

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 FCCJ Kent Campus - 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
 Monday, June 8, 2009

MEETING SUMMARY

Members and Representatives

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| Chair Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries | N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch |
| Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon | Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker |
| Charter Member – Don Ingram | Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknnett |
| Charter Member – Chuck Mann | Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin |
| Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter | Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley |
| Confederate Point – James Nolting | Westside Business Leaders – Opal Burgstiner |
| FCCJ Cecil North – Paul McNamara | Alternates in Attendance |
| Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly | Timuquana Manor North – Polly Walker |
| Lexington Square – Steve Shaffer | |
| Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs | |

| Media/Staff/Officials | Guests |
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| Mayor’s Liaison – Wight Greger | Ethel Nolting |
| Housing & Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman | Jill Dame |
| Duval County Health Dep’t. – Jocelyn Turner | Excused |
| Emergency Planning JFRD -- Elizabeth Henderson | Crystal Creek HOA - Marilyn Lehman |
| Florida Dep’t. Transportation – Milton Locklear | Charter Member Jerry Spinks |
| JSO – Sgt. Claude Ayoub | Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake |
| Municipal Code Compliance - Pete Sutherland | Family Investment - Robert Smith |
| Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel | RAP – Jean Grimsley |
| Recreation & Community – John Kelly | SMG Equestrian Center – Jean Ellen DeSpain |
| | Westwood – Jim Ross |

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development, Housing and Neighborhoods.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Chair Tyson asked for approval of the May summary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor.

JSO Report: Sgt. Claude Ayoub reported a decrease in burglaries, auto burglaries, and burglaries to businesses. An increase in the number of home burglaries occurred in the area of Woodruff and Attleboro. An increase in the number of robberies to individuals occurred in the area of McDuff and Post. Several “smash and grab” incidents occurred at businesses along Normandy Boulevard - a suspect armed with an axe was apprehended. Fifteen traffic homicides occurred in Zone 4 this year. Operation Safe Streets has become permanent with four new squads and four new sergeants assigned city wide to focus on night crimes. JSO intends to practice Community Policing with a focus on enforcement and problem-solving. A question and answer period followed the report. Chair Tyson thanked Sgt. Ayoub for his report.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Tyson welcomed guest Jill Dane and introduced the guest speakers: Elizabeth Henderson and Brian Pippin.

Presentation: Elizabeth Henderson, Public Outreach Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness Division, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department presented information about hurricane preparedness. Ms. Henderson provided a power point presentation showing photos of storm/hurricane weather patterns, wind damage and flooding damage. She discussed the importance of being prepared and suggested residents (1) listen to the radio/television for official instructions, (2) if living in a mobile home check the tie downs and evacuate, (3) secure valuables and papers –she suggested taking important documents to an office supply store/scan and store the documents on a thumb storage drive (4) if at home, stay inside away from windows, skylights and glass doors (5) secure your home/store all loose objects (6) review your family’s evacuation plan and (7) register for COJ Code Red, the community enrollment notification system: <https://login.coderedweb.com/codereddataentry/Default.aspx?groupid=EA7CUhsLfCqympNrd82g%3d%3d>. She emphasized the need to purchase a weather radio, be prepared with flashlights, extra batteries, food, water and supplies for your family and pets, enough to last 3 to 7 days. She provided the following handouts: *Ready Kids Activity Book*, from Homeland Security; *Informed, Prepared, Protected* from www.Mysafeflorida.org; *Preparing Makes Sense - Get Ready Now* from Homeland Security www.ready.gov; *Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies Makes Sense* from www.ready.gov; *Eye on the Storm* from Florida Times Union and WJXT and a *Hurricane Planning Guide* from the COJ Emergency Preparedness Division. Ms.Henderson may be contacted at 630-2676 or ehender@coj.net.

Presenatation II: Chair Tyson introduced the second speaker, Brian Pippin, JEA Conservation Coordinator. Mr. Pippin presented a portion of JEA’s Savings Without Sacrifice presentation. The length of CPAC meeting did not allow time for the entire presentation but Mr. Pippin asked residents to spread the word about the presentation which is available to homeowner’s associations, neighborhood associations and other groups. To save energy and money, Mr. Pippin suggested: (1) control thermostat settings. He recommended 78 degrees in summer with the setting higher when no one is at home. (2) Install a programmable thermostat. (3) Provide shading on the interior and exterior of the home [trees, overhangs, solar screens, solar film] and (4) provide adequate insulation [attic R38, Walls R12, Windows R2]. Check with the manufacturers for proper installation. Air seal around windows, doors and plumbing. Mr. Pippin provided the following brochures: *Live Smart.Live Green. Live Well* and *Home Energy & Water Check-Up*. Each resident received one CFL light bulb.

Public Comments: none.

- **Staff Reports and Announcements:**
- **Mayor’s Liaison:** Wight Greger announced the Mayor is meeting with the CPAC Chairs on June 9. She said she will be happy to take any residents’ concerns to the Mayor’s Office. Ms. Greger may be contacted at 904-255-8200 or wgreger@coj.net.
- **Council Members’ Reports:** No representative in attendance. No reports.
- **Duval County School Board** – Ms. Drake’s absence was excused.
- **Planning and Development** – Andy Hetzel provided a written report and announced that the number of application was down for the previous month. Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-630-7157 or AHetzel@coj.net.
- **Municipal Code Compliance** – Pete Sutherland was available for questions. He announced the Zone 4 team has been involved in a lot of positive work. The number of complaints have dropped. To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489).
- **Recreation and Community Services** – John Kelly announced:

- Outdoor pools opened today. Pools will be open seven days a week for ten weeks.
 - A substantial walk-through inspection was completed at the Cecil Equestrian Trails on June 5. Paved trails and bike trails will be added. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for August 3.
 - Mr. Kelly provided the following brochures: *Super Summer* - a recreation guide that includes information about summer camps and *JaxParks Aquatics Programs*.
 - Mr. Kelly may be contacted at 904- 630-3570 or jkelly@coj.net.
 - Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner reported:
 - A dialogue on breaking the cycle of infant mortality, *Real Talk...Real Change* will be held on Tuesday, July 7 at WJCT Public Broadcasting Studios, 100 Festival Park Ave.. A meet and greet session will begin at 5 p.m.. The discussion will begin at 6 p.m.. For more information or to RSVP, please call 904-735-8627.
 - The Health Department is seeking volunteers of child bearing ages 18-49 to participate in a mercury bio monitoring project. For more information, call 253-1280.
 - Ms. Turner may be contacted at 253-2037.
 - FCCJ Cecil North – Paul McNamara was available to answer questions.
 - Jacksonville Aviation Authority – No representative. No report.
 - Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Milton Locklear reported:
 - The ramps at Collins Road and I-295 will not be constructed until I-295 is widened.
 - Stimulus dollars will fund the interchange at Brananfield - Chafee and Plantation Oaks.
 - The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), Wanda Forest, Long Range Planning Manager, provided a document, *North Florida TPO – SW CPAC Supplement*. The document lists transportation projects planned for the SW from 2009-2014. Additional information is available at www.northfloridatpo.com. Ms. Forrest may be reached at 904-306-7514 or wforrest@northfloridatpo.com.
 - Milton Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.
 - Community Development – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
 - The Florida Neighborhoods Conference (FNC) is scheduled for July 10 -11 in St. Petersburg. More information is available in her printed report or you may call her at 255-8260.
 - If someone is having difficulty paying their mortgage, please share the pamphlet *Facing Foreclosure – Get Help. Get Hope. Get It Now.* or ask them to call 630-CITY for a referral to free workshops. Some homeowners may qualify for up to \$5,000 in mortgage assistance or interest free loans.
 - Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or maybeth@coj.net.
- Subcommittee Reports:**
- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann announced school is out and he cautioned residents to be careful. Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
 - Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported:
 - The City Council voted against the proposed ordinance for the Trail Ridge Landfill. The TRUE Commission provided a resolution regarding the land fill issues and the City Council seemed to follow the TRUE resolution.
 - At the last TRUE meeting, bonding ordinances were discussed. TRUE opposes the bonding issue.
 - New officers were elected.
 - The next TRUE meeting is August 6 at 4 p.m.
 - Mr. Martin may be reached at 904-778-2265.
 - Economic Development – volunteers are needed.

- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter reported:
 - He has worked at Eureka Gardens to build a community garden site.
 - Trinity Baptist provided new toys to children at Eureka Gardens.
 - Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon said more members are needed to form a committee.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknnett reported:
 - She has a map showing all ShAdCo boundaries. If residents don't know which ShAdCo they live in, please see the map or call the substation at 573-3165. She encouraged everyone to attend a ShAdCo meeting, get informed, be involved and get to know JSO officers assigned to your area.
 - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega Methodist Church. Sixty five residents attended the May meeting. Officer Davis presented information about JSO's Crime Free Multi-Family Housing Program, a program to reduce crime.
 - A rape occurred at Ortega Farms Boulevard.
 - ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Maxville Community Center.
 - Rosanne Vernon reported Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center. Ninety three residents attended. JSO presented information about Gangs and Graffiti. The ShAdCo intends to ask City Council to fund more officers for the Westside.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon thanked the guest, Jill Dame, for attending and asked members to bring a guest to the next meeting.
- Safety – Bruce Tyson reported:
 - The mosquito problem is a safety issue. He said COJ Mosquito Control is working on the problem using trucks, helicopters and airplanes to spray. Ditch crews are also working to open ditches to allow water flow/to eliminate stagnant water. He asked residents check their property to eliminate standing water in containers such as bird feeders or hanging baskets.
 - It was an unfortunate auto accident when Ed White students were injured and killed. He encouraged residents to wear seatbelts and make sure all vehicle occupants wear seat belts.
 - Chair Tyson provided a handout, *Personal Safety*.
- Chair's Report –
 - Chair Tyson announced the Mayor's Meeting with CPAC Chairs on June 9. The items he has listed on the agenda are: (1) the Equestrian Center, advertisement of events, the opening date for the trails and (2) the need for Old Middleburg Road improvements. He asked if other issues should be brought to the Mayor's attention.

Old Business/New Business :

- Charles Kelley announced he met at FCCJ Cecil with the N.E. Florida Handicapped Association and others to see the work completed on the Equestrian Trails gazebo. Mr. Kelley recognized Tony Williams and crew for the outstanding job they did in restoring the gazebo, on the bridge and on the trails. He suggested the CPAC write a letter to thank Tony Williams and crew for their work. Mr. Kelley said the trails are looking good. Equestrians need an area, generally called a staging area, for horse trailers to park and riders to gather. He thanked Wight Greger for her assistance in getting things done.
- Thomas Martin announced he reviewed the TPO report. No design is scheduled for Old Middleburg Road until 2012-2014.

- **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Len Burroughs. A second was made by Chuck Mann. Chair Tyson announced there will be no meeting in July. Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m..

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 10 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus (formerly known as FCCJ Kent Campus), 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112F.

The Executive Committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 10 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus (formerly known as FCCJ Kent Campus), 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112F.

For more information, please contact Bruce Tyson at 771-4924 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260. CPAC meetings are open to the public.

Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development Division, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.

The following provision is required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes: If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Coordinator's Report Submitted by Mary Beth Ridderman June 2009

Activities and Events:

See photos of Jacksonville at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/34206377@N08/collections>.

June 13 -14, 2pm Saturday - 8am Sunday, the Great Jacksonville Campout, Losco Regional Park - 10851 Hood Rd. This free event will provide opportunities for children and their families to get outdoors and learn about nature, camping, conservation, and the environment through hands-on educational activities. Some of the activities are: Story Telling, Geocaching, Tent Pitching, Water Play Area, Book Walk, Cookout, a Movie in the Park and more. For ages 4 – 12. For more information call 630-4100.

For more information about Jacksonville's parks, please visit

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Recreation+and+Community+Programming>

Freedom and Fanfare:

July 3: Noon - 9 p.m. Ice Skating & Family Activities, including arts & crafts, face painting, strolling entertainment, and interactive games, Veterans Memorial Arena, Ice Skating, \$3 (includes skate rental)

July 4 : Freedom Ride 2009, Presented by [Adamec Harley-Davidson](#) and the City of Jacksonville. Ride begins at 2³⁰ p.m.

Adamec Baymeadows and ends at Metropolitan Park. Tickets: single rider \$35, additional Rider: \$15. A portion of proceeds from the Freedom Ride will benefit Jacksonville Veterans.

July 4: Free Concert featuring Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo along with Richard Marx. Gates open at 4 p.m. Opening ceremony 4:30 p.m. Music Begins at 5 p.m. Metropolitan Park

July 4: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Ice Skating & Family Activities, including arts & crafts, face painting, strolling entertainment, and interactive games, Veterans Memorial Arena, Ice Skating, \$3 (includes skate rental)

July 4 - Kids Kampus at Metropolitan Park Family Freedom Fest, JaxParks' annual Independence Day celebration with activities, crafts and more for ages 12 and under. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

July 4: Boat Decorating Contest, Northbank Riverfront. Judging will take place at 4 p.m. from Metropolitan Park to The Jacksonville Landing.

July 4: 9:45 p.m. fireworks on the Downtown Riverfront.

July 5: 10a.m. -4 p.m. Ice Skating & Family Activities, including arts & crafts, face painting, strolling entertainment, and interactive games, Veterans Memorial Arena, Ice Skating, \$3 (includes skate rental)

For a full list of activities, please visit

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/July+4/default.htm>

The City of Jacksonville is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with festival activities. Volunteers will receive a commemorative t-shirt, free parking and free admittance to Metropolitan Park and the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. For more information, call (904) 630-3690 or e-mail pl Lauren@coj.net

Libraries:

June 1-30: Free exhibit at the Main Library: Corey Moortgat, The Art of Personal Imagery.

June 3- 30: Chiaroscuro, an amateur photography exhibit, at the Main Library

June 9: free movie for kids: "Kung Foo Panda" Murray Hill Library, 1 -3 p.m.

For a full list of library events, please visit <http://jpl.coj.net/>

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department offers free information about foreclosure prevention at **Stay Home**, www.coj.net or <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/default.htm> or call 255-8200.
- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department is the recipient of funds from The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). HPRP funds will be allocated to agencies to provide services and housing for homeless persons.
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program, authorized by the [Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 \(HERA\)](#), will assist state and local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increase the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. Contractors have begun work on the first ten homes.
- The Community Development Division staff supported the Clara White Mission on June 4 by volunteering to serve lunch to approximately 160 homeless persons. CDBG staff members are monitoring current grants and reviewing grant applications for next year. The Neighborhoods Coordinator updated the SW CPAC website to include summaries for 2006-2009. Neighborhoods Coordinators will staff the upcoming Mayor's Meeting with the CPAC Chairs. The 103rd Street Town Center is being reviewed by Public Works. The Avondale Town Center is scheduled to break ground in February, 2010. The Venetia Town Center will soon go to bid. More information is available at <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Planning%20and%20Development/Community%20Planning/Town%20Center.htm>.
- The Florida Neighborhoods Conference is July 10-11 at the St. Petersburg Hilton Bayfront Hotel. The conference is designed to assist communities in building strong neighborhood foundations by offering workshops, tours, speakers and offering opportunities for neighborhood advocates from small towns to large cities to network and share information. For more information please visit http://www.stpete.org/neighborhoods/florida_neighborhoods_conference/index or call Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260.

Jacksonville Journey: Information is available at www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey.

Emergency Preparedness:

Do you know the storm surge zone and evacuation zone for your home and work? See JFRD's interactive site at:

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Fire+and+Rescue/Emergency+Preparedness/Get+Ready/Evac+Zones.htm>

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Fire+and+Rescue/Emergency+Preparedness/Get+Ready/default.htm>

shelters and Transportation are available for those with special medical needs. Each year new registration is required. Please call 630-2472 or visit

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Fire+and+Rescue/Emergency+Preparedness/Get+Ready/Special+Needs+Registration.htm>.

Emergency Planning for Kids – Information, games, and Planning

www.ready.gov/kids/

<http://www.listo.gov/ninos/index.html>

www.theweatherchannelkids.com

www.sesameworkshop.org/initiatives/emotion/ready

Emergency Planning for Pets:

- Pet Friendly Public Evacuation Shelters are available during hurricane season. Pet friendly shelters are [Landmark Middle School](#), [Mandarin Middle School](#), and [Chimney Lakes Elementary School](#). All pets must have proof of vaccination and registration, be properly crated or caged and be maintained by their owners. Bring a crate/cage, bedding, food, water, medication, toys and other supplies for each pet. For more information, please call 630-2489 or visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Animal+Care+and+Control/Pet+Emergencies/default.htm>
- Pet friendly shelters need volunteers to function. If you would like to volunteer at a pet friendly shelter, please register with Volunteer Services. Please call 630-2489 to volunteer.

For information about preparing your pet, please visit <http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/petstaged.pdf>

Sign up for e-mail notifications from the Mayor's Office at: <http://mayornotification.coj.net/>

Phone Numbers

- City Link- 630-CITY (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number with estimated date of completion.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office)
[Http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu)
- Real Sense Prosperity Campaign - www.realsensejax.org – 632-0600 (United Way 2-1-1) – Help with money matters and tax returns
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 924-1710. Each Thursday morning the Southside WorkSource Center, 6800 Southpoint Pkwy.. For information call 997-3100 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com or 356-JOBS (5627) and the City of Jacksonville Jobs recording at 630-1144 or www.coj.net

If you have questions please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or Marybeth@coj.net

Southwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report - June 8, 2009

| Application Number | Project Type | Description | LPA/PC | Comments |
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| E-09-26 | Exception | 8004 103rd Street, between California Avenue and Hillman Drive (RE No. 013523-0000) | 6/11/2009 | E-09-26 requests an exception to allow for the retail sale of new or used automobiles in the CCG-1 zoning district. The 1.2 +/- acre site is located on 103rd Street and is undeveloped. |
| AD-09-51 | Administrative Deviation | 2349 Bayview Rd (RE No. 094742-0000) | | Requesting to permit/increase existing fence height from 4 to 6 feet along the south property line. |
| AD-09-52 | Administrative Deviation | 5504 Green Forest Dr (RE No. 014911-0000) | | Requesting to reduce the required front yard from 20 feet to 3.5 feet along the east property line and reduce required side yard from 5 feet to 0 feet along the south property line for an existing carport. |

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| JP&DD Contacts: | | |
| Land Use: | Gary Kresel | 630-1945 |
| Rezoning/Exceptions/Variations/Waivers: | Ken Avery/Andy Hetzel/ Folks Huxford | 630-6933 / 630-7157 / 630-7033 |
| PUD Rezoning: | Andy Hetzel/Bruce Lewis | 630-7157 / 630-7052 |
| Cell Towers: | Bruce Lewis | 630-7052 |
| Admin. Deviations: | Ken Avery | 630-2386 |
| Site Plan Review: | Mike Sands | 255-8575 |