

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, June 24, 2013

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
Becton, Daniel - Deercreek Homeowners Association
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community
Dee, Dave – Lake Mandarin HOA
Heesch-Gilman, Karen - Briarwood Neighborhood Association
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Peek, Luther – Los Prados Condominium No. 1, Inc.
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association
Rothstein, Marj – Villa San Jose Civic
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowner Association
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Johnson, Kirby – Wyndam Forest Homeowners
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowners Association

Elected Officials:

Boyer, Lori, City Council, District 5

Staff:

Crawford, Robert – Code Compliance, COJ
Glick, Aaron – Planning & Development Department
Green, James – FDOT
Spenser, Elaine – Chief, Housing & Community Development Division
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development Division

Guests:

Clapp, Ann – G.E.N.A.
Folsom, Norma – G.E.N.A.
Gray, Reion – G.E.N.A.
Shoaci, Taghi – G.E.N.A.
Weise, Gary – Secret Cove Civic Association

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 6:47p.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 Kathleen Perera seconded the motion. The May 2013 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – not present
 - **Mayor's Liaison** – not present
Chair Hill reminded the CPAC that a letter was sent to request that a Mayor's Liaison be assigned to the SE CPAC; it was stated that he is aware that the Mayor has received a letter and is working to assign a liaison. Elaine Spencer, Chief, Housing and Community Development Division confirmed that they Mayor's Office is working to assign a new liaison to the SE CPAC. They plan to have a liaison in place for the July meeting.
 - **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
 - **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green
Mr. Green informed the group that FDOT has not started any new project and all the current FDOT projects are on schedule.
 - **Neighborhoods Department:**
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Rosemary Wesolowski
Ms. Wesolowski informed the group about the Housing and Community Development Division will be offering Homeowner/Condo/Townhome Association Training on July 16, 2013, 5:30 pm in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, 32202. As an update on the proposed SE CPAC Bus Tour; so far 13 people have confirmed that they would like to have a bus tour.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Robert Crawford
Mr. Crawford stated that we are in the middle of the growing season and this is keeping Code Compliance very busy.
 - **Planning & Development** – Aaron Glick no report, but will follow up with LUZ application 2013-292 Courtside Lakes PUD and get more information on group homes.
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Not Present

- ### 4. Presentations – Nathaniel Ford, CEO, JTA, introduced himself to the group and provided some professional background history to the CPAC members. Mr. Ford took leadership of JTA in December 2012 and brings more than 29 years of transportation industry experience and has run two of the largest transportation agencies in the country, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA). With his experience Mr. Ford also has received numerous awards for his ambitious programs and initiatives.

Mr. Ford shared his vision for taking JTA to the next level starting with phase 1 which includes: hiring 5 new Vice Presidents, reviewing all transit operations and systems (what routes are in demand, how the routes being utilized), review planning and construction projects, improve community outreach (merged all the external affairs divisions together: Marketing,

Government Relations, Community Relations and BJP projects), improve efficiencies of Finance and Administration to help grow the system, and improve current policies and procedures of Compliance and Risk Management.

With most of phase 1 complete, Mr. Ford stated they are nearly ready to implement phase 2, which includes reviewing all management positions, review the JTA fleet and possibly start up grading the fleet with vehicles powered with natural gas, improve technology to incorporate real time transit scheduling (via smartphones, iPads, laptops) and review transportation routes.

Mr. Ford also stressed that community involvement is needed and is very important to help JTA provide the service(s) that the community wants and needs. Also from community input and community needs, JTA can better utilize the planning and construction component of JTA.

Mr. Ford was available for a Q&A session.

It was inquired if Mr. Ford has read the 2030 Vision Plan? Mr. Ford stated that he had and they would refer to it while planning future community transit.

On Baymeadows Road there are a lack of shelters are there any future plans? The status of bus stop shelters has been discussed and what they should look like. There is some confusion on style and size of the shelter; this is something that they are working on. Also, there was a bill that was passed and it has put some limitations to what can be built and how many can be built.

Again, Mr. Ford was asked if he had read the Southeast Vision Plan; there was a lot of work that focused on transportation for the district? Mr. Ford stated that they are going through all the different recent studies; they have no intention of re-inventing the wheel.

Is there a plan to extend the Skyway to the athletic fields downtown? It will be considered, but they need to look at commute patterns both ways and on all days of the week and to see what would be the most effective and efficient use of the Skyway. The Skyway is 50% funded by the Federal Government, so JTA needs to make sure they are in compliance with all the Federal Government requirements and guidelines.

What is the status of the Philips Highway BRT? It is in design right now.

Chairs report - Chair Hill inquired if the group is interested in what month & day would they like to plan the tour for? After a series group votes, it was determined that the group would like to have the tour on a Saturday in September. Chair Hill stated that additional details will be provided at the next meeting.

Elected Officials Reports –

Councilmember Boyer ~ no report

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

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

Mr. Hill stated the LUZ subcommittee discussed 2 applications; no motions or actions were taken. The LUZ Subcommittee has requested more information so they can continue to discuss the proposed 99 home Parkside Lakes Subdivision and the requested access to the nearby park. Also, there was some concern arise about operating group home in residential areas.

The subcommittee would like to have Representative McBurney attend the July LUZ Subcommittee meeting to discuss this as it is regulated by state law.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Cardell stated that it is a nice time of the year to visit the parks. During this time of year there are a lot of home on the market for sale. Many times repairs are put off until an owner is getting ready to sell the home. Mr. Cardell encouraged everyone to make the repairs and upgrades while you live in the home and enjoy them.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

Not present

Education – George Banks

Mr. Banks announced that School Board Member, Ashley Smith Juarez would be the guest speaker in the month of July.

Membership – Kathleen Perera, Subcommittee Chair

Informed the group that the subcommittee met on June 1st and they worked on sources to get new members and they are working on a letter to use as a marketing / outreach tool. Kathleen also asked if the neighborhoods would put some information about CPAC's in their newsletter or website and Chair Hill is available to meet with the associations if they have any questions.

Transportation – Growth Management -Danny Becton, Subcommittee Chair

The old Baymeadows Golf Course area is starting to be redeveloped. Many in the neighborhood have met with the developer. The developer would like to file the paperwork by July for the land use change (for a portion of the land they are developing. In the next couple of months Mr. Becton would like to share some defined plans for the project. The developer is hoping to start construction in 2014.

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

Not present

Ad-Hoc:

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

Mr. Becton stated that the pension has taken up a lot of their time, but the Commission has passed a resolution that expressed their opposition to Ordinance 201-366. Ordinance 201-366 makes changes to the police and firefighter system. The Commission also addressed Bill 2013-50; this Bill states that an individual must live within the City of Jacksonville limits to be a part of the T.R.U.E. Commission. The Commission supports the change of the Ordinance from "resident of the city" to "resident of the county". This will allow the residents of the beaches communities and Baldwin to have representation.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)

George Banks made a motion to adjourn and Gloria Stephens seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

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