

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

July 27, 2009

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 6:30p.m.

Speakers

Brian Pippin, CEM, CGP, JEA Conservation Coordinator, informed that JEA has been working on creating a checklist to see which conservation measures will fit best into your home energy management plan. During the summer months 40 -50% of your monthly bill is due to HVAC. It is suggested that you try the low-cost or the no-cost options first. Some of the heating and cooling low or no cost tips are:

- Have regular heating and air conditioning system maintenance; this can save you up to 15% on your bill.
- Set the thermostat at 78-80 degrees or higher in the summer and at 68 – 70 degrees or lower in the winter for maximum savings.
- Seal all leaks in the heating and cooling ducts, this can save you 1 – 30%.
- Change or clean air filters monthly
- Use setbacks or setups of 5 degrees at night and when you will be away from home for more that one hour or more. A 5 degree shift can save you 3-5% in the winter and 6-8% in the summer.
- Reduce heat gain through glass by using insulated drapes, blinds, shades or exterior shading devices. During the winter this can save up to 2% and up to 12% in the summer.
- Use the thermostat's "auto" setting instead of the "on" setting for your air handler.
- Use ceiling fans or box fans in occupied rooms in the summer to make it feel 3-5 degrees cooler.
- Weather strip doors and windows; this can save you up to 8% on your bill.
- Caulk exterior cracks around windows, where different building materials such as brick and wood meet.
- Use landscaping to shade the air conditioner compressor unit; be sure to leave room for air circulation.

There are Capital improvements that can be made too. Some suggestions are:

- Whenever possible buy Energy Star (www.energystar.gov) qualified products, which use 10-50 % less energy and water than standard models.
- Install a programmable thermostat. Using a programmable thermostat with setups and setbacks can save you 5-15% on your bill.
- Upgrade attic insulation to R-30 or to a minimum of R-19. Good insulation can save you 10-20% on your bill.

- Install solar screens, landscaping, solar film, awning or other exterior shading devices to shade windows to reduce the heat gain through glass.
- Install fireplace doors if there is no flue damper present.

The use of Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) is another conservation tool that every household can use. CFLs use 75% less energy than incandescent light bulbs. They last up to 10 times longer and they produce 70% less heat. CFLs cost more initially, but they cost less to operate.

Brian Pippin has a 45-60 minute conservation education program that is available for all neighborhood and homeowners association. If you are interested in learning more conservation techniques or would like Brian to speak to your neighborhood/homeowner association, please contact Brian at 665-7051 or pippbc@jea.com.

Mike Miller, Director of External Affairs, JTA presented the need for sheltered bus stops throughout the city. It has been proposed that 50 shelters a year, for the next 15 years should be constructed through out the city. To finance the shelters ordinance 2009-401 has been introduced; this bill amends ordinance code to include an exemption allowing signs on transit shelters located on public right-of-way or publicly owned property. With this ordinance in place the additional shelters can be financed by the process of selling advertisement on the shelters to pay for construction and maintenance of the shelters. For additional information, visit www.jtafla.com

Staff Reports

- **Bill Killingsworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department:** not present
- **Jim Green, FDOT:** – informed the group that FDOT is working on the stimulus projects are beginning. The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization will be starting their 2035 plan. In August there will community meetings; the first one will be held on August 25th at the Main Library, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The second meeting will be held at the Southeast Branch Library, August 27th at the Southeast Branch Library, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There were several questions from the floor that Jim addressed such as: the concern on the unsightly / unpainted "Mast Arm" problem; at this time the situation is under legal review.

Concern was expressed in regard to the lighting where Spring Park Road goes under I-95; the FDOT Maintenance Department reports that the light fixtures seem to get broken frequently. FDOT is actively looking at way to better protect them from damage.

There was a question in regard to the River Oaks Road railroad crossing, will the crossing stay open or will it be closed? According to FDOT this is now a legal matter; if you would like to follow up with the FDOT legal counsel in Tallahassee the inquiries should be sent to:

*Bruce Conroy
Chief Counsel, Administrative Law & Real Property Division
Florida Department of Transportation
Hayden Burns Building
605 Suwannee Street, MS 58
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0458
Bruce.conroy@dot.state.fl.us*

- **Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** no report, available for questions.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** reminded the group that it is very important that they share with all of the City Council members their views, interest and concerns about the budget. You can communicate with all the City council members on www.fixitnow.cc
- **Quinn Bledsoe, Recreation and Community Services Department,** no report, but available for questions.
- **Tim Myers, Code Compliance** informed the group that from June 26 to July 27, 2009 the code compliance officers performed 1411 inspections in district 3. The inspection breakdown is: commercial -63, junk vehicles – 46, nuisance – 951, nuisance board up – 26, residential – 285, unsafe structure – 18, Zoning – 306. Also, Code Compliance has moved to their new location in the Jake Godbold Building, 407 N. Laura St., 2nd floor. There have been a number of staff changes in Code Compliance; Terri Lindemann retired on July 17th and Tim Myers, Senior Officer has been reassigned to zone 5. Next month there will be another Code Compliance officer to supervise zone 3.

Chair's Report

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved June 2009 CPAC meeting summary.
- Introduced Theodora Nichols as the new alternate for the Greater Sans Souci Neighborhood Association.

Subcommittee Chair Updates:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: no report.

Economic Development– Chairperson: Kathleen Perera: informed the group that she has updated the website with various economic terms with a brief definition of each. The term defined this month is Consumer Price Index (CPI). CPI is a measure of the average change over time in prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of

consumer goods and services. The CPI is merely a tool to determine the rate of inflation. Ideally, an economy should grow with stable or even falling prices, so the CPI should be as low as possible. However, if prices fall steeply, then there is a risk of sudden deflation.

Education – Co-Chairmen: George Banks and John Waddell: announced that School board member W.C. Gentry will be one of the guest speakers at the August CPAC meeting.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan: informed the group that the Growth Management Vision Planning Steering Committee returned the visioning draft to the consultant with a lot of changes to be made. The consultants are currently re-drawing the second draft. Once a final draft has been accepted, Frank will try to get copies for the CPAC to review. Last week the Baymeadows Transportation Study Public Forum was held. The study has been active for almost 3 years, so the conclusions should be fairly comprehensive and should impact the traffic congestion in & around Baymeadows Road. Lastly, Frank is also working to get approval for the all of the CPAC's to have input with the Fair Share dollars.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Michael Lashbrook. The subcommittee discussed the following applications:

2009-495 Conventional Rezoning, 3906 Hartley Road, request RLD-60 to PBF-1
2009-532 PUD Phillips Hwy. b/n Davis Creek and St. Augustine Road, JEA Plant, request to include additional parcel, PUD stays the same.

E-09-36 Exception 3627 Dupont Avenue, Suite #100, request daycare center in commercial shopping center.

E-09-37 Exception 2875 University Blvd., request SRX, package store for off-premises consumption.

No actions were taken on the applications mentioned above, but the LUZ subcommittee approved a motion to send a letter of opposition regarding Administrative Deviation AD-09-70 9940 Hood Road, request second dwelling on property less than 2 acres. A copy of the letter is attached at the end of the meeting summary.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Chris Monti. Thanked Jim for introducing our new member and stated that there were no other new members at this time.

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic: Informed the group that Zone 3 will host their Safety Fair on August 8th at the Avenues Mall from 10 am to 2 pm. National Night Out will be held on August 4th this year. Lastly, the Sheriff would like to have legislation in place that requires all individuals that purchase a gun must be finger printed.

Transportation Development – Gloria Stephens. stated that she would like to see someone from the Jacksonville Port Authority present at a future meeting.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

Cal Lee, District 3 Duval Soil and Water Conservation District Representativ, extended

an invitation to the group to attend one of their community meetings. Currently the district holds regular board meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Duval Agricultural Extension Office, 1010 N. Mc Duff, Jacksonville, FL. All meetings are open to the public. To learn more about the Duval Soil & Water Conservation District visit <http://duvalconservation.org>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2009

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

August 6, 2009

To: Folks Huxford, Zoning Administrator

At the request of Greater Hood Road Community Association, Southeast CPAC has voted to oppose AD-09-70, a request for an Administrative Deviation to build a second dwelling at 9940 Hood Road.

The lots on that unique section of Hood Road are zoned RR, requiring one dwelling per acre. The subject property is 1.43 acres. The residents there feel that by allowing this homeowner to have one dwelling per three-quarter acre, it would be opening the door to allow others to erect dwellings on lots smaller than the one acre minimum.

This area of Hood Road includes rather large homesteads, including farms with pastures within several hundred yards from this location. The residents have steadfastly fought encroachment of any type on their unique lifestyle, and so the CPAC is requesting that this application be denied. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James E. Hill, Chair
Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Sean Kelly, Chief of Current Planning