

District # 3 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Jim Hill

Vice Chair: Danny Becton

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: St. Vincent's Southside
Main Hospital, Auditorium C
4201 Belfort Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
Date: Monday, April 22, 2013

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
Becton, Daniel - Deercreek Homeowner Association
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4
Cuff, Coree, East Hampton HOA
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Inman, Roger – Windy Hills Civic Association
Johnson, Debbie – The Gables Homeowner Association
Johnson, Sr., Kirby - Wyndam Forest Homeowners
Nichols, Theoda – Greater Sans Souci Neighborhood Association
Peek, Luther – Los Prados Condominium No. 1, Inc.
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association
Retterbush, Blake - San Marco Preservation Society
Rothstein, Marj – Villa San Jose Civic
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community
Dobrowski, Norm - Julington Crossing Residential Committee
Heesch-Gilman, Karen - Briarwood Neighborhood Association
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
Peek, Luther – Los Prados Condominium No. 1, Inc.
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowners Association

Elected Officials:

City Council Member Lori Boyer - District 5

Staff:

Hardeman, Bernadette – Duval County Public Schools
Crawford, Robert – Code Compliance, COJ
Glick, Aaron – Planning and Development
Green, James - FDOT
Callahan, Lt. - JSO
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development

Guests:

Gray, Reion – G.E.N.A.
Jackson, Sandra

AnnClapp – G.E.N.A.
Taghi, Shoaie – G.E.N.A.

Dee, Dave – Lake Mandarin HOA
Cornehl, Ernie - Deerwood

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- Chair Hill inquired if everyone had the opportunity to read the meeting summary and if there were any corrections, deletions or additions; there were none. George Banks made a motion to approve the meeting summary and George Bollinger seconded the motion. The March 2013 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

• JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) –

- Lt. Callahan informed the group that overall crime for our district continues to decline. There is still pockets of auto & home burglaries; please remember to lock you cars and close your garage doors. If you see something that doesn't look right call 630-0500.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not present
- **Duval County Public Schools** – Bernadette Hardeman, Ms. Hardeman works in the Office of High School Programs. They are currently working on AP exam review for all students that are enrolled in the AP Programs. Starting the first week in April the exam reviews will be held at one high school per Saturday and move through the city. So far there has been an AP Exam Review at Jeb Stuart and Atlantic Coast High School; this weekend the AP Exam Review will be held at Raines High School. The exam review is open to all students that are enrolled in the AP courses and the AP Exam will be taken in May. They are also working on a conference for Middle School students. The purpose of the conference is to help middle school student's transition into high school and to start preparing for college. Their last big project that they are working on will be implemented before the beginning of the next school year; is how and which students are placed in AP classes. The new criteria will look at each student's performance and try to determine which classes they will best succeed at. There were a couple of questions for Ms. Hardeman: *What are the statistics of students that pass AP exam?* On average, the district has 22 or 23 % of AP students that pass the AP exam. This includes students from Stanton and Paxon. This is a little bit below the state level. *The reimbursement process for dual enrollment for books is supposed to reimburse the parents for books and various materials after the fact. At this time the reimbursements have not come yet, is this true?* Yes, their office is reviewing this policy as to how reimbursement is handled next year. Ms. Hardman stated that she would look into reimbursement from this fall and share that information. *How do the counselors select what courses for the individual students?* The students have the opportunity to select their own electives; the counselor does not select their courses.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – informed the group that construction has started on 9B between 9A and I-95; the new SR 9B section connecting Philips Highway and the I-295 east beltway should be open by spring 2013. Last week there was a meeting to look at the potential extension of 9B into St. Johns County in case the funding would become available. On May 7th, the FEC railroad at the railroad crossing on Race Track Road will host a safety Blitz from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. Mr. Green answered questions from the group. *What are the digital sign that are popping up all over?* They are the same digital system that is used on the highways to communicate traffic information and updates. *Is both sections of the 9B road construction funded?* Yes, all projects must be funded before construction can begin. *Give us an update on the I-95 Overland Bridge project?* Construction is underway and please read the weekly construction notices that

are sent out to learn about what lanes will be closed, lane shifts and construction areas. *What is the status on Phillips Highway?* The ITS project will be done this spring, the road resurfacing will be done this summer (Business Park to Baymeadows), then the project from Bowden to Johns Street will begin later this summer.

- **Neighborhoods Department:**

- **Housing and Community Development Division** – Rosemary Wesolowski

Ms. Wesolowski informed the group about the 21st Annual World of Nations that will be held at metropolitan Park, beginning May 2nd and ending on May 5th. Announce that the PM – Expo will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at UNF from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. There are many classes available and CEU's will be offered at a number of the classes. If you are interested in attending, let Rosemary know and she will email you a flyer with all of the details.

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Robert Crawford

Mr. Crawford stated that cars that are parked on the right of way are a problem. If you are experiencing this in the residential areas, please call 630-CITY and make a report. The Parking Division and JSO handle those concerns. Parking does address concerns with vehicles that are sitting in the same spot for 2 many days, parked with flat tires, expired tags and if the tags are on incorrectly. There seems to be another waves of illegal signs on the right of ways, please call 630-CITY to report them. In Zone 3 there will be a systematic inspection in the Windy Hills area this week. There were a couple of questions for Mr. Crawford: *Our neighborhood is having an issue with a family parking a trailer in their driveway, what can be done?* If it is a landscape business, they can not be parked in a residential area, but if it is a trailer that is just for personal use, it can be parked there as long as it is parked behind the required set back, has current tags and is operable. If you would like Code Compliance to go look at it call 630-CITY and make a report. *Do you work with vendors that set-up for business on the weekend and place out multiple signs?* Yes, Code Compliance can write a \$55 ticket for each sign they have out. Where is the location? *On Southside Blvd., between Whippoorwill and Deerwood Parkway.*

- **Planning & Development** – Aaron Glick.

- Mr. Glick informed the group about the upcoming Planning Commission meetings on April 25th and May 16th. Mr. Glick was not sure if the group had discussed the Denise Landing PUD. This PUD is located north of Julington Creek Road and west of Aladdin Road. This is a 33 unit development of single family homes on 70 foot wide lots. There has been a lot of discussion with local neighbors and the developer as to what is allowed; this project will go before the Planning Commission this week. Also, at 2060 Hendricks Avenue, Layla's, they are expanding the restaurant into a neighboring tenant space and they are requesting an exception for alcohol sales, consumption of alcohol, reducing their required parking spaces from 65 to 0 and asking for a waiver of liquor distance (close to Southside Baptist Church).

- **Parks & Recreation** – Pam Roman

Ms. Roman informed the group that Parks is in the interviewing process of hiring a District Manager for Zone 3. The goal is to have one person in charge of the area and they will focus on the need of that area only. Ms. Roman also spoke to a Park Planner and was informed that there are no park projects planned for this district at this time. Summer camp registration will be held on May 14th online; for families in need there is a voucher program available and that will be held on May 4th. Swimming pools open with a limited schedule on May 25th and open for full season on June 2nd. There are a number of Summer Activity Guides in the back table. Also, all park information can be obtained at JaxParks.com ~ please sign up to get on the Parks Department email list.

- 4. **Presentations** – Paul McElroy, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, JEA

Mr. McElroy informed the group that since October 1, 2012 he has held the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director duties. Mr. McElroy joined JEA in March 2002. Prior to coming to JEA, he was the vice president and general manager of Bombardier Capital Corporation. He brings more than 30 years of experience working in the financial and operational arenas. McElroy currently co-chairs the Large Public Power Council Tax and Finance Committee. He is a member of the Finance and Audit Committee for The Energy Authority, having also served as its chair. McElroy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

Mr. McElroy informed the group that JEA is the seventh largest municipal utility in the U.S.; serves an estimated 420,000 electric, 305,000 water and 230,000 sewer customers in Northeast Florida. He stated that JEA is not owned by investors. JEA was created by the City of Jacksonville to serve those who live here and in the surrounding communities. The sole purpose their business is to ensure the electric, water and sewer demands of our customers are met, both today and for generations to come. JEA is currently looking at our future needs and consumption; thus preparing to grow to meet our future needs.

Currently, JEA owns and operates an electric system with five generating plants, and all transmission and distribution facilities, including over 730 miles of transmission lines and more than 6,500 miles of distribution lines. JEA also produces 3.2 megawatts from a methane-fueled generating facility at the Girvin Road Landfill and 9.6 megawatts from Trail Ridge Landfill. A 12.6-megawatt solar project came online in 2010. JEA's total generating capacity is approximately 3,757 megawatts.

JEA's water system consists of 135 artesian wells tapping the Floridan aquifer, which is one of the world's most productive aquifers. Water is distributed through 36 water treatment plants and over 4,200 miles of water lines. More than 3,700 miles of collection lines and seven regional and seven non-regional sewer treatment plants comprise the JEA sewer system.

JEA is committed to improving the water quality of the St. Johns River. Our reclaimed water system, which supplies water for irrigation purposes, reduces nitrogen released to the river because the treatment-enhanced wastewater isn't put back into the river. Using reclaimed water for irrigation also reduces the demand on the potable water supply taken from the Floridan aquifer.

As a municipally owned utility company, they are not subject to the same state regulations as investor-owned utilities. They are regulated in certain areas of environmental and health matters, power plant location, electric safety and electric rate structure matters. Also, by being a municipally owned utility company, JEA contributes to the City of Jacksonville's general fund. Last year, JEA contributed \$236 million to the general fund. This contribution helps all areas of the city.

Customer satisfaction is an area that McElroy plans to focus on. JEA is dealing with low customer satisfaction ratings from J.D. Power that puts JEA at the bottom of a group of Southeastern utilities. Mr. McElroy has assigned his Six Sigma team to figure out the reasons for the low rankings. Right now, JEA can only speculate.

Mr. McElroy did confirm that JEA is in a good spot financially and stated that they would raise base rates for electricity and water-sewer in the next five years. At this time JEA will not be borrowing and money and with low fuel costs, prices should stay at this current level.

JEA has started using their website (JEA.com) to help provide consumer information and they also have 10 short (2 minute) videos on YouTube go to News from JEA. This videos are instructional on how to use water and electricity more efficiently. Mr. McElroy then took

questions from the CPAC:

Florida is the Sunshine State does JEA have any involvement in solar energy? Yes, we have the 2nd largest solar installation in the state. Do you ever share you solar knowledge with other countries? Yes, contact Joy Worley for information.

The irrigation meter there is a monthly charge regardless if you use it or not. People are going to use the water regardless if they need it or not to get their \$18.00 worth and this isn't helping to promote or conserving water. There is a base charge and that is for service availability; this is to cover the capital cost.

Are you looking at nuclear energy in the future? Long term yes, we are looking to buy approximately 10% of our energy starting in 2017/2018 from a plant in Augusta Georgia. Recently, JEA entered into an agreement to purchase an additional 5% from the Duke Energy plant in South Carolina. The demand for nuclear power has decreased due to the dropping prices of natural gas.

What's up with the purple pipes? Jacksonville got a late start on this. If you live in the newer areas, JEA has laid the infrastructure and has the purple pipes in use. Other than that we don't have much purple pipes. We are currently using about 20% reclaimed water and this is primarily used at golf courses and new commercial areas.

Has JEA thought about privatization? Conservation is stressed, but if JEA is giving the city a portion/percent of the money they collect, do we want to conserve? We need to have a balance on who we sell power to. Power conservation cuts the funds that JEA collects. JEA would like to more power to the demand side management. They do have an economic development rate for companies that are growing and bringing new jobs to Jacksonville. JEA and City Council did recently look at privatization and it was determine that it still is an economic benefit to keep JEA as an authority.

Chairs report - Chair Hill reminded the group that the May CPAC meeting would be 1 week earlier due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The May CPAC meeting will be held Monday, May 20th.

Elected Officials Reports –

Councilmember Boyer informed the group that she was contacted by Mandarin Athletics Association (runs Burnett Park & Greenland Park), by San Jose Athletics (Baker-Skinner Park) and by Jacksonville Youth Soccer (Earl Johnson and Chuck Rogers Parks. All of these associations are having problems with the conditions of the parks and the lack of care that they are receiving. Councilmember is encouraging them to form a youth athletic umbrella group to advocate for the youth athletics. If you know a group that has these problems, please contact Councilmember Boyer.

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs- Jim Hill, Subcommittee Chair
Mr. Hill stated the LUZ subcommittee discussed several issues; no motions or actions were taken.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair
Sent a message to remind everyone that today is Earth day.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

Not present

Education – George Banks

No report, Thanked Ms. Hardeman for the excellent report.

Membership – Kathleen Perera, Subcommittee Chair

Stated that the Subcommittee is working on getting a list together and will be contacting everyone soon.

Transportation – Growth Management -Danny Becton, Subcommittee Chair

Reminded the group that those in the Southeast District that have their trash collected by WastePro will be faced with WastePro converting to the new automated trash collection system and new trash cans. Reportedly, everyone will be given 2 – 96 gallon trash cans and this will cause a problem within their association in regard to storage. The Deercreek Association has contacted WastePro to discuss this problem and they have agreed to get 64 gallon trash cans for their association. WastePro has not ordered the new trash cans yet, but they will be very soon. If your association would like to have the 64 gallon trash cans, please contact Dave Browning at 731-7288 or DBROWNING@WastePro.com

Safety – Betty Wolfe and Roger Inman, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Ms. Wolfe informed the group that there has been a large number (40) of trailers that have been stolen in the last 30 days. JSO has put together a task force to address this and they are asking everyone to try and mark or identify your trailer.

Ad-Hoc:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Danny Becton

At the last meeting they reviewed a couple of audits: 1. The Quarterly 12-31 Report and 2. The Retirement /Pension Fund for general employees (not police & fire). They also reviewed the Mobility Fee that passed through with partial credit for the developers. They also reviewed the bill that Councilman Gulliford submitted to purchase the Jake Godbold Building.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)

George Banks made a motion to adjourn and Richard Cardell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2013 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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