

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

July 28, 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 6:40 p.m.

Speakers

- **Dayatra Cole**, Manager, Housing Services Division, Housing & Neighborhoods Department, City of Jacksonville; informed the group about The Foreclosure Intervention & Financial Education Network Initiative. The initiative includes the following free services: foreclosure counseling, mortgage recovery, financial assistance and financial education; detailed initiative handout and contact information was provided.
- **Ed Pratt-Dannals**, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools presented the long-range strategic plan that will be implemented over the next 4 years. The plan contains 6 goals and they are: 1. increase academic achievement for all students 2. significantly increase the graduation rate 3. employ the best teachers and principals 4. establish safe and respectful schools 5. engage family and community support and 6. deliver high quality district support for schools. The group was also informed of the budget/financial difficulties that the school board will be facing for at least the next 2 years. For complete details of the strategic plan or the school boards budget visit www.duvalschools.org.

Staff Reports

Ed Hall, Mayor Liaison: no report.

- **Jim Green, FDOT:** informed the group that new ramps connecting 9A and Butler Blvd. opened today. Construction on Philips Highway (U.S. 1) due to the Avenues Walk project will be completed this fall. Also, it is time to repaint the Hart Bridge, bids for the repainting contract will begin soon. On Thursday, August 7th, JTA will host a Public Information Meeting on the Atlantic Blvd. – Kernan Blvd. interchange; the meeting will be held at Landmark Middle School from 5-7 p.m. It was questioned if the traffic cameras that have been installed at various intersections were to be used as traffic enforcement by JSO. It was clarified that the traffic cameras that are currently installed are used to monitor traffic flow and some can be viewed online as web-cams; at this time no traffic enforcement cameras are installed.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** thanked Gamal for participating in the joint CPAC meeting that was held at the Ed Ball Building

on July 22nd for the Latin American Grassroots Delegation Young Leaders. Our Latin American guests enjoyed learning about our grassroots/citizens involvement in local government.

- **Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** informed the there is one PUD that will be coming up. This PUD is 2008-518 and it is located in the Mandarin area – Westberry / San Jose Blvd. area. The proposal is to develop 6 acres into a 300 bed senior citizen facility that contains independent living, assisted living and a small Alzheimer’s care unit.
- **Terri Lindemann, Code Enforcement:** introduced herself and officer Tim Myers.

Chair’s Report

- Verified quorum.
- Recognized the UNF nurses, and the candidates Bob Harms, WC Gentry, Virginia Norton and Sharon Buttner.
- Appointed Pat Corrado as the CPAC nominating committee chair. If you would like to be a part of the nominating committee or make a nomination, please let Pat know at the next meeting.
- Voted and approved May and June 2008 meeting summary.

Subcommittee Reports:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: informed the group that City Council passed ordinances on fertilizer usage and landscape watering. These are good ordinances to have in place, but there may be some concern about educating the public. Also, the new pumping station in San Marco has been put into operation; recently there were some heavy rains and there didn’t appear to be any flooding.

Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Kathleen Perera: No report

Education – Chairman: George Banks. Not present

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan Informed the group that on August 7th the Southeast Vision Planning Committee will meet at Cuba Hunter Community Center, 3620 Bedford Road from 6-8 p.m. The Planning and Development Department has also budgeted to have 4 workshops for the southeast district. At the workshops at least one issue of concern will be discussed.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Michael Lashbrook. No actions or motions at this time.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens. Informed the group No report

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic: No report

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 28, 2008

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