

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, February 11, 2008, 7 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Ralph J. Malphurs, Sr., Charter Member, Chair
Don Ingram, Charter Member
Kathy Budd, District 10 Appointee
Len Burroughs, Murray Hill Preservation

Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills
Roseanne Vernon, Oak Hills Estates
Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor N.

Excused: Jim Ross, Chuck Mann, Steve Shaffer, Opal Burgstiner, James Nolting, Bruce Tyson, Robert Smith, Alice Turknett, Charles Kelly,

Guests/Guest Speakers

Jim Kelly, Argyle Today
Paul McNamara, FCCJ Cecil North
Rita Humphries
Yvonne Cooke, Hyde Grove Watch
Bill Lewis, Argyle Area Civic
Carla Miller, Ethics Officer/Presenter

Media/ City Staff/City Officials/ Other Officials

Andy Hetzel, Planning & Development
Sgt. D.T. Adams, JSO
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Jocelyn Turner, Duval County Health
Don McLintock, City Ethics, Inc.
Mary Beth Ridderman, Community Development

Call to Order/Quorum:

Chair Ralph Malphurs called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 January SW CPAC Summary. *A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor. None opposed.*

JSO Report:

Sgt. D.T. Adams reported JSO Operation Safe Streets has begun, putting 70 extra officers on the street 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The largest crime problem in the zone is Eureka Gardens and JSO is aggressively addressing it. Other problems across the zone are robberies and burglaries. He said he did not have the statistics available. JSO caught one robber last night, using the deployment method. Burglaries to cars are up because people continue to leave valuables, such as change, cell phones and lap-top computers in plain sight. Burglars just smash the glass to get the item but sometimes residents fail to lock their car doors. He suggested residents lock vehicles, even if they will only be out of the car for a short time because thieves are watching. He suggested residents leave nothing of value, including loose, in vehicles. Sgt. Adams said when a car or purse is stolen, the thief has your home address and often your house keys. He said if credit cards are stolen, they will be used by the thieves within minutes of the theft, so report a loss as quickly as possible. The number for the Zone 4 Substation is 573-3165.

Presentation:

Carla Miller, COJ Ethics Officer, presented information about Ethics and government. The COJ has a new, innovative Ethics Code stronger than most cities in the U.S. so many changes are in progress. The COJ began a Whistleblowers Hotline. The ethics hotline is available to facilitate disclosure of ethical concerns. Call (904) 630-1015 to confidentially report allegations of misconduct or noncompliance 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The calling number is not identified. Visit

the Ethics Office Web site at <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Ethics+Office>. Carla Miller may be contacted at 630-1476 or Ethics@coj.net.

Public Comments: None.

Reports & Announcements:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** No report. Chair Malphurs announced the January retirement of the previous liaison, Cal Ray, and said he hopes to have a new liaison assigned soon.
- **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:** No report.
 - **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**
 - **Community Development Division:** Mary Beth Ridderman said the neighborhood coordinators were updating the CPAC brochures. She reminded everyone about the Stormwater Town Hall Meetings and provided copies of notices of several meetings.
- **Council Member's Announcements:** No report. Chair Malphurs announced Council Member Michael Corrigan will be the March guest speaker.
- **Duval County School Board:** No report. Ms. Drake may be contacted at 390-2000 or drakev@educationcentral.org.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority:** No report.
- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** No report. Chuck Mann was excused.
- **Economic Subcommittee:** No report. Jim Ross was excused.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** Johnny Carter announced that Council Member Mia Jones will run for election for the Florida House of Representatives, District 14.
- **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 is having successful meetings at their new location, with 50 people in attendance at the January meeting. ShAdCo 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. For more information about ShAdCo, call Alice Turknett (778-2686) or the JSO Zone 4 Substation (573-3165).
- **Florida Dep't. of Transportation:** Milton Locklear reported the four-laning of Old Middleburg Road from Argyle to 103rd Street will be completed by August 2008. The Wilson section begins in June, 2008. The I-10 project at Chaffee Road is a little ahead of schedule, perhaps complete by the summer of 2009. Resident Jim Kelly expressed his concern for the present condition of Chaffee Road and the impact of future increased truck traffic.
- **FCCJ Cecil North** – Chair Malphurs introduced Paul McNamara, director FCCJ Cecil North and thanked him for his CPAC attendance. Mr. McNamara reported FCCJ enrollment is up by 18 percent. FCCJ established a partnership with Bridgestone, who is leasing office space from FCCJ. Bridgestone is hiring, using strict background checks, and plans to be open in March or April, 2008. Mr. McNamara said he is concerned about the amount of truck traffic from New World Avenue to Normandy and Chaffee that will begin in the area when Bridgestone opens – the interchange and four lanes will not be completed. He said residents who travel I/10, Chaffee, Branfield/Chaffee and Normandy Boulevard are not prepared with adequate information about the increasing traffic. He invited the CPAC to meet from time to time 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 reported the new committee members are Johnny Carter, Kathy Budd, Robert Smith, Chuck Mann and Alice Turknett. Member Kathy Budd introduced guest Yvonne Cook from Hyde Grove Neighborhood Watch. Chair Malphurs commended the membership committee for what they accomplished at their first meeting and commended Roseanne Vernon for her leadership, notices and detailed minutes. He said he had seen nothing like it since the CPAC began.
- **Chairman's Report:** Chair Ralph Malphurs announced:
 - He worked with Council Member Warren Jones to get a long length of culvert installed to replace the formerly narrow, deep ditch at Ellis Road.
 - The owner of the .2 acre property at Normandy and Lenox plans to build a used car dealership and is currently asking for a waiver of the landscaping requirement.
 - Council Member Michael Corrigan will be the guest speaker at the March SW PAC meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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 8:35 p.m..*

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 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.