

**SOUTHEAST
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
November 23, 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

Jean Tranquille, Chief of Patrol East, JSO, introduced himself and informed the group that he is glad to be back working with District / Zone 2. Previously Chief Tranquille was the Assistant Chief for Zone 2, then after a few years he changed positions and had the opportunity to work with Homeland Security for the City of Jacksonville. Chief Tranquille then was promoted to Chief of Patrol East which includes Zones 1, 2 &3. The Chief did point out that many of the crime issue in district / zone 2 has remained the same. The current hot issue is auto burglaries; remember to keep all valuable out of sight and lock your doors. As the holiday season approaches auto burglaries will increase. Please use good judgment while you are out doing your Christmas shopping; try to shop in pairs, park in a well-lit area, keep your purchases out of sight. JSO will be adding 500 man hours to their schedule for the holiday season. These officers are needed to enhance the peak shopping season starting on Black Friday. JSO is also starting a new program called the Problem Solving Unit. This unit will focus on looking at chronic problems to determine if there is simple solution to these problems, such as increased lighting, building renovation, increased undercover work or social services. After the cause of the problem has been identified the recommendation / solution will be implemented.

Bobby Deal, Zone 3 Assistant Chief, JSO, introduced himself to the CPAC and shared some background / work experience with the group. Assistant Chief Deal also encouraged everyone to get involved with ShAdCo and shared some crime statistics for the district. We were informed that the overall crime in the district was down, but the district is experiencing a lot of juvenile crime, mostly truancy and curfew offences. The Southeast district also has the highest amount of crimes targeting Hispanics. Please remember that you can communicate with JSO through Twitter and Facebook for you neighborhood crime watch programs.

Wyman Duggan, Chair, Charter Review Commission, explained that this commission makes recommendations to the Council and the members of the legislature representing Duval County concerning those provisions in the Charter and other special acts of the Legislature affecting the Consolidated City of Jacksonville. Some of the items that the Charter is currently working on / looking at / reviewing are: the pension funds, the various authorities, public schools, JSO, elections, etc. Every 10 years since 1968 the commission is re-formed with 15 members to review "how we are doing." Within eight months from the date of its first meeting the commission presents to the Council any recommendations for amendment to the Charter. After the presentation

to the Council, the memberships, duties and powers of that appointed Commission cease.

Some of the issues that the commission is focusing on at this time are:

1. Education reform – should the school board be appointed or elected? Should failing schools have/be a charter school?
2. Constitutional Officers – should they be appointed or elected. Currently the Florida Constitution requires to have our 5 Constitutional Officers (Clerk of the Court, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Sheriff) elected.
3. Independence of Authorities – are the local authorities (JEA, JIA, JTA, JAA) too independent? Do they contribute enough money or pay enough taxes to the city?
4. Electoral Reform – should City Council Members terms be staggered? Some feel that there are often too many new Council members coming into office at one time, if the terms were staggered we would have a higher percentage of seasoned members active at various times. Should the City Council and Mayoral elections move from May to November?

The recommendations to these issues and others will be submitted to City Council by February 2010. To learn more about the commission visit:

www.coj.net/City+Council/CharterRevisionCommission.htm or email @ charterrevision@coj.net

Staff Reports

- **Bill Killingsworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department:** not present
- **Jim Green, FDOT** – informed the group that last month he attended the BJP meeting in regard to the Fort Caroline road project and the project is scheduled to begin sometime in November. Other updates are:
 - *The J. Turner Butler Blvd. widening project should be completed by the end of November.*
 - *The Beach Boulevard widening (from Hodges to San Pablo) is underway and must be completed in the next 3 years because that project is funded with stimulus money.*
 - *The Beach Boulevard Bridge over the inner-coastal is almost completed.*
 - *9B project will be underway in the spring; this project is also funded with stimulus money.*
 - *9A landscaping project also underway; the plant materials will mostly be live oaks, cypress and palm trees.*
- **Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** no report ~ available for questions.

- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** asked the group if they had any requests for guest speakers and the requests were: Mayor Peyton, Superintendent Pratt-Dannals, something on the Future Land Map, Mobility Fees, Riverkeeper, Kelly Savage, update on the Sunshine Law, Ander Crenshaw, Angela Corey, Matt Shirk, Dan McCarthy, someone from Mayport to provide update. If you have any additional requests please send them to Rosemary.
- **Aaron Glick, Planning and Development Department:** no report, available for questions.
- **Quinn Bledsoe, Recreation and Community Services Department:** no report, available for questions.
- **Bruce Chauncey, Code Compliance:** announced the district 3 may have a permanent supervisor soon.

Chair's Report

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved October 2009 CPAC meeting summary.

Subcommittee Chair Updates:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: informed the group that several neighborhood churches are working to address crime in the area, property values and developing a teen center.

Economic Development– Chairperson: Kathleen Perera: not present

Education – Co-Chairmen: George Banks and John Waddell: John informed the group that the new High School has been named; it will be Atlantic Coast High School. Their mascot will be the stingrays and the school colors will be orange/ black / white. Also Duval County School Board is also upgrading their technology; one of the perks will be that parents will have access to their children grades. The new On Course Account will replace the S.N.A.P. Grade System, thus making it possible to access the grades. The Principal for a Day program is available for those that would like to learn more about what happens in the schools and last week Martha Barrett was sworn in to the school board.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan: they are still waiting for the final draft of vision plan to come back from Miami. There will be a review and 1 last meeting to make changes.

Land Use & Zoning – Co-Chairmen: Michael Lashbrook and Pat Corrado. The LUZ Subcommittee did not make a motion on any of the applications that they discussed.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Chris Monti. No subcommittee Chair.

Nomination – Chairman: Gamal Lyons. The Nomination Committee held the election for the Chair and Vice Chair for 2010. The election results have Jim Hill remaining as Chair and Pat Corrado will be the new Vice Chair.

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic: no report.

Transportation Development – Gloria Stephens: wished everyone safe travels over the holiday season.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

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

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2010
LOCATION: St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Road,
Main Hospital – Auditorium C

