

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY May 18, 2009

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

Jim Hill, SE CPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Speakers

Bob Frenzel, Regional Volunteer Coordinator, Americans for Fair Taxation, informed that the FairTax Plan is a nonpartisan proposal that replaces all federal income and payroll taxes with a progressive tax on consumption (national retail sales tax). The FairTax Plan includes a cash "prebate" that ensures no Americans pay federal taxes on their spending on essential goods and services up to the poverty level. According to the FairTax every American can keep their entire paycheck, completely removes the IRS and the 16th Amendment, untaxes tuition, existing / future savings and investments are tax free, positive impact on retirees, no federal taxes or compliance costs hidden in consumer prices, stops the export of American jobs, promotes economic growth, provides substantial wage increases for working Americans and raises the same amount of revenue as the current system with much lower marginal rates. To learn more about the FairTax please visit their website at www.FairTax.org

Staff Reports

- **Bill Killingworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department:** Introduction to the group.
- **Jim Green, FDOT:** not present.
- **Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** There is not a lot of activity in the Planning & Development Department. The current applications are:
 - ❖ AD-09-17 ~ Admin Deviation ~ SW corner of Tinseltown parking Lot~ reduce perimeter parking lot area Companion Application WRF-09-04 (2009-284)
 - ❖ SW-09-004 ~ Sign Waiver ~ 3616 Cardinal Point Drive ~ LUZ Comm. 06/02/09 ~ reduce minimum sign setback for existing sign from 10' to 3'6".
 - ❖ MM-09-11 ~ Minor Modification to PUD ~ Tools for a Time ~ LPA/PC 06-11-09 ~ PUD 1993-241-E Revise lot coverage
 - ❖ 2009-254 ~ PUD Rezoning ~ NB Ministries 2803 Tebassa Road ~LPA/PC 04-30-09 ~ LUZ Comm. 09-15-09 ~ Rezoning from RLD 60 to PUD to permit existing uses on the property: parsonage and worship hall and to allow the parking of six buses on site. Approved at PC. LUZ deferred to 09-15-09.

- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** inquired if any of the SE CPAC members were planning to attend the Florida Neighborhoods Conference in St. Petersburg. If so, please let me know if you are interested in carpooling or sharing a room with other citizens from the Jacksonville area. Reminded the group that the Jacksonville Jazz Fest will be held May 22 – 24th. Visit the COJ website to learn about the performance schedule as well as what streets will be closed for the festival. Also, examples of the stormwater bills are available if anyone is interested in seeing what they will look like.
- **Eleanor Robinson, Recreation and Community Services Department,** informed the group about the End of School Dance that will be held on Friday, May 22 at the R.F.Kennedy Center Gymnasium, 1133 Ionia St. 6 to 9:30 p.m. The event will have a live D.J., dancing, and refreshments. All ages are welcome. Also, the Sports Youth Intramural League is registering for Flag Football. League locations are: Barney Browning Park, Forestview Park, Hollybrook Park, J. Gardner Nip Sams Park, Julius Guinyard Park, Henry L. Kooker Park, Terrace/Woodstock Park and Tallulah Park. Ages for Flag Football are 13 – 17; call 630-4100 for more information. All park activities and events are on the parks website www.jaxparks.com.
- **Tim Myers, Code Compliance,** informed the group that Code Compliance Supervisor Terri Lindemann is out on medical leave until further notice. In the interim Tim Myers will be covering the supervisory duties. If you need to contact Tim he can be reached at 391-3565 or tmyers@coj.net.

Chair's Report

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved April 2009 CPAC meeting summary.
- Informed the group at the May 11th Subcommittee Chair Meeting the group discussed the length of the CPAC meetings and the subcommittee breakout sessions. It was the consensus of the group that the CPAC meetings were running too long (often after 8:30 p.m.). In effort to shorten the meeting it was decided to remove the subcommittee breakout sessions from the monthly meetings. The subcommittee chairs are familiar with committee members and can call on them if a special meeting needs to be called.
- Issue cards were another improvement that came from the Subcommittee Chair meeting. If a member or a guest has an issue or problem that they would like CPAC to address they are required to complete an issue card. The Card will be turned into Jim Hill or Rosemary Wesolowski; they will then direct the card to the correct person.

Subcommittee Chair Updates:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: stated that there is some concern in regard to what state legislature is doing to our environment. As concerned citizens we need to remain vigilant as to how future legislature will impact the environment and our quality of life.

Economic Development- Chairperson: Kathleen Perera: informed the group that the local economic indicator is based on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Currently, in Jacksonville our GDP is at 2.5 – 3.0 range. To learn more about our local GDP visit www.JaxSECPAC.org.

Education – Co-Chairmen: George Banks and John Waddell: not present.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan: informed the group that the Vision Planning Steering Committee has almost completed the vision plan.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Michael Lashbrook. The LUZ Subcommittee discussed 2 major issues; 2009-115 and 2009-254. 2009-115 has been withdrawn. 2009-254 several individuals spoke in regard to the rezoning. The applicant and their agent spoke in support of the rezoning application. The Sans Souci Neighborhood Association President and neighbors spoke on their reasons the neighbors oppose the rezoning. The subcommittee made a motion to send a letter in opposition to 2009-254. The CPAC voted, the CPAC voted 13 vs. 4 to send an opposition. A copy of the opposition letter is at the end of the summary.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Chris Monti. Not present

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic: reminded the group to keep all valuables out of sight in their vehicles and be mindful as where your garage door openers are. Do not hide keys to your house outside. Most criminals are familiar with all of the traditional hiding spots.

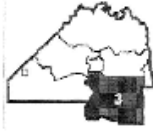
Transportation Development – Gloria Stephens. informed the attendees that the subcommittee is not in support of continuing the breakout sessions. The subcommittee also discussed the widening of Beach Blvd and the stimulus funding.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2009

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



Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Chair: Jim Hill Vice Chair: Frank Morgan

April 28, 2009

To: James F. Register, Chair, Planning Commission
Hon. Arthur Graham, Chair, City Council Land, Use, & Zoning Committee

Re: Opposition to Rezoning Application 2009-254.

The South East Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (SECPAC) is in opposition to the above rezoning from RLD-80 to PUD for the following reasons:

- The application does not meet the intent of the 2010 Comp Plan .
- The noise and eye-sore of storing and maintaining busses in a residential neighborhood is not in keeping with the character of the surrounding community.
- The PUD application is simply a way for the property owner, already cited by Code Enforcement, to circumvent laws intended to protect a residential area from exactly what is proposed.
- Approval would set a precedent for other code violators to seek rezoning for shelter from inappropriate use.

Sincerely,

Jim Hill

Jim Hill, Chair
South East Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor
Bill Killingsworth, Interim Director, Planning Department