

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY October 27, 2003

Members and Alternates

Angie Vannatter, Chair
Victoria Pennington, Vice-Chair
Ray Aleksic
Carole Adams
Marian Beaman
Vickie Breedlove
Joyce Brown
Bob Burress
Richard Cardell
Ken Charron
Art Costa
Joni Cusic

Christine Fuchs
Jack Hale
Chuck Hastings
Jim Hill
Ralph Hodges
David Jaffee
Darline Jones
Mike Kennedy
Mike Lawson
Gamal Lyons
Charles Magee
Charles McBurney

Jim McKenney
Henry Rogers
Madelyn Rubin
Ralph Saffy
Sidney Sutphin
Richard Tuten
Kimberly Whigham
Bill White
Betty Wolfe
Rose Zurawski

City Staff/Ex-Officio/Guests

Rose Baker, Air & Water Quality
Kris Barnes, DCSB
Bob Baughman, Mayor's Liaison
Dr. Julie Brannam, Rose Creek
Pat Corrado, Mandarin Community Club
Lt. J. G. Coxen, JSO
Muffy Forsythe, Claire Court
Jim Green, FDOT

Kevin Hyde, City Council At-Large
Elaine Mann, DCPS
Sgt. S. J. McCormick, JSO
Doug McDowell, Planning & Development
Michele Querry
Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection Division
Art Shad, Council District 5

Excused

Marian Beaman
Joyce Brown
Holly Kartsonis

William Kintz
Mark MacLean
Mark Roesser

Gary Ulrich

Call to Order

Angie Vannatter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She recognized Councilman Kevin Hyde in attendance.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 6:35-7:00 p.m.

Speaker

Rose Baker, Noise Activity Environmental Specialist with Air and Water Quality Control, gave a presentation on what their activities include and procedures for making a complaint. They do not handle the un-amplified human voice, animals, trains, planes or cars on public roadways. If you have a noise complaint call 630-CITY and it's forwarded to her office.

Kris Barnes, Chair of the Duval County School Board, gave a status update on issues concerning the school system. Mandarin Oaks Elementary will receive a new roof in the Spring. Finances and educational mandates are of utmost concern, specifically the No Child Left Behind federal program. The Southside needs another high school and according to Ms. Barnes, the Baymeadows Road/9A area would be ideal but the cost of the land there makes it cost prohibitive. Councilman Art Shad stated that he is on a City Council subcommittee chaired by Mia Jones charged with looking at future land sites for schools.

Angie allowed the Sheriff's officers to give their presentation early because they needed to leave the meeting early.

- Lt. J. G. Coxen introduced himself and Sgt. Sean McCormick. He reported that the apologetic robber was apprehended. He asked anyone who sees those responsible for randomly opening garage doors to report the tag number of the vehicle. Personal safety is important – remember to lock car doors. *A request was made for statistics on cell phone usage relating to accidents.* Officer Coxen briefly described the Sheriff's initiative "Operation Showdown." It focuses on the criminal areas of drugs, gun violence and prostitution.

Approval of the Minutes

The meeting summary for the September 22, 2003 meeting was unanimously approved. James McKenney will be added as being in attendance and Ralph Hodges as being excused.

Chair's Report

- Requested all in attendance to sign in.
- Recognized new members Art Costa and Rose Kurawski.
- Asked members to notify her or Dawn of absence from meetings
- Nominating subcommittee: Christine Fuchs (292-9686), Chair, Ray Aleksic (737-8719) and Art Costa (262-4010). Please call them with nominations. Elections will be at November's meeting.
- The Transportation Alternatives Committee for the N/SE Corridor met on October 16. The corridor has been decided but there is continuing discussion on bus stations.
- The Citizens Health Advisory Committee lost out on submitting for a \$250,000 grant because one of its identified partners was not ready with their part.
- Members were thanked for helping with the CPAC table at the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit. The Summit was great event.
- David Jaffee reported that the Library Art Selection Committee chose the next artist, Nofa Dixon, a professor at UNF, to display tile artwork at the South Mandarin Library.

Subcommittee Reports

Land Use & Zoning – Jim Hill chaired the subcommittee in the absence of Paul Riel. He reported three items of concern: a request for increased lot coverage on River Oaks Road, a storage facility on Shad Road, and an application to reduce the minimum distance between a school and a liquor establishment.

Environmental – Charles McBurney reported that discussion concerned water problems and The Florida Council of 100 Water Management Task Force that has recommended that water go from water-rich counties in the state to water-poor counties in the state. Members are urged to contact their state legislators. The City Council has passed Emergency Resolution 2003-1122A in opposition to this. Members are urged to email the Governor in support of this Resolution and in opposition to the Council of 100's position. There was also concern about dumping in a pond and the pumping of its water into Rose Creek. This has caused excess vegetation due to the lowered pond level. The City is going after the State on this.

Economic Development & Transportation – Gamal Lyons reported that the subcommittee discussed the proposed bus station within the N/SE Corridor study. The corridor will run either on the east side of I-95 or along Phillips Highway. Also discussed was the Better Jacksonville Plan work on Spring Park Road and the widening of Greenland Road.

Neighborhood Outreach/Membership – Jim McKenney reported that he had received a number of calls concerning whom to call about the right-of-way not being mowed on portions of Baymeadows Road and Phillips Highway. These are state roads and are maintained by FDOT.

Staff Reports

- Doug McDowell, Planning & Development, reported that he was glad so many people came to the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit. He passed out copies of the Planning Departments list of associations signed up for zoning notifications. He encouraged anyone not listed to contact Kenneth Logsdon. A member expressed concern about rezoning signs and mailed notifications not happening concurrently.
- Jim Green, FDOT, reported that a pre-construction Open House on 9A from Beach Boulevard to Butler Boulevard will be held Wednesday, October 29 from 4:30-7:00pm at the University Center at UNF. In response to concern expressed about the State receiving permits for noise exceptions at night, Jim stated that although the law allows the State to override local law, they required to work with local governments. I-95 between Emerson and I-295 will be re-landscaped from now until next summer. *A member informed Jim that there is no sign for the cruise ship terminal along 9A south. Jim will check into it.*
- Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection Division, had no report. Angie recognized her for her faithful attendance.
- Bob Baughman, Chief of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Entertainment, provided updates on various projects.
 - 9A/Baymeadows - 90% design, estimated construction completion for design only: November 2003
 - Burnett Park ball diamonds - estimated construction completion: November 2003
 - Cuba Hunter Park gymnasium - 3620 Bedford Road: 11% complete
 - Fletcher Morgan/Wurn Park - estimated construction completion: November 2003

- Losco Regional Park - estimated construction completion: February 2004, 40% complete
- Walter Jones Historical Park/Mandarin Museum - estimated construction completion: November 2003
- Elaine Mann, Duval County Schools, had no report since Kris Barnes made a full presentation.

Christine Fuchs reported that one other member of the CPAC has signed on for CERT training.

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 24, 2003, 6:30 p.m. at the Southeast Branch Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard.