

## SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Florida State College, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL

Monday, Aug. 10, 2009

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### Members and Representatives

Chair Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries
Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon
Charter Member – Don Ingram
Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter
Confederate Point – James Nolting
Crystal Creek HOA - Marilyn Lehman

#### Members and Representatives

Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker
Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker
Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
Westside Business Leaders – Opal Burgstiner

Media/Staff/Officials	Excused
City Council President Daniel Davis	Charter Member Jerry Spinks
Housing & Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman	Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner
Florida Dep't. Transportation – Milton Locklear	Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake
JSO – Officer J.D. Warren	Family Investment - Robert Smith
Municipal Code Compliance - Pete Sutherland	FL State College at Jax, North – Paul McNamara
Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel	Lexington Square – Steve Shaffer
Recreation & Community – John Kelly	Mayor's Liaison – Wight Greger
<b>Guests</b>	N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch
Ethel Nolting	RAP – Jean Grimsley
Rita Humphries	SMG Equestrian Center – Jean Ellen DeSpain
Alberta Hipps	Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknnett
	Westwood – Jim Ross

#### Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development, Housing and Neighborhoods.

#### Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Chair Tyson asked for approval of the August summary. (There was no meeting in July.) A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor.

**JSO Report:** Officer J.D. Warren reported a decrease in sexual batteries/rapes, robberies to individuals, home invasion robberies, business robberies and burglaries to businesses. There was an increase in the number of robberies/car jackings, aggravated batteries, burglaries to residences, auto burglaries, petit theft to non-business, and petit theft to businesses. Sixteen incidents of auto burglaries occurred in the Collins Road area. Officer Warren stressed the importance of removing anything from sight in an automobile - even an empty plastic bag attracts interest. A question and answer period followed the report. Chair Tyson thanked Officer Warren for his report and said the CPAC appreciates the work of all of the JSO officers. The CPAC meeting attendees clapped for a job well done by JSO and Officer Warren.

**Introductions and Acknowledgments:** Chair Tyson acknowledged former Council Member Alberta Hipps. He introduced the guest speaker, City Council Member Daniel Davis.

**Presentation:** City Council Member Daniel Davis recognized CPAC members for their community spirit and volunteerism. He reported on the budget process. He said he feels confident the City Council can find ways to reduce expenses without increasing the millage rate. He mentioned growth in the Westside: Flight Star, Boeing, the FCCJ coating facility, a battery manufacturing company. Two FCCJ coating facility hangars were budgeted, but three were built for the same price. Council Member Davis is the liaison for the Port and two new ports are planned – one is in the bid phase. His presentation included a lengthy question and answer session. Council Member Davis said he really appreciates CPAC members for volunteering to make Jacksonville better. He encouraged residents to contact him. He may be reached at 630-1380 or [Ddavis@coj.net](mailto:Ddavis@coj.net). He thanked the Chair for the invitation to speak and offered to return. Chair Tyson thanked Council Member Davis for his visit.

**Public Comments:**

- Member Charles Kelley reported the Equestrian Center Trails will officially open with a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 19 at 10 a.m. He is advocating more restrooms be constructed along the Equestrian Center Trails. To facilitate that project, he and Member Johnny Carter have been attempting to locate existing underground utility pipes.
- Member Johnny Carter announced he is volunteering with a group that repairs homes and builds handicapped access ramps. The group is looking for projects in Jacksonville's Westside. Mr. Carter may be reached at 403-8428.
- Alberta Hipps announced she is the agent for a medical office, and has filed an application to expand the office (Dr Gouch).
- Jim Kelly announced he will be writing for a Westside newspaper. He plans his first story to be about the SW CPAC and how it affects the Westside. He asked for assistance identifying subjects for future edition.
- **Staff Reports and Announcements:**
- Mayor's Liaison: Wight Greger was excused. Ms. Greger may be contacted at 904-255-8200 or [wgreger@coj.net](mailto:wgreger@coj.net).
- Council Members' Reports: Council Member Daniel Davis reported in his earlier presentation.
- Duval County School Board – Ms. Drake's absence was excused.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel provided a written report. He announced three Navy squadrons have been re-stationed here from Maine. He thanked the Zone 4 Municipal Code Enforcement team for their hard work. They have been working hard identifying car ports built without permits. Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-630-7157 or [AHetzel@coj.net](mailto:AHetzel@coj.net).
- Municipal Code Compliance – Pete Sutherland reported Zone 4 officers are the most proactive in the city, particularly by enforcing the dumpster (fencing) ordinance. The number of unsafe structures has been reduced by demolition or repair. Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon thanked Mr. Sutherland for their work in the Oak Hill neighborhood. Mr. Sutherland reported two systematic inspections were completed in Oak Hill in 2009. To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489).
- Recreation and Community Services – John Kelly announced summer activities and programs are winding down. School pools will be open to the public for one week but he reminded everyone that the Cecil Aquatic Center is open 365 days a year for free swimming. Member Carter commented that the seniors enjoy many activities at the Cecil Aquatic Center. Chair Tyson reported that one part of his job is to inspect city pools. Mr. Kelly may be contacted at 904- 630-3570 or [jkelly@coj.net](mailto:jkelly@coj.net).
- Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner was excused. Ms. Turner may be contacted at 253-2037.

- FCCJ Cecil North – Paul McNamara was excused. Mr. McNamara may be reached at 779-4030
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – No representative. No report.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Milton Locklear reported:
  - Highway 301 will be closed at the Baldwin railroad crossing for several months - a detour route will be marked.
  - The SR 23 – Cecil Commerce Center Parkway (formerly known as Branan Field Chaffee)/I-10 Interchange is almost complete.
  - The I-10 project is on budget and ahead of schedule.
  - Milton Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.
- Community Development – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
  - City offices will be closed on September 7, but solid waste pick up will continue on the regular schedule. The land fill will be open.
  - CPAC Coordinators will meet with delegates from the Kyrgyz Republic on August 28 at 3:30 p.m. and CPAC members are welcome to participate. Earlier this month, coordinators met with a delegation from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) group (Burma, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Viet Nam, Philippines and others). ASEAN delegates were very interested in CPACs and other grassroots programs and their impact on Jacksonville. Coordinators also met with delegates from Mozambique. There were no libraries in the entire country of Mozambique. One city had six books for children. Delegates, often dignitaries requiring security measures, are chosen by embassies and participate through the US Department of State International Visitors Corps/IVC of Jacksonville. Charter Member Mann commented that he and other CPAC members had enjoyed meeting with South/Central American delegates last year. He added that meeting people from different countries and cultures is interesting and makes us thankful to live in the United States – and thankful for what we have in Jacksonville, including beautiful libraries.
  - A detailed written report was provided by Ms. Ridderman.
  - Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).

**Subcommittee Reports:**

- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann announced:
  - The Summer Reading Program was effective.
  - The Teacher's Supply Depot opens next week to provide limited free school supplies.
  - School resumes on August 17. Be careful when driving in the school zones.
  - Complimented the Zone 4 Municipal Code Enforcement Officers for their work in Murray Hill. Their work was done in a timely manner.
  - The Edgewood Bakery is celebrating 62 years in business.
  - A monthly report is available electronically from the Duval County School Board.
  - Suggested residents make comments or suggestions about schools to Superintendent Pratt Daniels. Commended his work, said he is highly skilled but has no money to operate. A millage increase is needed to support schools.
  - Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported:
  - The TRUE Commission met on August 6 and formed a budget committee to serve for a short term.
  - The TRUE Commission endorsed an ordinance to repeal stormwater and solid waste fees.
  - The next TRUE meeting is September 3 at 4 p.m.
  - Mr. Martin may be reached at 904-778-2265.

- Economic Development – volunteers are needed.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter reported:
  - He is seeking volunteers for a September clean up project.
  - Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon reported she has been involved in other activities. She plans to visit the North CPAC Governmental Affairs Subcommittee and the SE CPAC LUZ Subcommittee. Volunteers are needed for the subcommittee.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett was excused. Rosanne Vernon reported:
  - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega Methodist Church.
  - ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Maxville Community Center.
  - ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center. Members of Sector K attended the July 28 City Council Meeting and requested more officers.
  - JSO received a grant to fund 50 officers for 4 years.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon reported new members are needed. Please invite guests to attend CPAC meetings.
- Safety – Bruce Tyson reported no hurricanes have been reported this year but cautioned residents not to become complacent. He suggested they monitor the weather stations, keep their homes/families prepared and be ready to help neighbors and the elderly.
- Chair’s Report –
  - Chair Tyson reminded everyone that COJ offers a free foreclosure prevention program. Call 630-CITY for more information.
  - Chair Tyson attended the Mayor’s Town Hall Meetings. He observed that most residents who spoke did not understand the budget or the budget process. He asked members to become fully informed and provide input to City Council Members.
  - City Council has asked for input on the budget – what expenses can be cut and what programs residents want to keep.

**Old Business/New Business :**

- Member Len Burroughs announced he attended the Mayor’s Town Hall Meetings regarding the Budget. He said some of the comments were so harsh he almost cringed. He commended Mayor John Peyton for being a “class act” – he courteously responded to all comments and questions.
- Member Tom Martin announced information about the Budget and City Council Finance Subcommittee meetings is available at [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net).
- Chair Tyson announced Mayor John Peyton has hosted three brown-bag lunches. The next lunches are scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. on August 11 at the Southeast Regional Library and August 26 at the Mandarin Regional Library.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Len Burroughs. A second was made by Chuck Mann. Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m..

**The next SW CPAC meeting** will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 14 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus (formerly known as FCCJ Kent Campus), 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112F. The Executive Committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 14 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus (formerly known as FCCJ Kent Campus ), 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112F. For more information, please contact Bruce Tyson at 771-4924 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260. CPAC meetings are open to the public.

**The following provision is required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes:** If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

*Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development Division, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.*

Housing and Neighborhoods Department – Community Development  
Coordinator's Report Submitted by Mary Beth Ridderman  
August 2009

**Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department offers free information about foreclosure prevention at **Stay Home**, [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) or call 255-8200.
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program, authorized by the [Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 \(HERA\)](#), assists state and local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households.
- Community Development Division: CDBG staff members are monitoring current grants and completing reviews of new grant applications. The Neighborhoods Coordinators are in the process of researching historical CPAC information to add to the COJ website. Neighborhood Coordinators staffed all three Mayor's Town Hall Meetings regarding the budget. Coordinators visited JSO's National Night Out locations. Mary Beth participated in the JSO Crime Free Multi-Family Housing certification ceremony at Lenox Square and attended the most recent residents' association meeting at Eureka Gardens. Supervisor Kenny Logsdon attended the Florida Neighborhoods Conference in July. Information about town hall centers is available at <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Planning%20and%20Development/Community%20Planning/Town%20Center.htm>.

**Parks and Recreation**

- The ribbon cutting ceremony for opening the Cecil Equestrian Trails, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.
- Cecil Aquatics Center, Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. , Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday, 1 - 6 p.m., Closed daily, 2 - 3 p.m. Free swimming.
- Cecil Recreation **Gymnasium and Fitness Center**, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. , \$2 usage fee per visit.

**Libraries:**

- Libraries allow 45 minutes of free computer time. Free printing will be discontinued on Oct. 1.
- Worksource will help you through all the steps to find a job, from resumes to interview questions! Aug. 24, 1-6 p.m. Argyle Branch Contact: 994-8197
- Scrapbooking for Teens, third Saturday of every month, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., West Regional Library.
- For a full list of library events, please visit <http://jpl.coj.net/>

**Jacksonville Journey:** Information is available at [www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey](http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey).

**Emergency Preparedness:**

Do you know the storm surge zone and evacuation zone for your home and work? See JFRD's interactive site at:

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Fire+and+Rescue/Emergency+Preparedness/Get+Ready/Evac+Zones.htm>

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Fire+and+Rescue/Emergency+Preparedness/Get+Ready/default.htm>

shelters and Transportation are available for those with special medical needs. Each year new registration is required. Please call 630-2472 or visit

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Fire+and+Rescue/Emergency+Preparedness/Get+Ready/Special+Needs+Registration.htm>.

**Emergency Planning for Kids – Information, games, and Planning**

[www.ready.gov/kids/](http://www.ready.gov/kids/)

<http://www.listo.gov/ninos/index.html>

[www.theweatherchannelkids.com](http://www.theweatherchannelkids.com)

[www.sesameworkshop.org/initiatives/emotion/ready](http://www.sesameworkshop.org/initiatives/emotion/ready)

**Emergency Planning for Pets:**

- Pet Friendly Public Evacuation Shelters are available during hurricane season. Pet friendly shelters are [Landmark Middle School](#), [Mandarin Middle School](#), and [Chimney Lakes Elementary School](#). All pets must have proof of vaccination and registration, be properly crated or caged and be maintained by their owners. Bring a crate/cage, bedding, food, water, medication, toys and other supplies for each pet. For more information, please call 630-2489 or visit

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Animal+Care+and+Control/Pet+Emergencies/default.htm>

- Pet friendly shelters need volunteers to function. If you would like to volunteer at a pet friendly shelter, please register with Volunteer Services. Please call 630-2489 to volunteer.

For information about preparing your pet, please visit

<http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/petstaged.pdf>

**Sign up for e-mail notifications from the Mayor's Office at: <http://mayornotification.coj.net/>**

**Phone Numbers**

- City Link- 630-CITY (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number with estimated date of completion.
- City Council meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) (Search word Extension Office) [Http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu)
- Real Sense Prosperity Campaign - [www.realsensejax.org](http://www.realsensejax.org) – 632-0600 (United Way 2-1-1) – Help with money matters and tax returns
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 924-1710. Each Thursday morning the Southside WorkSource Center, 6800 Southpoint Pkwy.. For information call 997-3100 or [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com) or [www.worksourcefl.com](http://www.worksourcefl.com) or 356-JOBS (5627) and the City of Jacksonville Jobs recording at 630-1144 or [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

**2009-2010 Budget**

To learn more about Mayor John Peyton's proposed budget and provide input to City Council Members, please visit [www.fixitnow.cc](http://www.fixitnow.cc).

**Tuesday, Aug. 11, noon**  
Lunch with the Mayor  
Southeast Regional Library  
10599 Deerwood Park Blvd.  
Phone: (904) 996-0325

**Wednesday, Aug. 26, noon**  
Lunch with the Mayor  
Mandarin Regional Library  
3330 Kori Road  
Phone: (904) 262-5201

City Council Budget Hearings

[NOTICE - City Council Special Meeting 9/29/2009](#)

[NOTICE - City Council Special Meeting 9/17/2009](#)

[NOTICE - Finance Committee Budget Hearing 9/9/2009](#)

[NOTICE - Finance Committee Budget Hearing 9/3/2009](#)

[NOTICE - Finance Committee Budget Hearing 8/27/2009](#)

[NOTICE - Finance Committee Budget Hearing 8/20/2009](#)

[NOTICE - Finance Committee Budget Hearing 8/13/2009](#)

E-mail [BudgetSuggestions@coj.net](mailto:BudgetSuggestions@coj.net), to make recommendations for spending priorities and to suggest cost saving ideas for consideration by the Finance Committee.

If you have questions please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or [Marybeth@coj.net](mailto:Marybeth@coj.net)

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