

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY January 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 6:38 p.m.

Speakers

- **Zak Ovadia – Director of Facilities Planning – University of North Florida** presented the current master plan for construction and development at UNF. All planned construction will be built in compliance with the U.S. Green Building Council; UNF wants to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible and healthy places to learn and work. The current projects include a new student union, residential town homes, expansion to the College of Health, expansion to the College of Education and Human Services and the Hidden Lake project (sanctuary for reflection, worship and events). UNF is in the process of purchasing Tech Park; the buildings and land east of UNF off of Kernan Blvd. The future plans for Tech Park is to re-develop the buildings to house all the UNF administration and have land for future growth and development.

Staff Reports

- **Ed Hall, Mayor Liaison:** announced that be 4 road projects will begin this year in the SE district:
 - Dean Road – from Beach Boulevard to Parental Home Road – start date summer 2008 – completion summer 2009.
 - Hartley Road – from St. Augustine Road to San Jose Boulevard – start date late 2008 – completion late 2009.
 - Kernan Bouevard, Phase 4 – Glen Kernan Parkway to Beach Boulevard – start date spring 2008 – completion date spring 2009.
 - Touchton Road – from Belfort Road to Southside Boulevard – state date summer 2008 – completion date summer 2010.

For further details visit:

www.coj.net/departments/better+jacksonville+plan/roads+projects.htm

- **Jim Green, FDOT:** announced that he can provide the contact information for the Adopt –a-Highway program and that JTA will be hosting a community meeting on Tuesday, January 29th from 5-7 p.m. on the Beach Blvd./University Blvd. intersection project at Love Grove Elementary. JTA will host another community in February to address the University Blvd./Atlantic Blvd. intersection. Two updates on FDOT roadway projects: the Beach Blvd. widening project should be completed in early 2008 and construction at the Baymeadows Road/ San Jose Blvd. intersection project will begin early summer 2008.

- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhoods Services:** reminded the group to attend the Stormwater Town Hall Meetings that are scheduled through out the city. Citizens may attend any of the meetings; individuals are not restricted to attend the meetings that held in their council district. A comprehensive meeting schedule will be emailed.
- **Aaron Glick, Planning and Development:** informed the group that the Planning Department has not received many new applications recently. There is an application review for a PUD on a quarter acre to be used as overflow parking by the Fraternal Order of Police, 5530 Beach Boulevard. The Zoning Code rewrite is still a work in progress; visit the City of Jacksonville website (www.coj.net) to review the current updates.
- **JSO:** Informed the group that robberies have increased drastically. JSO has caught several of the offenders, but still recommends that individuals stay in well lit areas and to be out and about in groups of 2 or more. The next SHADCO meeting will be held on February 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.; for more details call 828-5463.
- **Danny Connell, Code Enforcement:** introduced himself as the new Code Enforcement Supervisor for the Southeast District. Danny also introduced Tim Myers, Building and Zoning Code Enforcement Inspector Senior and Robert Crawford, Code Enforcement Officer Senior.

Chair's Report

- Informed the group that on January 11, 2008 the subcommittee chairs held a quarterly meeting and discussed eliminating the breakout session from the Southeast CPAC meeting agenda. The subcommittee chairs will continue to meet and be available for all of the CPAC members. All subcommittee meetings will be noticed; information about the meeting location, time and topic will be provided to all CPAC members prior to the various subcommittee meetings. If you have any concerns please contact the various subcommittee chairs.
- Remember that Tuesday, January 29th is Election Day; Amendment 1 is on the ballot. An informative handout (contains pro's & con's) about the amendment can be found near the sign in sheets.
- Announced that Charles McBurney, former SE CPAC chair and Florida House of Representative will be the February guest speaker.
- JAA holds community meetings at Craig Airport on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; these meetings will be held until the community has obtained enough information about the Craig Field Expansion.
- On Wednesday, January 30, there will be a special committee meeting about the courthouse.
- Stormwater advisory committee will be holding community meetings throughout the city in regard to the fees and how the fees will be determined.
- Recognized Jim Green, FDOT for his attendance and dedication to the SE CPAC.
- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved November 2007 meeting summary.

Subcommittee Reports:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell. The committee observed the road medians that contained palm trees on Philips Highway, south of Emerson Street and at this time decided that the subcommittee will not pursue the adopt-a-road/highway project for this area. In regard to the water diversion from the St. Johns River, currently the St. Johns Water Management Association will conduct a study on impact and feasibility of this proposed diversion.

Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Bill Kintz. Report presented by Kathleen Perera. Ms. Perera informed the group that within the subcommittee Ms. Perera and Ted Jackson are working with problem areas. Ted Jackson had a community meeting with businesses in the Avenues Mall area, FDOT and the developer of Avenues Walk. FDOT defined the roadway improvements that are necessary to accommodate future growth and development. Kathleen Perera is in the process of making contacts to discuss the traffic issues at the Gate Parkway / Town Center Parkway.

Education – Chairman: Cal Walton. Confirmed that UNF is committed to working with the residents, businesses and the community at large during their growth period; UNF wants to be a good neighbor.

During this report CPAC Chair, Gamal Lyons announced to the group that the Education Subcommittee needed to expand. Gamal stated that this subcommittee will have co-chairs: Cal Walton will focus on the growth and development of university and college level education and George Banks will focus on the development and changes in the area K-12 education.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan. Informed the group that he had the opportunity to meet with the consultants that are working on the 2030 Visioning Plan; at this meeting it was determined that the consultants had some incomplete data which they will correct. The first community meeting for the visioning plan will be held on February 7, 2008 at Twin Lakes Middle School from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The plan should take 1 year to complete and then the city has 1 year to make any changes.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Michael Lashbrook. The LUZ subcommittee discussed 2 issues briefly; development on Goodby's Creek and the proposed rezoning in the Beach Boulevard/St. John's Bluff area. The subcommittee also had a presentation by the Chelsea Cove Homeowners Association. This association addressed comp plan 2007C 0755; which addresses the development of a wooded lot for the purpose of 3 story office park. The association showed how this proposed development would encroach on the residential area; thus the association is opposed to any development that is not residential. It has been requested that an opposition letter be sent from the SE CPAC; at this time an opposition letter has not been drafted. Materials pertaining to another proposed development at the intersection of Belfort Road and Touchton Road

were delivered for the subcommittee to review them; the plans are for a proposed retirement community.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens. Introduced George Bollinger, representing Councilmember Don Redman and Wayne Miller, representing Councilmember Jack Webb; Mr. Miller will be joining us at the February meeting.

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic: Reminded the group to that credit cards crimes are on the rise; most credit card criminals have never held the credit card that they are abusing. Make sure to never let the credit card leave your sight while shopping or dining, but that extra precaution while using your credit card on line. Never give out your credit card information or social security number out over the phone.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

6:30 p.m., Monday, February 25, 2008

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