

**SOUTHEAST  
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY  
January 25, 2010**

6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Rd., Main Hospital, Auditorium C, Jacksonville, FL.  
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**Call to Order**

**Jim Hill, SE CPAC Chair**, called the meeting to order at 6:30.m.

**Speakers**

**Tommy Hazouri, Duval County School Board, Board member**, provided an overview of the 2009/2010 school year. The financial and academic challenges for the 2010/2011 school year were also discussed. Due to new state mandates the school district had an \$89 million dollar budget deficit for the 2009/2010 school year. Approximately 140 positions were cut in effort to balance the budget. So far the school board has been able keep the art, music and P.E. program in tack. The school district did receive \$39 million in stimulus money for the current school year, but the 2010/2011 school year is expected to be a \$100 million deficit. Part of the 2010/2011 deficit will be due to the class size amendment becoming effective, thus impacting the budget by \$20 -40 million that will be a new strain on the budget. The school board will need to be creative with ways to balance the budget without impacted the quality of education the students receive.

**Doug Ayars, Duval County School Board, Chief Operating Officer**, informed the group that the new high school; Atlantic Coast High School will open this coming year with approximately 1200-1700 students. The boundary changes have been completed (a copy attached at the end of summary) and all 2010/2011 seniors will remain at their current high school and graduate from that school. The school district is also working on an affiliation with Mayo Clinic to develop a joint program for information technology.

**Bobby Deal, Assistant Chief, Zone 3, JSO**, addressed the murders and home invasions that have recently occurred in the Beauclerc / Mandarin area. Assistant Chief Deal informed the group about a home invasion that took place off San Pablo Road. The invaders entered through an open garage door, walked through the unlocked home entry door in the garage and proceeded to beat the homeowner. JSO was contacted and responded within 15 minutes they caught the suspects unloading the stolen property in a local apartment community. Also during the day there have been a number of residential burglaries off San Jose Blvd. (between Emerson & University Blvd). A spike in business burglaries have also occurred on University Blvd between Beach Blvd and San Jose Blvd; a significant number of these burglaries have been smash and grab type crimes. There have also been a number of strong arm robberies on Powers Ave. Please remember to be aware of your surroundings, have good lighting, make sure foliage, tree and bushes do not allow a place for criminals to hide and enhance your security.

## Staff Reports

- **Bill Killingsworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department:** not present.
- **Jim Green, FDOT:** – informed the group that starting in the spring FDOT will update the traffic lights at the intersection of Emerson and Copper Circle. There will be a lot of improvements along Philips Highway; some of the improvements will be lights, new signals, traffic cameras and ITD traffic signs. There will be a lot of various work activity along Philips Highway over the next year. Progress continues along the Overland Bridge project; currently surveying is being completed along I-95 so sound walls can be extended. Projects on JTB continues; these projects were to be completed by now, but the cold weather has delayed many projects
- **Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** no report – available for questions.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** introduced new members Bill Byers from St. Nicholas Area Preservation and Vickie Kutscher from Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association to the group. Also, informed the group about the free tax preparation that is available from RealSense; encouraged everyone to take a flyer and share with their neighbors.
- **Bruce Chauncey, Code Compliance:** informed the group that they department is expecting a permanent supervisor for the area soon.
- **Shorty Robbins, Recreation and Community Services Department,** informed the group that the Spring Program Guide from the Department of Recreation and Community Services was available in the back of the room. Informed the group that the new Senior Citizen Community Center in the Windy Hills Neighborhood was near completion and the official ribbon cutting ceremony would be announced soon. The Pickwick expansion project will be completed soon and the Palmetto Leaves project has a couple of minor issues with their ball field, then the project will be complete. At the Balis Center (in San Marco) the Recreation and Community Services Department will test a new teen/young adult program that will offer a “coffee house” environment with visual and audio art to be the focus; this program will begin 2-26-10. Summer Day Camp registration will begin May 10<sup>th</sup> in their new offices in the Ed Ball Building (214 N. Hogan St. ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> floor). Additional summer Camp registration details will be provided in the future. On Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31, Camp Milton (on the west side) will host a day of living history. Reenactment, “The Road to Olustee,” at Camp Milton Historic Preserve, 1175 Halsema Road N, Jacksonville. Skirmish and raid Saturday, battle Sunday. Camps open 9 am-5 pm Saturday and 9 am-3 pm Sunday. Free. [www.campmilton.com](http://www.campmilton.com).

### **Chair's Report**

- Verified quorum.
- Announced changed to the subcommittee chair: Kathleen Perera will now lead the Membership Subcommittee and the Economic Development Subcommittee is in need of a new chair.

### **Subcommittee Chair Updates:**

**Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell:** not present

**Economic Development– Chairperson: No Chair**

**Education – Co-Chairmen: George Banks and John Waddell:** John informed the group that he is working with the school board to have a representative to attend at least on a quarterly basis.

**Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan:** informed the group that the visioning draft report was presented last week. The draft is on the Planning and Development Department website for your review.

**Land Use & Zoning – Co-Chairmen: Michael Lashbrook and Pat Corrado:** informed the group that Stacy Ruis attended and spoke on behalf of Welcome Food Store (on San Jose Blvd) applicant for 2009-751. The applicant presented the planned usage of the property and discussed any concerns with the subcommittee. The subcommittee resolved to have the Mandarin Community Club continue discussions with the applicant and had no objections. The subcommittee review the following applications with no concerns voiced: AD 10-01, 10-04, 09-116 and 90-119. There were no other issues.

**Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Kathleen Perera:** Welcomed Bill Byers and Vickie Kutscher to the group.

**Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic:** Not present.

**Transportation Development – Gloria Stephens:** informed the group that Cecil Field has been recognized by the FAA as a space port with the capability of horizontal launch, only 1 of 8 in the country. JTA will hold a Board of Director meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. to report on Strategic Planning and eminent domain. Negotiations at JaxPort continue between Hanjin and the labor unions. The negotiations are due the amount of automated processes that are to be used.

***The floor was opened to all in attendance:***The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

***NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 22, 2010***

***LOCATION: St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Road,  
Main Hospital – Auditorium C***



