

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, February 25, 2013

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Barry, Nancy – Briarwood Neighborhood Association
Becton, Daniel - Deercreek Homeowner Association
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community
Clapp, Ann - Greater Englewood N.A.
Dobrowski, Norm - Julington Crossing Residential Committee
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Johnson, Sr., Kirby - Wyndam Forest Homeowners
Nichols, Theoda – Greater Sans Souci Neighborhood Association
Paniello, Ray – Villa San Jose Civic Association
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association
Retterbush, Blake - San Marco Preservation Society
Rogers, Henry - Rose Creek Condo Association
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowners Association
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
Cuff, Coree, East Hampton HOA
Heesch-Gilman, Karen - Briarwood Neighborhood Association
Inman, Roger – Windy Hills Civic Association
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
McPeck, Patricia – Wolf Creek Condominium Association
Peek, Luther – Los Prados Condominium No. 1, Inc.
Royal, James – Brook Hollow Homeowners Association

Elected Officials:

City Council Member Lori Boyer - District 5
City Council Member Matt Schellenberg – District 6

Staff:

Crawford, Robert – Code Compliance, COJ
Green, James - FDOT
Judge, Jimmy – JSO

Trebatoski, Scott – Animal Care and Protective Services, COJ
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development

Guests:

Gray, Reion – G.E.N.A. Pippen, Brian – Isle of Palms Civic Association
Cornehl, Ernie - Deerwood Weise, Gary
Hayden, Margaret – DCPS

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. Chair Hill stated that there is a change to the LUZ Subcommittee report that he has made. With no other changes requested, Vice Chair Becton made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Kathleen Perera seconded the motion. The January 2013 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) –**
 - Lt. Judge informed the group that Assistant Chief Bobby Deal has moved to Community Affairs. Mike Johnson has been assigned as the new Assistant Chief for Zone 3 (District 3). Lt. Judge stated that he would bring Assistant Chief Johnson and introduce him to the CPAC next month. There was an email request for the Neighborhood Watch List; it was received and Lt. Judge is working with Gary Dickinson to compile that list and it should be completed in a couple of days. For those that follow the crime stats on the JSO website, there have been a couple of crimes that may be skewing the statistics. There has been 1 robbery/carjacking and one robbery/home invasion year to date, but if you are only looking at the statistics it reads that those crimes are up 100%. Please do not think that those types of crimes are out of control. Once again, Lt. Judge stated that it can't be stressed enough to keep garage doors down when you are not out and near them. Truants are still a problem; if you see kids out & about during school hours or after curfew, please call 630-0500 to report your sighting. There was also some discussion about the Red Light Cameras; Lt. Judge provided and pamphlets that provided details to the Red Light Cameras.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not present
- **Duval County Public Schools** – Margaret Hayden, works in the Office of High School Programs. Currently, on the DCPS website, Superintendent Vitti has a Strategic Plan posted and ready for the review and feedback of the community. The Strategic Plan will be available February 19th to March 15th. The Strategic Plan has 4 core values: excellence, integrity, innovation and equity of collaboration. He also plans to improve the schools by expanding early childhood education; increasing the graduation rate; developing instructional leaders; improving teacher quality and morale; streamlining the efficiency of business and operations; and strengthening parent and community involvement. To view the Strategic Plan go to: www.duvalschools.org
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – informed the group that the Governor and FDOT announced last week that they have secured \$78 million in funds to provide 3 new components to the I-95/JTB interchange project. Those components are: 1. The Southbound I-95 / Eastbound JTB interchange will get a flyover 2. The Northbound I-95 to westbound JTB will have the left (westbound) turn lane re-instated 3. The Belfort / I-95 interchange will have braided ramps. The I-95/295 North interchange will be upgraded and will be similar to the South interchange. The I-95 resurfacing project continues. The 9B will have night time lane closures. San Jose and St. Augustine Road will have some

day time lane closures for JEA upgrades. JTB & Hodges will be receiving an expansion. There will be dual left turn lanes added and Hodges will be widened up to the first signal light.

There were several questions about roads and the group learned that: FDOT has the funding available for the Express Lanes on 295 and the project should get under way in January 2014. There is a project to resurface Baymeadows Road starting at Freedom Commerce and ending near Southside Blvd; there may also be some intersection improvements. The state has taken over a number of the BJP projects that were on state roads. Details and design plans for these projects are not available at this time.

o **Neighborhoods Department:**

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

Ms. Wesolowski reminded the group daylight saving is next weekend, so the summertime yard watering system will be in effect. For those that are interested, on March 9 the Duval County Extension Service will host an Irrigation Workshop and on March 15 the Extension Service will hold a Rain Barrel workshop. The Environmental Protection Board is offering a 2013 Earth Day Poster Contest; there is a flyer in the back of the room for complete details.

o **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Robert Crawford
Available for questions

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

o Not present

o **Parks & Recreation** – Pam Roman

4. Ms. Roman informed the group that JaxParks is working to get a District Park Manager for all 6 of the district in Jacksonville and she hope to introduce District 3 to their Park Manager soon. JaxParks is working with some of the new technology to help make going to the park easier and more informed. Check out JaxParks on Facebook and Twitter and let us know what you think.

5. **Presentations** –

Scott Trebatoski, MBA, Division Chief, Animal Care & Control, informed the group that the Animal Care and Control shelter/adoption center in Mandarin has closed. The only shelter/adoption center is located at 2020 Forest St., Jacksonville, FL, 32202. Their hours of operation are:

New Adoption Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Intake hours

Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m. -12 p.m.

office/

Call 630-CITY (2489) for assistance, to report a problem animal or a concern about an animal.

Animal Care and Protective Services enforces city ordinances and state laws relating to domestic animals for the protection of both the human and animal populations of Jacksonville. Their goal is to promote responsible pet ownership, offer healthy, friendly and loving pets to the community and to reunite lost pets with their owners.

At this time Animal Care and Protective Services has a pet placement rate (January 2013)of 90.3%. For those that are interested in adoption the current fees are:

Adoptions

Cats up to 1 year old: \$60

Cats more than 1 year old: \$20

Dogs under 3 years old: \$80

Dogs and cats 3 years old and older: no adoption fee

\$20 city license is required for dogs, cats and ferrets four months and older.

Animal Care and Protective Services also work with missing pets. If your pet is missing you should always visit or call Animal Care and Protective Services. Keep checking back because animals are brought to the shelter every day and visit their website. It was stated that animals in the Lost Pets section are not available for adoption; they hold the lost pets to allow them to be reunited with their owners. Owner reclaim of a lost pet does have a reclaim fee of \$25. To prevent anyone from losing their pets, they do have a microchip ID program and for \$10 you can get your animal microchipped (if not already microchipped).

There were a lot of questions in regard to how Animal Care and Control handled various scenarios with problematic dogs and feral cats. It was indicated that all violations were handled following Animal Control Ordinance, Chapter 462. For the current version of the Animal Control Ordinance, visit the COJ website and check under Animal Care and Protective services to see Chapter 462 of the Jacksonville Municipal Code. Chapter 462 covers the details in regard to: cruelty to or neglecting animals, nuisances, dangerous dogs, vaccination, registration, licensing of animals, impoundment, surrender, redemption, adoption programs, swine as household pets and livestock and poultry in the community.

Notarized affidavits are one way we can enforce certain animal ordinances without Animal Care & Protective Services field officers witnessing the incident directly. You can fill out affidavits for animal cruelty, objectionable noise (barking) for over 30 minutes, destruction of property and other matters. Note: Some violations require more than one affidavit from unrelated households.

For enforcement issues please call 630-CITY or go online to report violations and other animal-related issues such as: Animal at Large, Animal Nuisance, Animal Cruelty, Animal in Distress and Animal Bite.

Charles McBurney, Florida House of Representatives, District 16, informed the group that session begins on March 3, 2013 and runs until May 3, 2013. Representative McBurney discussed the balancing the budget, legislation on justice appropriation, ethics & elections, pensions, education and health care. Representative McBurney encouraged anyone with a question or a concern to contact him at (904) 359-6090 or email charles.mcburney@myfloridahouse.gov.

Chairs report - Chair Hill presented Dick Cardell and Ralph Hodges 2012 Certificates of Appreciation for serving as Subcommittee Chairs.

Elected Officials Reports –

Councilmember Boyer informed the group that WastePro would begin the process of changing their trash collection system to the automated system that is currently being used in Arlington and at the Beaches. In the next few months we will learn more about the system, the trash cans and recycling.

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs- Jim Hill, Subcommittee Chair
Mr. Hill stated the LUZ subcommittee discussed 4 issues; no motions or actions were taken.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Stated that last weekend there was a tree sale in San Marco. Cardell informed the group that this is the right time of the year to plant trees, but please remember to check for the full growth size and pattern of the trees before planting. Also, be careful when planting trees near power lines.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

In a recent Forbes article that Jacksonville was the 2nd fastest city for technology. Also, the U.S. Navy has plans to build a Command Center for Navy Drone Planes.

Education – George Banks

Not present

Membership – Kathleen Perera, Subcommittee Chair

Stated that the Subcommittee meeting on February 9th and discussed many issues. The Subcommittee is interested in learning how the CPAC would like to learn about the meetings, how they would like to be reminded about the meetings, they want to do some outreach with social networking, and they hope to maintain their own database for attendance and membership. They are working on plans to reach new associations and plans to help retain current members.

Transportation – Growth Management -Danny Becton, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Becton informed the members that between JTA presenting at the January CPAC meeting and the Transportation Subcommittee Public Meeting, there has been a lot of interest, ideas and involvement with the Southside Blvd. Vision Project. Mr. Becton plans to share his summary of this Vision plan with the group with his first quarter report; this will be shared with the CPAC electronically.

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

Ms. Wolfe reminded the group that the next ShAdCo meeting will be held at Deerwood Baptist Church.

Ad-Hoc:

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

Stated that they are looking at pension reform and they are currently researching the current real estate issue the city has with city-owned property. Once their research is completed they will formulate a recommendation.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)

Ralph Hodges made a motion to adjourn and Richard Cardell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 25, 2013 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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