

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY September 22, 2003

Members and Alternates

Angie Vannatter, Chair
Victoria Pennington, Vice-Chair
Ray Aleksic
Carole Adams
Marian Beaman
Joyce Brown
Richard Cardell
Ken Charron

Christine Fuchs
Robert Chadwick
Jack Hale
David Jaffee
Mike Lawson
Gamal Lyons
Mark MacLean
Charles Magee

Charles McBurney
Jim McKenney
Jim Hill
Paul Riel
Henry Rogers
Gary Ulrich
Kevin Whigham
Betty Wolfe

City Staff/Ex-Officio/Guests

Bob Baughman, Mayor's Liaison
Art Costa, Mandarin Community Club
George Cotto, Carriage Crossing
Lorrie DeFrank, Neighborhood Services
Cusebra Frik, Agora Developments
C/M Art Graham, Council District 13
Jim Green, FDOT

Chris Ho, MLP
Vickie Kutscher, Greater Englewood
Doug McDowell, Planning & Development
Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection Division
Bill Sulzbacher, Agora Developments
Frank Wallmeyer, Southside Businessmen's Club
Kathy Watrel, SMPS

Excused

Bruce Glassman
Vickie Breedlove
Ralph Hodges

Holly Kartsonis
Mike Kennedy
Mark Roesser

Ralph Saffy

Call to Order

Angie Vannatter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She introduced Dawn Wood, the new Southeast Planning District coordinator with Neighborhood Services. Angie recognized the attendance of the UNF nurses.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 6:35-7:00 p.m.

Speaker

Representatives from various contractors for the Avenues Walk development gave an overview of the project. The 160 acres is located just south of The Avenues Mall in the area locked in by I-95, Phillips Highway and 9A. A question and answer period followed.

Approval of the Minutes

The meeting summary for the August 25, 2003 meeting was unanimously approved.

Chair's Report

- Angie confirmed with members that an announcement had been made that a presentation on the Avenues Walk project was to be given at this meeting.
- Angie passed around articles about the Avenues Walk project and photos of Mayor Peyton's inauguration ceremony.
- New members and potential new members introduced themselves.
- Angie requested everyone sign in.
- Angie requested help for the Southeast CPAC booth at the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit October 17.
- Angie requested that the Southside Generating Plant Task Force be included in the presentations being made by the Avenues Walk group.

Dawn Wood introduced herself and gave a brief history of her life and work with the City of Jacksonville. Dawn comes to the Southeast CPAC after two years working with Greater Arlington and the Beaches.

Subcommittee Reports

Economic Development & Transportation – Ken Charron reported that the subcommittee discussed the proposed bus station within the N/SE Corridor study. A vote on the alternatives originally proposed had to be postponed because a combination proposal was suggested.

Environmental – Charles McBurney

- Discussion ensued over fences around retention and detention ponds. Pine Forest had asked for a fence and one is being built. Braywick is having a problem with a fence around a detention pond.
- Illegal signs are an issue. Members were encouraged to help the Building Inspection Division in removing illegal signs.
- A major concern has to do with Council 100 making the recommendation that water-rich counties give portions of their water to water-poor counties. This could have a serious negative impact on Jacksonville. All members were encouraged to contact their state legislators to voice opposition to the plan. They were also encouraged to work with City Council members who oppose it as well. *Angie asked Sharon Copeland to get emails of the State Representatives to Jim Hill for posting on the CPAC website.* City Council passed resolution 2003-1122-A opposing the recommendation, asking the governor to reconsider.

Land Use & Zoning – Paul Riel reported no major concerns, only on-going issues. Councilwoman Copeland asked members to inform City Council members if they hear of LUZ issues of concern.

Staff Reports

- Bob Baughman, new Interim Chief of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Entertainment, provided updates on various park projects. They are working on the Cuba Hunter Park gymnasium, the Walter Jones Museum, name change for the Southeast Regional Park North (Losco Regional Park- 20% complete) and Southeast Regional Park South (Julington Creek Regional Park – under design). The Master Recreation Improvement Plan is almost finalized. The Mandarin boat ramp was taken off the funding list for this year but the continued design has been funded with help from Councilwoman Copeland.
- Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection Division, thanked everyone for their help with illegal signs.
- Jim Green, FDOT, reported on issues from the last meeting. Killarney Shores had requested a “No U-Turn” sign. A study was completed and the sign was not recommended. Jim reported that FDOT is limited in the maintenance of retention ponds on FDOT lands. The FDOT encourages partnerships for regular maintenance and additional plantings to control growth.
- Assistant Chief Roy Henderson, the new District 3 Zone Commander, introduced himself. After a rash of business robberies in the last couple of months, three suspects were caught this morning. They confessed to more than 20 incidents. James McKenney expressed concern about youth driving through the neighborhoods opening garage doors. Please report this to police if you see it happening.
- Lorrie DeFrank, Chief of Neighborhood Services, reported on Neighborhood Services issues. The Mayor’s Neighborhood Matching Grant award letters went out today. She encouraged everyone to attend the Mayor’s Neighborhood Summit on Friday, October 17, 2003. This is Mayor Peyton’s first summit and he will be the speaker at the luncheon.
- Doug McDowell, Planning & Development, had no report but asked for any questions. It was announced that the department won a state Planning and Zoning award recently.

Christine Fuchs reported that she began JaxCERT classes recently. She also announced that 20-25 more people are needed to go through this training in order to keep the funding for the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 27, 2003, 6:30 p.m. at the Southeast Branch Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard.