

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, March 25, 2013

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community
Clapp, Ann - Greater Englewood N.A.
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association
Heesch-Gilman, Karen - Briarwood Neighborhood Association
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
Johnson, Debbie – The Gables Homeowner Association
Johnson, Sr., Kirby - Wyndam Forest Homeowners
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
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
Rogers, Henry - Rose Creek Condo Association
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowners Association
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Becton, Daniel - Deercreek Homeowner Association
Cuff, Coree, East Hampton HOA
Dobrowski, Norm - Julington Crossing Residential Committee
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Inman, Roger – Windy Hills Civic Association
McPeek, Patricia – Wolf Creek Condominium Association
Rothstein, Marj – Villa San Jose Civic

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
Christie, Sgt. P.M.
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development

Guests:

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

Cornehl, Susan - Deerwood

Weise, Gary

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. Chair Hill made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Kathleen Perera seconded the motion. The February 2013 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

• JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) –

- Sgt. Christie informed the group that the new Assistant Chief Johnson was unable to attend because he was attending a funeral for a JSO officer. Sgt. Christie did not have a formal report, but was available for questions.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not present
- **Duval County Public Schools** –not present
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – informed the group that no new projects started, but FDOT will be hosting 3 public workshops. 1. On Tuesday, April 2, 2013, there will be public workshop on the US1 (Philips Highway) from Bowden Road to South of John Street at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 4888 Lenoir Ave. 32216. This project consists of milling and resurfacing the existing roadway. There will also be a continuous bike lane and a five foot sidewalk will be added to both sides of Philips Highway. 2. On April 8, 2013, there will be an open house at the FDOT Jacksonville Urban Office, 2198 Edison Ave., regarding the Landon Middle School Safe Routes to School project. This will include the constriction of approximately 1 mile of concrete sidewalk along Hendricks Ave. from Arbor Lane to LaSalle Street. 3. On April 9, 2013 at the Courtyard by Marriott, 14402 Old St. Augustine Road, there will be a public workshop to discuss the proposed improvements to SR 9B. At this time, the project is to extend SR 9B Extension (Duval County) to CR 22209 (St. Johns Parkway in St. Johns County). This will reduce congestion at the CR 210 and Old St. Augustine Road interchanges at I-95.

• **Neighborhoods Department:**

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

Ms. Wesolowski inquired if the group would be interested in attending a joint CPAC gathering with the other CPAC's in May or June at Hanna Park? If you are interested, please let Rosemary know. On April 11th, The Duval County Extension Office will host a free class on Landscaping for HOA's at the Highlands Branch Library and at all the COJ Libraries are offering free tax preparations available through AARP and RealSense.

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

Mr. Crawford stated that he still has 4 officers that are working under him and they are preparing for the growing season. Code Compliance just completed a systematic inspection in Pine Forest and went through the neighborhood street by street. This generated approximately 100 different violations. Code Compliance has been very active on the snipe signs on the right away and they also want to thank the individuals that are helping rid the signs on the City right of way too. Mr. Crawford also acknowledged that FDOT has also helped in cleaning on the snipe signs on the FDOT right of way as well.

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

- o Not present

- o **Parks & Recreation** – Pam Roman

- Not present

4. **Presentations** –

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools, introduced himself to the CPAC and provided some professional history. Superintendent Vitti shared with the group his Strategic Plan to take Duval County Public Schools from Good to Great. The Strategic Plan has 4 goals: develop great leaders and teachers; equitable and efficient use of resources; engaging the family & care givers and developing the whole child.

Dr. Vitti clarified how he was going to reach his strategic plan. He informed the group that to:

1. **Develop Great Educators and Leaders** he planned to provide teachers and students with the tools and resources necessary to meet the demands of the Common Core Standards and students' individual needs.

Recruit, employ, and retain high quality, diverse teachers, instructional leaders, and staff.

Provide ongoing professional learning and support to develop all teachers, instructional leaders, and staff.

2. **Engage Parents, Caregivers, & Community**, we need to establish and sustain a culture that is collaborative, transparent, and child-centric. Create a welcoming, respectful, and responsive environment for all stakeholders that leads to open lines of communication. Expand partnerships and ensure alignment between district strategic plan and community, government, non-profit, and business initiatives.
3. **Ensure Effective, Equitable, & Efficient Use of Resources** to ensure the use of district funds is transparent, strategic, and aligned. Distribute district-wide programs and resources in an equitable manner. Deploy information technology that supports the academic needs of all students, teachers, and staff.
4. **Develop the Whole Child** we need to facilitate and align effective academic, health, and social-emotional services for students based on needs. Address the needs of all students with multiple opportunities for enrichment. Encourage positive behavior, respect towards others, and ensure safe environments throughout the school district.

There was a lengthy discussion about the FCAT and our current teaching practices; this conversation was followed up by a discussion about national testing. Superintendent Vitti stated that teachers need to teach to the standards and this will take of subjects that are on the FCAT. It was emphasized that Vitti will not allow the teachers to teach only the FCAT; he emphasized the importance as a city, that we need to get our children involved in National Standard testing. It was confirmed that Civics has re-introduced to the middle school students. Superintendent Vitti did also confirm that physical education, art and music will be a part of the curriculum for all schools once again. Superintendent Vitti encouraged all of the CPAC members to get involved in their local schools.

Chairs report - Chair Hill stated that he met with Councilmember Crescimbeni to discuss the automated trash collection system that is scheduled to come to a large portion of the District 3 CPAC area. WastePro will be distributing 2-90 gallon trash cans; one will be for garbage and one for recycling. In August or September we will have a presentation from WastePro to display the new trashcans and how the system will work. Chair Hill confirmed that the yard waste collection will remain the same. Chair Hill also reminded the group that the Mandarin

Community Club will host the 45th Annual Arts Festival will be held this weekend. There is a \$1.00 admission fee for the arts festival.

Elected Officials Reports –

Councilmember Boyer informed the group that at the San Marco Branch Library they have opened an area called Teen Space. Many of the teens that are involved in the “Teen Space” at the library are students from Landon Middle School. Landon Middle School is a magnet school and many of their students needed a safe place to go to after school while waiting on their ride home. The Balis Community Center, City Parks Department and the library came together to work on a safe location for children to go to.

Construction on some of the roadways in San Marco is still on going, but they added extra crews and have started working on the weekends. The San Marco road construction is expected to be completed in April.

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. There was one application that will be visible to everyone; there will be a 150 high flag pole erected at 7880 Gate Parkway (between Point Meadow Drive and I-295). The flag pole is actually a camouflaged cell phone tower; at this time there is no opposition from the surrounding communities that we are aware of.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Stated that last month, he took his own advice and planted another orange tree and a couple of dogwood trees. The garden shops are filled with people looking and probably waiting for warmer weather to arrive. Be careful with your tender plants, this weekend is supposed to be another cold weekend.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

Due to recent Federal Budget cuts, Cecil Airport and Craig Airport were being looked at to possibly close their air traffic control towers. After further review it was determined that the towers would stay open, but the air traffic control tower in St. Augustine was closed.

There is also a house bill in place, HB743, this is in regard to fracking in Florida. This could be very serious and have a major impact on our water source and environment. It is hopeful that the bill passed; the bill would require all companies that are fracking for them to list all the chemicals that they are injecting into the ground.

The USS New York is scheduled to move to Mayport by the end of the year; this is the first of 3 ships that are scheduled to move to Mayport.

Flowers Foods is poised to buy Merita (branch of Hostess Foods) and it was reported that the Jacksonville Merita bakery is state of the art and is the best equipped bakery in a 500 mile radius. If Flowers is able to go through with the purchase of Merita it is hopeful that they will reopen that bakery.

Education – George Banks

No report, Superintendent Vitti covered everything.

Membership – Kathleen Perera, Subcommittee Chair

Stated that the Subcommittee meet in February, they have a plan and they are waiting on a report from JSO.

Transportation – Growth Management -Danny Becton, Subcommittee Chair

Not present

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

Ms. Wolfe reminded the group she attended a meeting on Human Trafficking last Thursday at Deermeadows Baptist Church. It was alarming to learn that many of the individuals that are involved and traded are young kids that are runaways. JSO wants everyone to be aware of this situation and to know that they have created a division that deals with human trafficking.

Ad-Hoc:

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

Not present.

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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