

**SOUTHEAST  
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY  
November 24, 2008**

6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Rd., Main Hospital, Auditorium C, Jacksonville, FL.  
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**Call to Order**

**Gamal Lyons, SE CPAC Chair**, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Speakers**

***David Coffman, Assistant Chief of Community Affairs, JSO, City of Jacksonville***; informed the group about the Safe Students in Schools program. This is an early intervention program that started as the M.A.R.S. program and was re-introduced to the schools as the Safe Students in Schools program in 2006. The mission of the program is to make sure safety is a fundamental part of our education system. They have established proactive methods to access students that are at risk that are also causing problems and creating a difficult environment for learning. Due to this program and the School Resource Officers in the 2007-2008 school year there were 333 felony arrests at school, 578 misdemeanor arrests, 172 juvenile civil citations, 18 firearms arrests and 77 weapon related arrest.

***Endya Cummings, Business Relations and Development Department, JTA***; explained to the group about the need for service redesign for public transit in the south Mandarin area. Due to the expansion of the Bartram area and the development of the Flagler Center public transportation needs have changed. A survey was provided to the group and they were encouraged to have their neighbors complete the survey online too. The survey can be found at [www.JTAFLA.com](http://www.JTAFLA.com)

***Quinn Bledsoe, Recreation Services Superintendent, City of Jacksonville***; provided an update of the parks in District 3. The various programs that are offered at the parks and community centers for all ages were also discussed. Park guides and other materials were provided for the group. The attendees were asked to complete the JaxParks Activities Survey and to take copies of the survey to their communities. To complete the survey or view any park information visit [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com). If you find/have any maintenance problems at a park please call 630-CITY to report the issue.

**Staff Reports**

**Ed Hall, Mayor Liaison**: no report – available for questions.

**Jim Green, FDOT**: Philips Hwy and 9A – there will be stripping on the left turn lanes in the future. 9A & J.Turner Butler Blvd. – work is ongoing on the signage. A couple of weeks ago there was a public meeting on the railroad crossing closing

at River Oaks Road. There were good arguments (pro & con) and a lot of community support on both sides. The future of the railroad crossing will be determined by those in Tallahassee; a traffic study will be ordered. A timeline for this process has not been established yet. Future public meetings will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> to address the inner change at 295 and Commonwealth. On December 16<sup>th</sup> the Annual Public Hearing for the 5 year Work Program will be held. Budget cuts remain a concern; to date it is estimated that \$11 – 14 million has been removed from the budget.

**Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** informed the group that these projects are up-coming with the Planning Commission:

- \* Bolles School has an expansion project underway. The school will take the residential property to the north and south of the current school and incorporate it into their campus.
- \* There is an application for a full liquor license at 5940 Richard St. (near Bowden Road). The position of the Planning and Development Department is to deny this request.
- \* The SE quadrant of Baymeadows Rd and Southside Blvd. was approved for the addition of 10,000 square feet of commercial, retail and office space that was requested.
- \* Daniel Memorial will be heard on their treatment facility expansion.
- \* The Assisted Living Facilities zoning policy has been deferred for 6 months.

- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** shared a lot of information in regard to the upcoming holiday events starting with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Boat Parade, Senior Citizen Holiday Festival. Emails of the upcoming holiday events will be emailed. If you need any additional information please contact Rosemary.
- **Matt Nemath, JSO:** informed the group that auto burglaries are up; keep valuables out of sight, lock your cars and make sure your garage door openers are secure. As the holidays approach, take precaution while shopping and in the parking lots. Always have your car keys in hand and cell phones handy. During the holiday season, JSO will increase patrols in area shopping centers and malls. It was also discussed that overall crime is up in apartment complexes (multi-family housing); especially on Baymeadows Road and Sunbeam Road. If you have any concerns please call the Southeast substation – 630-0500.
- **Code Compliance, Michael Walde:** informed the group that Code Compliance currently has 95% of staffing in place. In effort to expedite the inspection process code officer are starting their work day from their homes vs. taking the time to report to an office first. This should increase the amount of inspections that all officers can conduct. If you have any concerns or questions please call 391-3600.

## **Chair's Report**

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved October 2008 meeting summary.
- Acknowledged Councilmember Redman attendance.
- Confirmed that the December CPAC meeting was cancelled and in lieu of a meeting a Holiday gathering would be held at Southside Ale House on December 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Rosemary or Gamal by Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell:** no report, but informed the group that the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens has opened in the Arlington area. Ralph Hodges informed the group that reports indicate that the manatee death in Duval county have exceeded an acceptable level. Most deaths are occurring between the inlet and downtown.

**Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Kathleen Perera:** stated that re-stripping will begin on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Gate Parkway and Town Center Blvd. On the economic side, the medical industry has a large impact on Jacksonville. It is estimated that all components of the medical industry generates \$23 billion annually. With the plans to expand the port and increase our international trade will also impact our economy.

**Education – Chairman(s): George Banks – John Wadell.** No report.

**Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan** stated that the steering committee continues to meet. At this time the plan is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2009.

**Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Michael Lashbrook.** The LUZ Subcommittee met at 5:45 p.m. and had a general discussion. If anyone is interested in the current topics visit the SE CPAC website at: <http://groups.firstcoastcommunity.com/secpac>

**Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens.** The Gables has a new CPAC representative Debbie Johnson; it is great to have her join our group.

**Nomination Committee – Chairperson: Pat Corrado.** The committee would like to nominate Jim Hill for chair and Frank Morgan for vice-chair. The floor was opened for additional nominations and for discussion. No additional nominations were made. A motion was made and 14 to 1 vote followed.

**Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic –**no report.

***The floor was opened to all in attendance:***

Susan Nolan informed the group that area food banks are under stocked for the holidays. All were encouraged to donate food or money to an area food bank or shelter.

Pat Corrado reminded the group that the Mandarin Community Club will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mandarin Trolley Tour of Lights on December 14, 2008 from 6-8 p.m. The trolley ride will cost \$1.00 and everyone is encouraged to bring a food item to donate.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.*

***NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 26, 2009***

***LOCATION: St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Road,  
Main Hospital – Auditorium C***