

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, September 24, 2012

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
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
Inman, Roger – Windy Hills Civic Association
Johnson, Sr., Kirby - Wyndam Forest Homeowners
McLean, Robert - Mandarin Community Club
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
Rothstein, Marj - Villa San Jose Civic Association
Royal, James - Brook Hollow Homeowner Association
Waddell, John - East Hampton Homeowners Association
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
McPeek, Patricia – Wolf Creek Condominium Association
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowners Association

Elected Officials:

City Council Member Lori Boyer - District 5

Staff:

Barrow, Donna – City Council, At-Large Group 5
Crawford, Robert - Code Compliance
Glick, Aaron – Planning and Development Department

o **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.

o **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Robert Crawford
Mr. Crawford stated that in Zone 3 they have completed 1150 inspections since the last meeting. They have lost 3 positions, but they are doing their best to keep up with the demand. Mr. Crawford also stated that they have had a lot of luck working with the Vacant Registry in dealing with foreclosures. At this time the Vacant Registry will contact the owner of the property (bank) to maintain the property until it can be sold again. A copy of the Vacant Registry brochure will be emailed to the CPAC members.

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

o Mr. Glick stated that the Planning and Development Department has notice an uptick in application filled with the city. Application fees are going up too: Residential AD's will be \$830, Commercial AD's will be \$890, Exceptions will be \$900 and Exceptions Residential will be \$985.

o **Parks & Recreation** – Jackie Gregson

o Ms. Gregson brought JaxParks Fall-Winter 2012 activity guides to the meeting. Ms. Gregson also informed the group about the JaxParks 6th Worldwide Day of Play, September 29, 2012

Noon - 3 p.m., at Woodstock Park and Edith Brown Ford Community Center, 2839 W. Beaver St., JaxParks, Jacksonville Jaguars and Wolfson Children's Hospital invite you to get outside and play with Nickelodeon-style games like slime and musical pies, and traditional challenges like relay races, tug of war, hoola hoops, putt-putt golf and more.

Community First Saturdays, a JAX Chamber initiative kicks off this Saturday, October 6th on the Northbank Riverwalk Downtown. We start at 9am behind the Times Union Center of the Performing Arts (Community West) with a Tai Chi class on the St Johns River. Fitness classes, bike valet, and bike tours are just some of the activities planned. JaxParks' 9th annual Art in the Park will be held in conjunction with this event from 10am to 4pm, featuring hands on arts and crafts activities for kids and families.

Along with the weekly Riverside Arts Market, Community First Saturdays simply adds to the multiple quality-of-life events on the Riverwalk October 6th including Filipino Pride Day at the Jacksonville Landing, the Pink Ribbon Symposium at the Hyatt, and the Marine Corps Half Marathon which runs through the Riverwalk.

There was a question to Ms. Gregson in regard to the status of a fishing dock at the 9A-Baymeadows Park. Ms. Gregson said she would follow up.

4. **Presentations** –

Brian Phippen, JEA, Conservation and Efficiency Specialist, addressed the #1 way we consume electricity; that is heating and cooling our homes. A typical house hold spends 43% of their monthly bills on heating or cooling their homes. By controlling our thermostats we are controlling our expense. Heating and cooling systems in the United States together emits 150 million tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year adding to global climate changes. They also generate about 12% of the Nation's sulfur dioxide and 4% of the nitrogen oxide.

It was recommended that we need to take charge of our thermostats and there are 8 steps that we can do to help us regain control of our thermostats.

A. First, it is recommended that we seal leaks in air ducts. As heating and cooling systems age, leaks can develop in the ducts. These leaks can contribute tremendously to your energy bill.

B. Install Energy Star Ceiling Fan(s) to use while the air conditioner is running. By using the two together, you can raise your thermostat about 4 degrees and experience any reduction in comfort. Also, running an energy star rated ceiling fan 24/7 will typically only cost about \$6 per month.

C. Set thermostats at 68 degrees and 55 degrees in the winter and 78 degrees in the summer. It is recommended that you set your thermostat at 68 degrees when you're home and at 55 degrees when you're in your cozy bed. For hot summers, set the thermostat for the air conditioner at 78 degrees or higher. Avoid placing a lamp or a TV set near the thermostat. For each degree above 78 degrees that you raise your thermostat you can expect to save 3%/degree.

D. Clean and replace filters in your heating furnace and air conditioner. Filters should be changed monthly and can be purchased in bulk. This action can save you up to 5% of energy used.

E. Programmable Setback Thermostat. Install an Energy Star programmable setback thermostat (also called clock thermostats) to reduce temperatures when you are away or at night. Setback thermostats will save up to 20% on your energy bill, and they are available for \$30-\$150 at hardware stores.

F. Dress Accordingly. Instead of turning the heat up or the AC down, consider dressing to increase your comfort level; less layers in the summer, more layers in the winters.

G. Passive Cooling. The most important way to reduce your cooling /heating bills is to use natural passive cooling. You can plant shade trees and install awning and blinds. Trees should be planted on the south and west side of your house. Open windows at night to cool your home and close them during the day to keep the heat out. Whole house fans help to cool the house too.

H. Look into Solar Powered Electricity. Look into ways to harness the sun's energy especially for heating.

Mr. Phippen also reminded the group that they can contact JEA for a free Energy Audit and a free inside water audit. Call 665-6000 to schedule a free Energy Audit.

Shirley Dasher, Creative Community Solutions informed the group that Clearly Jacksonville wants to open up their electronic billboards for local/community PSA's, such as association meeting notices, education and school related messages, community emergency information to name a few. If you are interested in having a PSA for your organization contact Ms. Dasher at ccsd@comcast.net to get an application.

William Brinton, City Beautiful Jacksonville, shared his concern with traditional billboards, electronic billboards and outdoor advertising. Starting 25 years ago Mr. Brinton started his fight to end visual pollution and has successfully had 1000's of billboards removed from the Jacksonville area. Mr. Brinton also expressed his concern and opposition to the electronic billboards and using them for PSA services.

Chairs report - Chair Corrado announced that a nomination subcommittee has been formed;

George Banks, Ralph Hodges and Gamal Lyons are the subcommittee members. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact one of the members or Rosemary. The election will be held during the November 26th meeting.

As previously mentioned, the SE CPAC T.R.U.E. Commission member Gamal Lyons announced his resignation as T.R.U.E. Commission representative due to the conflict with his work schedule. At this time Danny Becton has volunteered to represent the SE CPAC at the T.R.U.E. Commission. John Waddell made a motion to nominate Mr. Becton and Jim Hill seconded the motion. The CPAC voted unanimously to nominate Danny Becton.

Elected Officials Reports – Council member Boyer clarified a few issues for the group:

Jacksonville Community Council Inc. (JCCI) has released a community survey called Jax2025. This is your chance to share your thoughts and ideas about Jacksonville's future and to have a part in the community effort to develop a vision for Jacksonville. Survey forms are available at the back table or the survey can be completed online at www.jax2025.org.

In response to JSO's presentation on the Red Light Camera's, JSO wrote the bill and requested the red light cameras and presented it to City Council and City Council did pass the bill; the red light cameras were not City Council's idea. The elimination of Community Service Officers is unfortunate, but overall JSO's budget went up. Even with this increase in budget, JSO had to make cuts to offset the increase in budget and the workman comp claims.

On behalf of At- Large Councilmember Lumb, Donna Barrow encouraged the CPAC members to serve on one of the City Council Boards and/or Commissions. Ms. Barrow left paperwork on the back table in regard to the various boards and commissions.

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs- Jim Hill, Subcommittee Chair
Mr. Hill stated the LUZ subcommittee discussed many issues, but there was only one motion made. The motion was made by Chair Corrado to send an Opposition Letter in regard to Administrative Deviation AD-12-58 1917 Hendricks Avenue. The notice of the requested application was received by the CPAC 2 days ago and the San Marco Preservation Society (SMPS) has not received their notice yet. The CPAC is asking for a deferral until SMPS has the opportunity to review the application. The motion was seconded by George Banks. The membership voted unanimously and an opposition letter will be sent.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair
Reminded the group that we need to keep our trees trimmed during wet weather. A small tree recent fell in the back yard and it was due to the root system inability to support the tree with all the rain we have received.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair
Not present

Education – George Banks and John Waddell, Subcommittee Co-Chairs
Stated that they expect representation from the school board at future meetings. Member Becton reminded the group that due to redistricting there has been a new school board member/ district added within the SE CPAC district. The new area / member will represent a lot of the area south of JTB to the St. Johns County line. Deercreek will host a School Board Member Candidate Forum on October 24, 2012 from 6-7 pm in the Deercreek Community (in the Deercreek Clubhouse). For complete details send an email to

deercreekcc.candidate.forum@gmail.com and Danny will email you a .pdf with complete details.

Membership – Kathleen Perera, Subcommittee Chair

In spirit of our newly created Nomination Subcommittee, please nominate new faces from the community to come to the CPAC meeting.

Transportation – Growth Management -Danny Becton, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Becton stated that he had a light report. He is currently waiting on the announcement of the date for the 2nd meeting of the Southside Vision Study; it will probably be held late October or early November. Last month James Bennett from FDOT spoke on the managed express lanes that will be coming to Jacksonville. 2 of the 3 planned managed express lanes projects will be located in the Southeast CPAC. Danny informed the group this his community, Deercreek, has a community newsletter (Deercreek Living) that is printed by the Florida Times Union. Danny contributes to this newsletter by writing a quarterly report to summarize the activities, events and hot topics that occur at the SE CPAC. This month Danny wrote a report on the managed express lanes project and it is available along with James Bennett (FDOT) report on their community's website: www.Deercreekcc.com.

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

Reminded everyone to get their neighborhoods involved in ShAdCoThere was a safety fair on Saturday, August 18, 2012, great information was provided.

Ad-Hoc:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – no report

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)

- Suzanne Jenkins introduced herself and informed the group that she is running for Duval County School Board Representative for District #3
- George Banks announced that Ashley Smith Juarez was at the meeting earlier, she is also running Duval County School Board Representative for District #3. George also pointed out the due to redistricting many that were in Charles McBurney district may now be in Lake Ray's district; George encouraged everyone to become familiar with the redistricting and the candidates in your area.
- Michelle Kahil introduced herself and informed the group that she is running for County Judge Group 12

Motion to Adjourn

John Waddell made a motion to adjourn and Henry Rogers seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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