: Reminded the group to slow down while driving. Children are out of school for the summer and are often in the roadways. JSO and FHP are also looking for speeders; I-95 has the enhanced speed zone where there is zero tolerance for any speed over the legal limit. JSO is currently experiencing a major budget cut; stay informed to learn how this may involve public safety.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

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

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, August 27, 2007

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