

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, March 10, 2008, 7 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Chair, Charter Member Ralph J. Malphurs, Sr.,
Vice Chair, Charter Member Charles Mann,
Charter Member Don Ingram,
Confederate Point, Jim Nolting
Cedar Hills, Johnny Carter
District 10 Appointee, Kathy Budd,

Family Investment, Robert Smith
FCCJ Cecil North, Paul McNamara
Murray Hill Preservation, Len Burroughs
Oak Hills Estates, Roseanne Vernon
Westside Area Res., Charlie Kelley
Westside Bus. Leaders, Opal Burgstiner
Westwood, Jim Ross

Excused: Steve Shaffer, Jean Grimsley, Jerry Spinks, Valerie Bethea, Bruce Tyson, Alice Turknett.

Guests/Guest Speakers

Jim Kelly, Argyle Today
Joe Clements, NTHDC
Bruce Burgstiner
Ethel Nolting, Conf. Point
Bill Lewis, Argyle Area Civic
Paul Barton, Kitchen Cabinets
Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group

Media/ City Staff/City Officials/ Other Officials

Andy Hetzel, Planning & Development
Lt. Charles Wall, JSO
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Jocelyn Turner, Duval County Health
Council Member Michael Corrigan
Diane Smith, Assistant to M. Corrigan
Pete Sutherland, Municipal Code Enforcement
Mary Beth Ridderman, Community Development

Call to Order/Quorum:

Chair Ralph Malphurs called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development Division.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Chair Malphurs asked for approval of the February SW CPAC Summary. *A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the summary. Member Kathy Budd added a correction to the summary, page one, JSO Report should be corrected to read loose change. A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the summary as corrected. The vote: all in favor. None opposed.*

JSO Report:

Lt. Charlie Wall reported burglaries to cars and vehicles continue to be problems in Zone 4. He suggested residents lock homes and cars even if they will be away for a few moments. Cars should not be left unlocked at convenience stores/gas stations. Valuables should be stored out of sight or removed from the car. He asked how many members have their drivers license numbers engraved on valuables or have a record stored elsewhere of serial numbers. Lt. Wall explained less than two percent of residents typically have any identifying information available when valuables are stolen and this means zero percent chance of getting the valuables back. Lt. Wall announced Zone 4 is the leading zone in traffic fatalities in the city, but the numbers have been reduced from last year. He suggested residents use defensive driving tactics. Lt. Wall said JSO offers a free service to residents – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) inspections. CPTED inspections result in tips to residents to keep their property safe, such as lock installation, landscaping and lighting. Member Burroughs suggested residents video each item in their house and store the record in a separate location to possibly reduce insurance premiums. Chair Malphurs said JSO provided an excellent response regarding vehicles parked on sidewalks in his neighborhood. Member Nolting said he

appreciated JSO's increased presence in Confederate Point. Other members had questions answered regarding regulation of game rooms or residents parking on neighborhood streets. The number for the Zone 4 Substation is 573-3165.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Malphurs introduced Council Member Michael Corrigan and his Aide, Dianne Smith. Chair Malphurs thanked them for attending the CPAC meeting and for all they do in this district. Chair Malphurs acknowledged Alberta Hipps and Vicki Drake. He announced Pete Sutherland, with Municipal Code Enforcement, has transferred back to District 4 and will be attending CPAC meetings. Chair Malphurs introduced new member, Paul McNamara and welcomed Mr. McNamara as a member of the SW CPAC, representing FCCJ Cecil North. Member Kathy Budd introduced her guest, Joe Clemmons, representing the North Tampa Development Corporation.

Presentation: District 14 Council Member Michael Corrigan said he appreciates the CPACs and looks to them for feedback on local issues. He provided information on the state's reduction of property taxes, related budget decisions and the potential impact to residents. Council Member Corrigan discussed proposed stormwater fees and their purpose – to improve ditches/drainage and properly treat water that goes into the river. Residents were provided time for questions and answers about gambling sites, the Jacksonville Journey, proposed water removed from St. Johns River, Eureka Gardens, Wills Branch Creek and other issues. Council Member Corrigan suggested residents contact his office at 630-1677 or DSmith@coj.net.

Public Comments: Alberta Hipps announced she appreciated the CPAC's response from the last meeting regarding Cecil Field. The next meeting is April 28, 7 p.m. at Cecil Field.

Staff Reports & Announcements:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** Mary Beth Ridderman announced Housing and Neighborhoods Director, Wight Greger, is the new liaison for the SW CPAC. Ms. Greger sent her regrets she was unable to attend this meeting due to illness.
- **Planning and Development:**
 - **Current Planning Division:** Andy Hetzel provided an oral report and a printed report on current land use amendments and upcoming hearings. For more information, call Andy Hetzel at 630-7157.
 - **Building Inspection:** No report. Andee Camp may be reached at 255-8638.
- **Environmental and Compliance Dep't.**
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division:** Pete Sutherland reported he is happy to be back in Zone 4. His division is beginning monthly systematic inspections. He said the top three violations are overgrown weeds/grass; junk vehicles, and abandoned property. Mr. Sutherland answered questions. To report concerns/violations call 630-CITY (2489).
 - **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**
 - Community Development Division: Mary Beth Ridderman provided a written report to save time during the meeting.
- **Duval County School Board:** Vicki Drake reported the legislature is proposing taking back funds from the School Board \$10.6 million this year/\$70 million next year. These refunds in addition to a \$22 million cut this year and more cuts over the next two to three years. She said this creates a bad situation for Duval schools and children. Public meetings are scheduled for residents to give input into the Academic Community Excellence Program (ACE) . A meeting is scheduled at Forrest High School on March 25, at 6 p.m.. A copy of the Strategic Plan is available at http://www.dreamsbeginhere.org/static/aboutdcps/superintendent/downloads/Exposure_Draft_w_IA.pdf. An on-line survey form is available at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey->

intro.zgi?p=WEB227K9AUXJL9. Ms. Drake answered questions/concerns about busing outside school districts, empty seats, closing schools, contacting businesses and unions for partnerships to train students. Ms. Drake may be contacted at 390-2000 or drakev@educationcentral.org.

- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority:** No report.
- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Chuck Mann announced that Vicki Drake had covered everything. He commended the new School Superintendent for asking for public input in to the Academic Community Excellence Program.
- **Economic Subcommittee:** Jim Ross reported Shoney's Restaurant at 103rd and Blanding has reopened; Steak and Ale also Bennigans Restaurants in Argyle have closed permanently. Jacksonville Foreclosure Bus LLC will offer free biweekly tours of foreclosed homes in Jacksonville - sales are expected to be \$30,000 – 50,000 below market price.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** Johnny Carter said the city usually arranges a spring clean up, but no notification has been received. Mr. Carter proposed the SW CPAC adopt the Yukon Cemetery as a beautification project. Member Jim Ross said he would like to coordinate a cook out with a clean up project for kids. DCHD Jocelyn Turner suggested the kids pick up cigarette butts as a deterrent to smoking.
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** No report. Volunteers needed.
- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** No report. Bruce Tyson was excused.
- **ShAdCo Subcommittee:** Alice Turknett was excused. Roseanne Vernon reported that Sector J meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Willowbranch Library. ShAdCo K meets 7 p.m. on the first Monday at the Lane Wiley Center. She said ShAdCo K broke former record of 96 with 107 people in attendance at the March meeting. The next JSO/ShAdCo walk is April 19, 10 a.m. on Tampico; Municipal Code Enforcement will participate. For more information about ShAdCo, call Alice Turknett at 778-2686 or the JSO Zone 4 Substation at 573-3165.
- **Florida Dep't. of Transportation:** Milton Locklear reported Eastbound I-10 will be closed near Chaffee Road on March 11 and March 13 and Westbound I-10 will be closed on March 16. These closures are necessary for public safety during planned demolition of a nearby bridge – part of the proposed I-10 interchange at Chaffee Road.
- **FCCJ Cecil North** – Paul McNamara announced students may enroll and complete an AA Degree at FCCJ Cecil North. He invited the CPAC to meet at FCCJ Cecil North to attract residents from the far Westside.
- **Duval County Health Dep't.:** Jocelyn Turner announced speakers are available for CPAC or for neighborhood groups to speak on health-related topics, such as asthma. March 22 at 9 a.m. is the Mayor's Seniors Walk for Wellness. March 29, an event at the Kids Campus for children ages 3 – 12 will promote physical activity. Ms. Turner may be reached at 253-2037.
- **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):**
 - Membership: Roseanne Vernon announced Kathy Budd brought guests to the February and March meetings. The next meeting is March 18, 6 p.m. at the IHOP Restaurant. A notice was properly posted in the City Hall Atrium. Ms. Vernon thanked Mary Beth Ridderman for sharing ideas to increase membership.

Chairman's Report: Chair Ralph Malphurs announced:

- The Times Union reported a groundbreaking ceremony will be held in August for the first phase of a 525 acre national veterans' cemetery approved for North Jacksonville. Call 1-800-535-1117 for more information.
- Chair Malphurs asked Opal Burgstiner and Jean Grimsley to serve on a Parliamentarian subcommittee. Ms. Burgstiner accepted but he has not had a reply from Ms. Grimsley.
- Chuck Mann attended a zoning hearing regarding .2 acre lot at Lenox and Normandy.
- Council Member Mia Jones will be the guest speaker at the April SW PAC meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jocelyn Turner announced a series of documentary reports will begin on March 27, 10 p.m. on WJCT. The title of the series is Unnatural Causes – What Is Really Making Us Sick. Jim Ross announced his concern about a new truck stop scheduled to be built at the former Shell Station on 103rd near I-295. A guest commented that the business will not have showers or rooms for sleeping.

Adjournment: *A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote - all in favor, none opposed. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m..*

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2008, at FCCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., E-112 F, at 7 p.m. Please call Ralph Malphurs (786-3137) or Mary Beth Ridderman (255-8260) for more information.