

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY February 23, 2004

Members and Alternates

Angie Vannatter, Chair
Charles McBurney, Vice-Chair
Ray Aleksic
Teresa Amereihn
Marian Beaman
Vickie Breedlove
Joyce Brown
Bob Burress
Richard Cardell
Robert Chadwick
Ken Charron

Patrick Corrado
Art Costa
Joni Cusic
Christine Fuchs
Lowell Griffith
Jack Hale
Deno Hicks
Jim Hill
Holly Kartsonis
Mike Lawson
Gamal Lyons

Mark MacLean
Charles Magee
Jim McKenney
Evette Murrell
Paul Riel
Madelyn Rubin
Henry Turner
Kimberly Whigham
Elizabeth Wolfe
Rose Zurawski

City Staff/Ex-Officio/Guests

Joyce Bizot, Neighborhoods
Lt. Coxen, JSO
John Crofts, Mayor's Liaison
Jim Green, FDOT
Billy Hamrick, Property Safety
Sarah Heffernan, UNF Nursing
Cecelia Jefferson, Consumer Affairs
Mercy Makkya, UNF Nursing
Karen McCarthy, Mandarin Football League
Renita McCloud, Mandarin Football League

Tyrone McCloud, Mandarin Football League
Asst. Chief Lonnie McDonald, JSO
Doug McDowell, Planning & Development
Debra McLaughlin, UNF
Brett Pickett, Fire Department
The Honorable Art Shad, City Council, District 5
Karim Shepherd, Mandarin Football League
Marlene Tege-Macmillin, GENA
Denise Tieneken, Mandarin Football League
Dawn Wood, Neighborhood Services

Excused

Lanny Felder
Ralph Hodges

David Jaffee
Victoria Pennington

Mark Roesser
Gary Ulrich

Call to Order

Angie Vannatter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She announced that Chris Fuchs has volunteered to chair the Environmental subcommittee and has been appointed to do so.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 6:30-7:05 p.m.

Billy Hamrick, Property Safety Code Enforcement, was allowed to give his report early since he was unable to stay through the entire meeting. From February 1-19, he reported that his division completed 556 inspections despite one position vacancy. The majority of these inspections were for junk vehicles and nuisance.

The Sheriff's office representatives were allowed to speak early because of other duties.

Assistant Chief Lonnie McDonald reported the following:

- Crime in zone 3 is down 13 percent. The new crime statistics mapping program gives updates on 7 and 30 day intervals.
- Car thefts and burglaries around The Avenues Mall have increased.
- On average, there are 40 curfew violators a month in the zone. The second offense comes with a \$50 fine.
- The man who is charged with committing the sexual battery in Mandarin has been apprehended.
- Zone 3 had 5 of 8 traffic fatalities that occurred in the city since the beginning of the year.

Assistant Chief McDonald took questions from the members.

District Fire Chief Brett Pickett reported that he was there to determine how the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department can help the CPAC.

Speakers

Cecelia Jefferson, Chief of the Consumer Affairs Division gave a brief presentation on her division. Some of the division's responsibilities are:

- "Going Out of Business" permits
- "Charitable Solicitation" permits
- Mediate landlord/tenant issues
- Information courses for the public on various consumer issues. Refund anticipation loans are going on right now.

Charlie Magee, CPAC member, introduced Karim Shepherd of the Mandarin Football League who gave a presentation on their group and its needs. The league is one of the fastest growing non-profits in the city with 170 players and cheerleaders. They are an alternative to Pop Warner football. The league stresses academic excellence and monitors progress reports. There is no payroll for the league – everyone is a volunteer. The league is in need of a home field and practice field.

Angie stated that Councilwoman Sharon Copeland and Bob Baughman of the Parks, Recreation and Entertainment Department are coordinating efforts on this issue.

Chair's Report

- Angie reminded everyone to sign in.
- The bus tour is scheduled for Monday March 22 from 1-4 p.m. in lieu of the regularly scheduled meeting. Everyone riding will meet at the JTA Park-N-Ride on Phillips Highway at Butler Boulevard. Killarney Shores is hosting the food.
- Construction will begin at both the Southeast Branch and Mandarin libraries next month so an alternate location will be found.

- The next Mayor's town hall meeting will be held in the Southeast Planning district. More information will be mailed to you as it is known.
- JaxPride Week is February 28 – March 7. Please participate.
- The 9th Annual St. John's River Cleanup is scheduled for March 20th.
- Ken Charron passed around a handout on NIMBYism.
- The Rapid Transit Corridor Study advisory group has chosen 4 crucial bus stations on which to focus. They meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Sharon Copeland will hold her town meeting on March 11 at Mandarin High School. The open house will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the forum beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The Children's Commission New Ways grant applications are due March 15. The deadline for recommendations from the CPAC subcommittee is April 26. The subcommittee members are Gamal Lyons, Betty Wolfe, Chris Fuchs, Kim Whigham and Angie Vannatter. Applications were passed around. For more information contact Pam Paul at the Children's Commission at 630-2695.

Subcommittee Reports

Economic Development & Transportation – Art Costa reported for Ken Charron since he went home sick. The subcommittee reviewed the State Road 9B location study and its impact in Duval County. Alternatives were discussed.

Land Use & Zoning – Paul Riel reported the following as issues discussed:

- Church of the Woods will be relocating to a 40 acre parcel on Greenland Road and came to the CPAC sharing their plans because they wanted to be a good neighbor
- Charles Mann presented plans for rezoning a parcel of land on Shad Road east of Hood Road South. The subcommittee will stay engaged with the process. Although there is significant neighborhood opposition to the rezoning, the owner of the property has agreed to place a larger piece of adjoining property in conservation if the zoning is approved.

Environmental – Chris Fuchs reported on the following issues the subcommittee discussed:

- Council 100 water issue – no new information. Angie mentioned that there was significant opposition from south Florida on the issue.
- Pickwick Park – vagrancy, dumping and lack of mowing. This is still an issue that is being monitored.
- Pine Forest Heights drainage and septic tank problems. Projects done by the city seem to bypass them since they are neither in the Intensive Care Neighborhood of Pine Forest or the Lakewood/San Marco area. The subcommittee will continue to look into this.

Neighborhood Outreach/Membership – Jim McKenney reported on the following issues:

- Calls have come in to him about how to report barking dogs.
- A sheriff's officer has looked into the previous complaint about 18-wheelers parking at Baker Skinner Park. The officer has yet to see them there but has requested a barrier be placed there.
- Young adults have been driving cars onto the railroad tracks at Baker Skinner Park – Jim was requested to look into this with the possible solution of fencing this off.

- Outreach is going to contact those CPAC members who have been absent for more than three meetings to see if the association would like to nominate new members. Jack Hale and Angie will write a letter.

It was reported that tractor-trailers have also been parking in the lot of the now closed Burger King on Beach Boulevard.

John Crofts clarified that when illegal parking is on private property, zoning code enforcement (part of the Planning Department) handles it. When it occurs on the right-of-way it is the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Website – Jim Hill apologized for the delay in members receiving email notification of the January CPAC meeting. There was a server issue that caused this.

Staff Reports

- John Crofts, Mayor's Liaison, reported that:
 - Paul Crawford, Planner with the Planning Department has been named the Mayor's City Council Liaison.
 - The Hometown Democracy Amendment that has been drafted is legislation that would require land use changes and rezonings be approved by referendum. Mr. Crofts believes that this would create many problems with development and encouraged members to vote "no" on this amendment when it comes to vote.
- Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection Division, was not present.
- Jim Green, FDOT, had no report.
- Elaine Mann, DCSB, was not present.
- Dawn Wood, Neighborhood Services Division, reported:
 - Nominations for neighborhood tours for the Florida Neighborhoods Conference are being accepted. She encouraged all neighborhoods to consider sponsoring a tour for the conference.
 - CPAC training will be tomorrow, February 24 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is included so she asked members to let her know of their attendance.
 - Doug McDowell, Planning & Development Department, reported that the semi-annual land use amendment for the Avenues Walk development encountered objections on the state level. The objection was due to traffic issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 26, 2004 at Twin Lakes Academy Middle School media center, 8050 Point Meadows Drive, 32256.

Directions (from the Southeast Branch library): Take Butler Blvd. EAST to St. Johns Bluff Road/9A SOUTH (right). Exit Baymeadows Road WEST (right). At approximately one-third of a mile, turn NORTH (right) on Point Meadows Drive. One-third of a mile down is the school – 8050 Point Meadows Drive. Follow signs for "Buses and Faculty" and park in the back. Facing the open breezeway, the media center is the right-most building.