

# SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY June 28, 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

**John Peyton, Mayor, City of Jacksonville** provided an update on the 2011 budget, the budget process and the info gathered from the Community Budget Meetings. The Mayor also provided an overview of the 2011 budget and the proposed changes / cuts that are needed to address the \$80 million shortfall. There was also a lengthy Q& A period to follow the presentation.

**Charles McBurney, Florida House of Representatives, District 16** briefly commented on the challenges in the budget that the State of Florida is facing. Representative McBurney encouraged the group to visit [www.MyFloridaHouse.gov](http://www.MyFloridaHouse.gov) to view the state budget and to obtain additional information.

## Staff Reports

- **Bill Killingsworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department**: not present.
- **Dr. Melody Davis, DCPS**: introduced herself and informed the group the School Board is awaiting the FCAT scores (they are due any day) to see how the school preformed this year. After the FCAT scores are in and reviewed, the school district will appoint the principals to their schools. This year there are a number of teachers/principals retiring so there will be a lot of movement in positions
- **Lt. Larry Kitchens, JSO**: Informed the group that crimes / home invasions that occurred in the Greater Englewood Neighborhood area are believed to be isolated cases. There were 2 invasions one night and 1 invasion the next night. It is believed that these were not random invasions and they may be drug related. Use this as a lesson to not open your door to unexpected knocks; utilize your peep holes and always ask who it is before opening the door. Since school is out there has been a problem in District 3 with curfew; curfew applies to those 17 years old or younger and it requires the kids to be off the streets by 11:00 p.m. Sun-Thurs. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

- **Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** no report ~ available for questions.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** informed that Strategies for Safe & Sustainable Communities is schedule for June 4, 2010 at the Embassy Suites on Baymeadows Road; pre-registration is required. Handouts in regard to Hurricane preparedness are available on the back table. The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Neighborhood Conference will be held July 8-18, 2010 in St. Petersburg Florida; for completed details <http://www.stpete.org/fnc>
- **Bob Crawford, Code Compliance:** informed the group that in the last month 1400 inspections were completed in District 3. Available for complete details and questions.
- **Quinn Bledsoe, Recreation and Community Services:** informed the group that today was the 1<sup>st</sup> day of summer camp and informed the group that the Senior addition at the Windy Hills Community Center is open, please have any seniors that are interested contact the center. On July 23, Arts on the Go will be in full swing (visit [www.jaxparks.net](http://www.jaxparks.net) for details) and there are plenty of Summer Activity Guides in back room for everyone.

#### **Chair's Report**

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved May 2010 CPAC meeting summary after a correction to the April Meeting Summary in regard to the Beautification Subcommittee Report. The summary stated no report, but there was a report. The correction will be as follows: "We had the Riverkeeper here and I think we all agree that the river is the cities greatest asset".

#### **Subcommittee Chair Updates:**

**Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell:** went to the Mayor's Environmental Luncheon. A number of groups and individuals that work with/ in the environmental arena were recognized. The Mayor's Award went to Dr. Quinn White, Professor at JU; this was to recognize his work with the students. JU is also opening a new Marine Science Center in July.

#### **Economic Development– Chairperson: No Chair**

**Education – Co-Chairmen: George Banks and John Waddell:** thanked Dr. Davis and reminded the group of ere will be another representative at the June meeting.

**Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan:** no report ~ not a lot happening right now.

#### **Land Use & Zoning – Co-Chairmen: Michael Lashbrook and Pat Corrado:**

The LUZ Subcommittee reviewed and discussed a number of applications, but the subcommittee made a motion to send a CPAC letter of opposition on 2010C-012 requesting that the no action by the City of Jacksonville be taken until a sight plan is approved by the Baymeadows Community Council; the vote was unanimous and a letter will be sent.

**Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Kathleen Perera:** a survey has been distributed, please complete and return survey/questionnaire.

**Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic:** informed the group that the roadways on Baymeadows Way (near Wachovia Bank) are being improved with crosswalks in effort to increase pedestrian safety. Also, always be away of your speed while driving, speed and intersections are very dangerous for all, but especially dangerous for pedestrians.

**Transportation Development – Gloria Stephens:** informed the group that construction will begin on 9B ~ there will be a ground breaking ceremony on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am. To get to the Ribbon Cutting, please travel in the 9A northbound lane; parking will be provided.

**T.R.U.E. Commission – Gamal Lyons:** thanked the group for the nomination and explained that the T.R.U.E. was an abbreviation for Tax Revenue Utilization Expenditure. This Commission is the auditing arm of the City Council. Also, this group did not have a meeting this month, but he will have a report at the August meeting.

***The floor was opened to all in attendance:***

Bill Britton spoke on behalf of Ordinance 2010-326 that asked for the SE CPAC support. There was a lively discussion and the group decided not to make a motion on this topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 26, 2010**

***LOCATION: Atlantic Coast High School, 9735 R.G. Skinner Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32256***