

District # 3

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Patrick Corrado

Vice Chair: Gloria Stephens

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: St. Vincent's Southside
Main Hospital, Auditorium C
4201 Belfort Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
Date: Monday, August 27, 2012

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Becton, Daniel - Deercreek Homeowner Association
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community
Clapp, Ann - Greater Englewood N.A.
Corrado, Patrick, Chair - Mandarin Community Club
Dobrowski, Norm - Julington Crossing Residential Committee
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association
Heesch-Gilman, Karen - Brierwood Neighborhood Association
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
Hodges, Ralph - Englewood Full Service Schools
Johnson, Sr., Kirby - Wyndam Forest Homeowners
McPeek, Patricia – Wolf Creek Condominium Association
McLean, Robert - Mandarin Community Club
Peek, Luther – Los Prados Condominium No. 1, Inc.
Retterbush, Blake - San Marco Preservation Society
Rogers, Henry - Rose Creek Condo Association
Rothstein, Marj - Villa San Jose Civic Association
Royal, James - Brook Hollow Homeowner Association
Stephens, Gloria, Vice Chair - Saddlebrook Homeowner Association
Waddell, John - East Hampton Homeowners Association
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Banks, George - Secret Cove Civic Association
Gile, David – South Riverside Neighborhood Association
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Inman, Roger – Windy Hills Civic Association
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association

Elected Officials:

City Council Member Lori Boyer - District 5
City Council Member Don Redman – District 3

Staff:

Crawford, Robert - Code Compliance
Glick, Aaron – Planning and Development Department
Green, James - Florida Department of Transportation
McEachin, Joel – Planning and Development Department
Nealis, James – City Council, District 5 Assistant

Guests:

Bennett, James - FDOT	Conner – Lopez, Kaitlin - UNF
Corbo, Lisa – UNF	Harrell, Kaitlin – UNF
Hann, Aubrey - UNF	Avella, Eric – UNF
Asti, Joshua – UNF	Floyd, Jackie – UNF
Stewart, Cliff – Jax Golf & CC	Davidivk, Whitney Jax Golf & CC
Green, Karen – Jax Golf & CC	Mehta, Anne – Linkside at Baymeadows
Stewart, Anne – Jax Golf & CC	Prendergast, Leanne – Highland Glen
Kimberley, Randy – Highland Glen	Rewis, Staci - Costco

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Chair Corrado called the meeting to order at 6:47p.m.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- Chair Corrado made a motion to accept the July meeting summary and second by Ann Clapp.
Vote: All in favor, motion carries, the July meeting minutes were approved.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) –**
 - Sgt. Ron Stahl stated that JSO lost all their Community Service Officers last Friday and he requested that everyone be patient with JSO to respond to accidents. There seems to be a spike in kids "car hopping"; that is when kids go through neighborhoods and trying door handles to see which ones are unlocked and steal the contents. Sgt. Stahl opened the floor for questions: Member Peek stated that Chets Creek Elementary is having a lot of problems with speeders in the school zone and she would appreciate an officer to be posted near the school some time. Sgt. Stahl stated that he would share that with the zone commander and have an officer swing by periodically. Member Clapp inquired What is a CSO? Sgt. Stahl stated that a CSO is a Community Service Officer. There were 71 CSO's and they worked the non-felony calls.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not present
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) - James Green**
James Bennett, P.E., FDOT, Urban Transportation Development Manager, presented on Managed Express Lanes. Express lanes are an innovative concept to manage traffic congestion and ultimately provide choices for motorists. These new roadways will provide more capacity in areas where traffic congestion is a major problem. This concept is typically known as an "expressway-within-an-expressway" where the express lanes are separated from the general use lanes.

FDOT is proposing to construct express lanes in each direction on interstates and future projects providing restricted access points. Before entering the express lanes, signs will be posted notifying motorists of the toll pricing at that time. The price of the toll will vary, based on the level of congestion in the express lanes to ensure the express lanes provide reliable travel times. Therefore, the toll will be higher during peak times when demand is greater.

Before all express lane entrances, there will be electronic message signs showing the current toll price so you can choose to use the express lanes or travel the general use lanes. Tolls will be collected using a fully automated system called SunPass. Traffic will be able to move at full speed through a tolled area and automatically deduct the tolls using a transponder that has been attached to the front windshield of someone's car. Funds must be added to the transponder account using cash, check, money order or credit card. There will be no toll booths. All existing lanes will remain free. Tolls will only be applied to vehicles that use the express lanes.

Here are some benefits of using the express lanes:

Time: Express lanes provide predictable travel times, especially during peak travel periods. Motorists that choose to use the express lanes travel at higher speeds than those in the more congested general use lanes. As more motorists choose to travel the express lanes, there will be less traffic using the general use lanes which would help save time for everyone.

Choices: Express lanes provide motorists with the option of a faster, more dependable trip.

Transit: When transit vehicles choose to take advantage of the express lanes, they will also reap the benefits of faster, more efficient travel resulting in higher ridership and a reduction in the total number of vehicles using general use lanes.

Mobility: All of the benefits mentioned above can be grouped into one overriding theme: increased mobility. Improved operations on the express lanes also have the potential to draw vehicles off parallel routes and improve overall traffic flow in the area.

Environmental Advantages: Reducing stop-and-go traffic lessens pollution and improves air quality.

Revenue Generator: It has been determined that the gas tax is not a sustainable source of revenue for the transportation industry. Express lanes will provide an additional source of revenue to support transportation operation and maintenance for these lanes and potentially other construction projects in the Jacksonville area.

FDOT is advancing their plan to build the first express lanes in Northeast Florida and implement them in 2017. 3 projects are planned for Jacksonville area; the first express lanes project is I-295 from I-95 to the Buckman Bridge: FDOT will receive bids from contractors in 2014; the project length is 5.7 miles.

- **Neighborhoods Department:**

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

- Ms. Wesolowski informed the group that Mayor Brown will be the guest speaker at the October CPAC meeting. There is 1 week left to submit a claim with FEMA if you experienced a major problem with Tropical Storm Debby.

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

- Mr. Crawford stated that due to the rain Code Compliance is very busy with growing vegetation. If you have concern please call 630-CITY or make a report on eCare.

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

- Mr. Glick stated that he did not have a report, but was available for questions. There was a question about AD 12-48 and Aaron said he would get back with the specifics on that application.

- **Parks & Recreation** - No one present

4. **Presentations** – James Bennett, P.E., FDOT, Urban Transportation Development Manager, presented on Managed Express Lanes. Express lanes are an innovative concept to manage traffic congestion and ultimately provide choices for motorists. These new roadways will provide more capacity in areas where traffic congestion is a major problem. This concept is typically known as an "expressway-within-an-expressway" where the express lanes are separated from the general use lanes.

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5. Chair's Report – Patrick Corrado

Chair Corrado stated that the SE CPAC needs to replace their T.R.U.E. Commission representative, if anyone is interested, please contact Pat. In November the CPAC needs to hold their election for Chair and Vice Chair. A Nomination Subcommittee needs to be formed. If you are interested in serving on the subcommittee please let us know.

6. Elected Officials Reports – Council members Boyer and Redman were in attendance; no reports were provided.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs- Jim Hill, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Hill stated the LUZ subcommittee discussed many issues and will make 2 motions. 1. A letter of support to keep the traffic light in front of Costco on Gate Parkway. The motion was made; seconded. A support letter will be sent. 2. A number of citizens from Jacksonville Golf & Country Club and Highland Glen Neighborhood attended the LUZ Subcommittee meeting to ask for support in regard to application 2012-370. That application is actually in District 2 (Greater Arlington Beaches District), but it borders the SE CPAC. Application 2012-370 or the Tamaya project has been discussed at previous SE CPAC LUZ Subcommittee meetings. After a lengthy discussion with the full CPAC, a motion was made to support the communities in their opposition. A motion was made; seconded. An opposition letter will be sent.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Reminded the group that Pat mentioned City Beautiful Jacksonville and their programs. 1 person has inquired about their program and services.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

Informed the group that IBM Smarter Cities Challenge team began work in Jacksonville and their focus for 3 weeks will be aimed at revitalizing downtown. A multi-disciplinary team from around the world will spend time interviewing local experts on the challenges the city faces and developing solutions for them. Jacksonville is one of 8 cities in the U.S. and 33 around the world selected for the program this year. Mayo Clinic is starting a large stem cell research project for heart patients.

Education – George Banks and John Waddell, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

No report

Membership – Kathleen Perera, Subcommittee Chair

Not present

Transportation – Growth Management -Danny Becton, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Becton provided an update on the St. Johns River Ferry and he stated that the City of Jacksonville is waiting on funding from FDOT, but it appears that FDOT is not going to fund the ferry. JaxPort Board will be transferring the ferry to the recently created Ferry Commission. This past weekend "Ferry Fest" was held in Mayport to raise awareness and funds for the ferry. The Southside Vision Study is underway. Danny was not able to attend the August 9th meeting, but Carol D'Oforio on his behalf.

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

There was a safety fair on Saturday, August 18, 2012, great information was provided.

Ad-Hoc:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Gamal Lyons

Stated that everything is focusing on the budget at this time.

8. **Unfinished Business** – None

9. **New Business** – None.

10. **Public Comments/Announcements** (3-minute time limit)

Dick Cardell informed the group that former member Ray Aleksic passed away.

11. **Motion to Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 27, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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