

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY June 27, 2005

Call to Order

Charles McBurney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Announcement to “request to change the agenda for this evening” to allow the speaker to address the audience at the start of the meeting. A motion for the schedule change was announced, voted on and approved.

Guest Speaker

Assistant Chief Lonnie McDonald, JSO, discussed the major concerns and problems in the Southeast District (zone 3) and provided an overview of their goals to meet in the future needs in this area.

- Zone 3 is the most populated area in the city.
- Traffic problems continue to escalate in proportion to growth in the area.
- Growth in zone 3 in the last 10 years has increased the need for police assistance in all areas of law enforcement.
- In effort to meet the growing needs in the zone 3, JSO has adopted a plan to increase their visibility and build relationships with individuals in the areas throughout the city.

Assistant Chief Lonnie McDonald opened the floor for questions. Asst. Chief McDonald responded to concerns about auto burglaries and lack of police presence in the area by providing his substation phone number (828-5463) and suggested that they contact himself or the watch commander. The same attendee addressed concerns about an increase of transient individuals living in their cars and parking lots in the Publix shopping center in the 295/San Jose Road area. Asst. Chief McDonald explained that the JSO has a special officer that is assigned to work with the transient populations and camps. He said the special officer needs information from the citizens to know where to visit the various camps and hangouts to be effective. Asst. Chief McDonald stated that he would refer the special officer to investigate this area. Another attendee raised the topic of police coverage and availability to the older neighborhoods. Asst. Chief McDonald clarified that there will not be any cutbacks that will pull officers off the street and he also discussed the Community Service Officers (CSO) program and their involvement to assist the Sheriff’s Department. Asst. Chief McDonald also addressed the issues of theft of renewal tag decal and construction site theft. McDonald stated that these crimes continue to be an ongoing issue and that the burglary unit works closely with the patrol officer in an effort to prevent and solve this type of crime.

Assistant Chief McDonald did clarified that he was not part of the Tazer Presentation and confirmed the location where that presentation was being held.

After the presentation, CPAC member Henry Rogers asked for an informal vote on tazers in school. The informal vote showed most in favor.

Staff Reports

- Alan Mosley, Mayor's Liaison, reported that The Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP) has been restructured and local funds will be used on local roads. Also mentioned the Fair Share Committee continues to meet, but it has been declared a new direction and definition for the program will be determined at the state level. This will change how the program will proceed. There will be a lot of focus on local traffic; currently a lot of data is being collected to be evaluated for future plans. Mentioned the flooding on the Westside of Jacksonville. Recognized the opening of the South Mandarin Library and the construction worker fatality at the Main Library over the weekend.
- Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection; office is busy looking for unlicensed contractor
- Ed Randolph, Planning & Development, no report
- Buddy Tawes, Property Safety Division, no report
- Lieutenant G.W. Grant, Sheriff's Office, no report

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 7:10 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.

Chair's Report

- Correction to May's Meeting Minutes. Motion to correct minutes by Ray Aleksic, second by Mark Roesser, voted and approved.
- CPAC Award winners at Mayor's Summit: Individual Award Winner, Bill Kintz, Neighborhood Association Award: Greater Hood Road Community Association, Jim Hill accepted.
- Announced "Clean Up Jacksonville" program; scheduled 10/15/05 from 8:00 to Noon, locations will announced in the future.
- Mayor's Meeting with CPAC Chairs on June 14, 2005 (Quarterly Meeting) these are the area of emphasis:
 - Tight budget due to pension obligations and bond payment
 - Roll back on the millage rate
 - Courthouse
 - Main Library to open on 11/15/05
 - Discussed the Better Jacksonville Plan and the new focus on city roads
 - Discussed the Baymeadows Project and the Freedom Commerce Center projects
 - Discussed the definition of a "Node"
- Welcome to the UNF Nurses
- Welcome to the new CPAC members, Joshua & Jeanie Rogers, Brightwaters Homeowners Association

Subcommittee Reports

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Vickie Breedlove. The group discussed the drainage problems in the Pine Forest Heights Community and problems with heavy rains on their septic systems. Follow up to be taken by Councilman Fullwood. Greater Englewood Association is continuing to work with Councilwoman Suzanne Jenkins on improving the traffic circle on Spring Glen. No problems at this time.

Economic Development & Transportation – Chairperson: Mark Roesser. Discussed: drivers running red lights; cameras at intersections; interchange at I-95 & University not well serviced by Bowden Road; FS 767.12 – Damage by Dogs which states that certain breeds of dogs should be classified as vicious

requiring certain restrictions on handling and containing of vicious breeds. Owners should be required to have insurance.

Education – Chairman: Paul Riel. Donna Hulseley sent an organizational chart of the school board. Also subcommittee would like presentation from school board on new school construction, bus routes for upcoming school year.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Jim Hill. This committee has heard 2 presentations: 1. D.R. Horton: Hood Road Project, SE LUZ found that density was not a concern 2. 35 homes are proposed to be built on 55 acres off Greenland Road and this development has not generated any opposition. The group also discussed 2005.638; Kernan & Butler- First Coast Tech Parkway wants to rezone to include residential, issue going before City Council on June 28, 2005. Updated information will be provided on the SE CPAC website.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Jim McKenney. The recruitment committee will start follow up to letters that were mailed out. One new member was the result of recruitment; Kirby Johnson, Wyndam Forest HOA, joined the CPAC.

Membership Retention – Chairman: Jack Hale. This subcommittee will start tracking and contacting all CPAC members that have missed more than 3 months with an unexcused absence. A letter will be drafted and mailed out by July 21, 05. Gloria Stephens, Saddlebrook HOA, and Rosemary Wesolowski, COJ, have joined the subcommittee to complete these goals.

The floor was opened to all in attendance; there were no questions or statements at that time.

Charles McBurney reminded group that July CPAC Meeting has been cancelled and the next CPAC meeting will be held August 22, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, August 22, 2005

LOCATION: Mandarin Library, 3330 Kori Road.