

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Forrest High School- Auditorium - 5530 Firestone Rd.
Monday, October 10, 2005 7:00 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Lee Martin, Chairman	Robert Smith, Family Investment	Carl Moore, Lakeside
Ralph Malphurs, Vice Chair	Liza Adkison, Ortega Bluffs	James Nolting, Confederate Pt.
Don Ingram, Charter Member	Tree Kilbourn, Ortega Bluffs	Michelle Frericks, Murray Hill
Richard Darby, Charter Member	Opal Burgstiner, W.B.L.A.	Sally Robson, RSVP
Charles Mann, Charter Member	Marlaine Jordan–Mills, Cedar Hills	
Alice Turknnett, Timuquana Manor	Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills	
Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor	Charles Kelley. W.A.R.A.	

City Officials/Staff/Media/Guests

Daphne Colbert, Council Aide	Vincent Tarver, Property Safety	Vicki Sturgess
Folks Huxford, Planning & Dev.	Pete Sutherland, Property Safety	Jody Coxwell
George Baker, Building Inspection	Ron Lindsey, Property Safety	Alberta Hipps
Milton Locklear, FDOT	Bruce Burgstiner	Elizabeth Swayne
William Crowe, Office Gen. Council	Robert Leverock	
Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD	Ethel Nolting	

Excused: Jerry Spinks, Steve Shaffer, Bruce Tyson, Jackie Woods.

Call to Order/Quorum

Chair Lee Martin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Forrest High School, Auditorium, 5530 Firestone Rd., and welcomed everyone. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman.

- **JSO Report:** Chief Mark Richardson presented information about Florida Statute 776.013 – home protection and the defensive use of force in the protection of the home, vehicle, or person. Chief Richardson may be reached at the Zone 4 Substation, 573-3165.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

Chair Martin approved the September SW CPAC summary. *Richard Darby made a motion to accept the minutes and a second was made by Charles Kelly. The vote: all were in favor. None opposed*

Public Comments:

- Jody Coxwell expressed her concerns for the community if the jets return to Cecil Field.

Introductions/Acknowledgements:

- Chairman Martin recognized Daphne Colbert and Alberta Hipps and thanked them for being present. The chairman expressed appreciation to the ROTC who provided assistance to residents and also presented the Color Guard prior to the meeting.

- Chair Martin introduced guest speakers Bill Crowe, Assistant General Counsel, and Laurie McEwen, Safe Parks Coordinator.

Guest Speakers:

- Bill Crowe presented information about proposed Ordinance 2005-917 regarding park rules. The ordinance, if passed, will provide a mechanism to enforce existing park rules and criminal offenses in the parks. Questions were raised about fishing in parks before or after sunset and Mr. Crowe replied that the hours are generally from sunrise to sunset but exceptions could be made as needed or the director of parks will have the authority to change the park hours. Concerns were expressed about tighter regulations of fishing in the parks and Mr. Crowe replied that there will be no increase in fishing restrictions – certain restrictions currently exist in the park rules but are not enforced. A concern was expressed that there were no public meetings held on the Westside. A question was asked when the ordinance will be presented at a public hearing and Mr. Crowe replied that he did not know. Mr. Crowe asked that residents review the ordinance and provide feedback to parks and recreation, (904) 630-3570. A member suggested that comments be made on the web site www.coj.net - the City Council provides a site for public comments. The chairman thanked Mr. Crowe for his presentation.
- Laurie McEwen, Safe Parks Coordinator, reported that under the existing ordinance, persons who commit crimes in parks cannot be banned from the parks, but the new ordinance permits keeping repeat offenders out of the parks to increase public safety and enjoyment of the parks. Officer McEwen said that residents may report suspicious or criminal activities to (904) 630-0500 - the JSO non-emergency number, 630-2163- JSO Narcotics, 630-4511 - her desk or 334-2889 - her cell phone number (she asked residents not to call the 334-2889 late at night). The chairman thanked Officer McEwen for her information.

Committee Reports & Announcements:

- **Chairman's Report:** The chairman reminded everyone to sign in and made the following announcements:
 - Members will vote on a proposed amendment to the by-laws on November 14, 2005. Members previously voted on Sept. 12 to accept the proposed changes, but a review of the by-laws indicated that proper notice was not given to members prior to the vote. The item was listed as an action item on the agenda, but had not been furnished in writing at a previously scheduled meeting as required in the by-laws. Proper notice has been provided to members by mail and by handout at this meeting for the vote on November 14. Two-thirds of the total voting membership is needed to change the by-laws.
 - Depending on the outcome of the November 14 vote on the by-laws, a nominating committee may be appointed for the 2006 chair and vice chair. A vote will be scheduled on December 12. Before the vote, the nominating committee will make nominations and other members may make nominations from the floor.
 - The Mayor's Town Hall Meeting is scheduled in the Southwest on January 30, 2006. The location will be announced at a later date.
 - Mayor Peyton will be present at SW CPAC meeting May 8, 2006. The May meeting will be held at FCCJ Kent Campus, in auditorium F-128. .
 - The chairman reported that following the vote at the September 12 meeting, he prepared a letter from the CPAC to the mayor. The letter recommended that Alberta Hipps serve on the mayor's decision-making committee regarding the future of Cecil Field. The letter included a statement that the CPAC has not taken a position for or against the return of the jets to Cecil Field. Mr. Martin encouraged members to learn as many facts as possible about both sides of the issue.

- The Executive Committee, consisting of the chairs from each subcommittee and two at-large members appointed by the chair, will meet every month at 6 p.m. immediately preceding each regularly scheduled meeting of the SW CPAC.
- Dan McCarthy, Chief of Military Affairs, will speak at the SW CPAC meeting November 14, 2005 regarding the mayor's position on the return of jets to Cecil Field.
 - *Discussion:* Richard Darby stated that the CPAC should invite a speaker from the opposing side and vote on the issue directly following the presentations on November 14. A lengthy discussion ensued in which other members agreed that information is needed about both sides of the issue. The chair said he would entertain a motion to invite a second presenter. Richard Darby made a *motion* to invite a speaker so both sides of the Cecil Field can be presented at the November meeting and then the CPAC will vote on the issue. *Discussion* continued, but the motion did not receive a second. Liza Adkison called a *point of order* that the motion on the floor for discussion at this time is to have someone from the opposing side present at the Nov. 14 meeting.
 - Mr. Darby restated his motion and the chairman asked Mary Beth Ridderman to read it into the record: the motion on the floor is to present both sides of the issue of Cecil Field and to vote immediately following the presentations at the November meeting. A *second* was made by Mr. Smith.
 - *Discussion:* a lengthy discussion continued. The following points were raised:
 - The possibility of a special meeting for the vote.
 - To allow or disallow public comments and questions during the November meeting
 - Limiting public comments to one minute or having one person speak for a large group.
 - A special seating area for members to facilitate the voting process
 - To allow questions from voting members only
 - Chuck Mann made a *motion* to end the discussion. A *second* was made by Robert Smith. *The vote:* 4 members voted to end the discussion, 5 voted to continue the discussion. The discussion continued and the following point was discussed at length:
 - The date for the vote.
 - A motion and second had been made to have presentations from both sides and to vote immediately following the presentations at the November meeting. The motion had been discussed but had not been amended by any further motion. Many members had left the meeting during the lengthy discussion and there was no longer a quorum. The chair announced that no vote could be made without a quorum.

- **Council Member's Announcements:** Daphne Colburn was present from Councilwoman Mia Jones' office but the length of the discussion did not permit time for her report.
- **Duval County School Board:** No report.
- **Membership Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Grants Subcommittee:** Sally Robson was present but the length of the discussion did not permit time for her report.

- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Chuck Mann was present but the length of the discussion did not permit time for his report. The chairman deferred the report until the January meeting.

- **Economic Subcommittee:** No report.

- **Beautification Subcommittee:** Sally Robson was present but the length of the discussion did not permit time for her report. The chairman deferred the report until the January meeting.

• **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** Tree Kilbourn provided copies of the LUZ report but the length of the discussion did not permit time for her oral report. The chairman deferred the report until the January meeting.

• **Community Safety Subcommittee:** Bruce Tyson was present but the length of the discussion did not permit time for his report. The chairman deferred the report until the January meeting.

• **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):** .

- **Bus tour:** No report

- **By-Laws:** Lee Martin gave a report in the chairman's report section.

Staff Reports:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** No report.

- **Planning & Development:** Folks Huxford was present but the length of the discussion did not permit time for his report. The chairman deferred the report until the January meeting.

- **Zoning Enforcement:** No report.

- **Building Inspection Division:** George Baker asked to be permitted to provide his report. He reported that his division enforces the city's building code, accepts complaints and issues citations regarding building code violations and sign ordinances. He encouraged residents to call before installing a sign, fence, building or building improvement to see if a permit is needed – everything does not require a permit.

- **Neighborhoods Department:**

- **Property Safety:** Pete Sutherland, Vincent Tarver and Ron Lindsey were present. Mr. Sutherland asked to be permitted to provide a report. He reported that he is being transferred to District 5 and he introduced Ron Lindsey, who will be assigned to District 4. He thanked residents and members for their participation in CPAC and said that he had enjoyed working with everyone. Ron Lindsey said he looked forward to working with the CPAC and provided his number (904) 391-3560.

- **Consumer Affairs:** No report.

- **Neighborhood Services:** Mary Beth Ridderman was present but the length of the discussion did not permit time for her report. The chairman deferred the report until the January meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Darby. A second was made by Robert Smith. There was no vote since due to the length of discussion members had left the meeting and there was no longer a quorum. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m..

Please note the change in meeting location

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2005, 7:00 p.m., at FCCJ Kent Campus, Room F-128.

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the same location.

