

District#3 – Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Patrick Corrado

Vice Chair: Gloria Stephens

Neighborhood Coordinator: Rosemary Wesolowski

Meeting began at 6:35 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Location – St. Luke's Hospital
Main Hospital, Auditorium C
4201 Belfort Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
DATE: Monday, March 26, 2012

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members

Banks, George, Secret Cove Civic Assoc.
Barry, Nancy, Briarwood Neighborhood Assoc.
Becton, Daniel, Deercreek HOA
Bollinger, George, City Council Appt. Dist. 4
Cardell, Richard, The Lakewood Comm.
Clapp, Ann, Greater Englewood N.A.
Corrado, Patrick – Chair, Mandarin Comm. Club
Dobrowski, Norm, Julington Crossing Res. Comm.
Hill, James, Greater Hood Road Comm. Assoc.

Hodges, Ralph, Englewood Full Service Schools
Johnson, Debbie, The Gables HOA
Lashbrook, Michael, Walden Woods HOA
McLean, Robert, Mandarin Civic Assoc.
Perera, Kathleen, Alumni Civic Assoc.
Rothstein, Marj, Villa San Jose Civic Assoc.
Royal, James, Book Hollow HOA
Stephens, Gloria – Vice Chair, Saddlebrook HOA
Waddell, John, East Hampton HOA
Wolfe, Elizabeth, Pickwick Civic Assoc.

Excused: Gamal Lyons

Elected Officials: Matt Schellenberg, Council Member – District 6

Staff: Crawford, Robert; Glick, Aaron; Nealis, James; Wesolowski, Rosemary; Wilson, Scott and York, Jessie

Guests: Nate Day, Parkside Lakes
Carol Donofrio
Elissa Schuetz
Evan Schuetz

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum**

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary**

Chair Patrick Corrado asked for a motion to approve the minutes that were e-mailed to all members for the February meeting. Member Waddell motion to approve minutes as distributed with a 2nd to the motion by Member McLean. The minutes were approved by all members being in favor of February minutes.

3. **Staff Reports**

- **JSO** (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) Jesse York, Midnight Watch Commander of Zone 3. Watch Commander York is partnered with Lt. Shift Commander Jimmy Judge. Earlier today Officer York had the privilege to attend a crimes meeting here in our zone to get an idea of what was going on in the zones last week. Assistant Chief, Lieutenant Jimmy Judge attended a directors and sheriffs crime meeting and the information we had is very good. The crime numbers were very low during the past

month with burglaries whether it is homes or auto burglary. The violent crime rate is down right down; they were shocked at how low it was during the last work cycle. One of the biggest things Jacksonville Sherriff Office (JSO) has noticed is that due to the warm weather citizens are leaving their windows open while they are gone. JSO has emphasized to the community the importance of securing their property to lessen the risk of home burglaries. If your vehicle is left unlock, a person can get inside and steal your valuables without leaving any sign of forced entry. Watch Commander York reminded folks that people watch your neighborhood and drive through to pick up your trash, whether it is scrap metal or something else. These people could be legitimate; but be mindful of what you put on the curb outside your home and how you display your home. Right now there are a lot of homes for sale and a lot of people will be driving back and forth through your neighborhood. Citizens need to look out for each other in their neighborhood, get a good description of the vehicle and people because if a house gets broken into, JSO will knock on your door to ask if you saw anyone driving through your neighborhood. Automobile burglaries continue by cars being left unlocked. People will walk by, pull on door handle to see if the vehicle is unlocked, open it and take what they want. This mainly happens at night by kids walking through the neighborhoods. The majority of automobile burglaries are classified as no-sign of forced entries. Best Buy has been getting burglarized across the city and throughout the state. JSO has made some arrests in the past, but some of those individuals are back on the street; JSO doesn't know if these same individuals are responsible for these crimes targeting Best Buy. What happens is that they steal a car and drive it into the store, take what they want (laptops, computers) and leave. Those are some of the crimes going on in their zone. Also, tire rims are being stolen; basically a citizen will approach their vehicle to find it on blocks with their tires and rims stolen. JSO Officers are looking for curfew and truancy violators. At night time if you see kids wandering the streets call JSO and let them know and they will go out and check them out to see why they are out late at night. Curfew hours Monday – Friday is 11:00 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays is midnight. We all need to look out for each other; it is a community effort because things can change in a fraction of a second. During the last work cycle, JSO had a ShAdCo Community walk on Emerson where they knocked on doors and spoke with the residents. After completion of the walk, each officer went his/her own way. Shortly a call was put out saying shots were fired, a person with a gun in the hotel area, motel area; officers involved in the ShAdCo walk responded to the call.

Questions:

- Member Wolfe - do you have any details on the shooting that took place in Sanford?
Officer York – only what you hear on the local news. It isn't always accurate; you don't get a full set of facts.
- Member Waddell - is there anything that can be done about the 10 thousand dollar award – wanted dead or alive?
Office York– State is handling this; the news media is handling this in a vigilante type activity.
- Member Clapp – what can you tell us about the crime on Emerson after the Lieutenants walk?
Officer York – can't tell you much about the shooting other than a person had a gun; he was firing the gun and would not drop it so the Officer had to shoot him.
- Member Clapp – was he killed or what?
Officer York – he wasn't killed; however he is in the hospital with a serious injury.
- Member Perera – could you tell us more about the neighborhood walk plans? Our association is interested (Alumni Civic Association).
Officer York – Lt. Jimmy Judge and Lt. Larry Kitchens hold meetings every month and generally the ShAdCo Chair selects the location and time for the meetings. You can call ShAdCo and once meeting is scheduled, they will disseminate information to you.
- Member Stephens – have there been any reports on assaults in the Mandarin Park? She had heard there have been assaults on citizens walking in the woods just past the park.
Officer York – No reports have been filed to his knowledge. There is an Officer that lives on the property and the park closes at 10:00 p.m.
- Member Clapp – can you follow up with a report on Mandarin Park and let CPAC know in next meeting if there are any assaults?
Officer York – he will follow up and provide CPAC a report. He also stated that he gets a report that lists all applicants requesting usage of the park.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – Carolyn Girardeau, Executive Director for High School Programs for Duval County Public Schools (DCPS).

Ms. Girardeau reported that about two years ago the Superintendent and Board decided that it is time to have quality programs in all public high schools. For about twenty years if a student wanted to take the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, they would have to attend Stanton High School or Paxton High School. Now if a student wants to take this program, they can attend school in their own neighborhood in one school in each quadrant. Ms. Girardeau handed-out brochures that showed a clear picture of how students had to travel across town from Terry Parker High School, Wolfson High School, and Ed White High School to attend the IB Program at Paxton High School or Stanton High School. There is another international program called the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (Cambridge AICE). For many years students could only attend the Mandarin High School for this program; now this program is available at the following high schools:

- Mandarin High School
- Raines High School
- Fletcher High School
- Forest High School

When the program was added to Fletcher High School during last school year, it was expected that twenty-five students would enroll; they tripled their targeted enrollment – seventy-five students enrolled. This means that students are staying at home and attending schools in their neighborhoods rather than taking that long ride across town. The Englewood High School has a program called The Early College. Duval County Schools have a partnership with Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ). Students are able to get their high school diploma and their Arts of Associate (A.A.) degree at the same time. The 9th and 10th grade students stay at school and the 11th and 12th grade students go to the community college full time. This program saves the students quite a bit of money. The cost of taking the A.A. Degree at home would cost approximately ten thousand dollars. There is also a program called the Advanced Placement Honor (AP Honor). Each one of these programs have one thing in common, students can earn college credits while in high school. Students no longer have to travel to Mandarin High School, Paxton High School or Stanton High School to participate in these programs to get a comfortable education. The schools are doing this in roll-out phases; high school programs came first, and now they are working on the middle schools to get them connected and these schools will be known as the feeder pattern. The public schools are interested in Kindergarten through college ready (K-16); they are thinking how to have student's college and career ready.

Questions:

- Member Hodges – why doesn't Ribault High School have an IB Program?
Ms. Girardeau – these programs are very complex, training for the teachers, very expensive and additional materials are needed. Ribault had an IB Program at one time; they still have the Early College Program. At a later time, Ribault students can commute to the Andrew Jackson High School to enroll in the IB Program. They have to be selective of which schools to offer the International Programs due to cost, training of teachers and the success of students.
- Member Clapp – where do they get financing for the programs and materials? With the finances being so dreary right now, how is it being paid?
Ms. Girardeau – Duval County School Board (DCSB) sets priorities and some priorities are not an option. Investing in our children isn't an option. They are willing to build these kinds of programs. Sometimes they are able to offset cost with grants. For example, her office has an Advanced Placement Grant; thirty-five thousand dollars was given to the Wolfson High School to buy specialized books and to do some training for that school. The DCSB also has business partners to offset cost. One of their Board Members, Ms. Burney, is meeting with the Chamber in special efforts to gain them as one of their business partners.
- Member Becton – Is there anything a parent can do to prepare their child for college enrollment in high school? His daughter will be in the 12th grade and will be attending Atlantic Coast High School.
Ms. Girardeau – the Atlantic Coast High School has the AP Honor Program, it was modeled after Stanton High School. The guidance counselor and principal came from Stanton High School. The first thing a student needs to do is meet with the guidance counselor and express to him their desire to be in the college credit program. The parents need to be involved and let their children understand college credits require more work.
- Member Lashbrook – are the books provided? Who pays for the books? Why does it take so long to get reimbursed?

Ms. Girardeau – yes the books are provided and the Florida statute mandates that the schools pay for the college textbooks along with college tuition. The parent pays for the books and gets reimbursed once the course has been completed. The process of reimbursement takes five to six weeks. They are working on the length of the process for parents to get reimbursed. For the early college student, they don't have to pay anything; a system has been worked out for them. The student needs to complete a form so that the parent can be reimbursed for the text books.

- Member Rothstein – what is the mix match of AP courses and dual enrollment? What is available for Home School Students?

Ms. Girardeau – yes a student can do both when they feel they are ready. The AP Programs and dual enrollments are available at all high schools. There is a Home School Office; these students have the AP courses and dual enrollment available.

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green not present
- **Chair Corrado** – Thursday's announcement from the Florida East Coast Industries; they will run private passenger rail service between Orlando and Miami, starting in 2014. A connection to Jacksonville is planned in the future. At this time, they do not know how this will affect the efforts to bring Amtrak services to the Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC rails) between Jacksonville and Miami. Also, earlier this week, Mr. Mike Goldman responded to Mr. Ted Stevens' concern regarding the pavement rehabilitation project on I-95. The Mayport Ferry, the department is working with the City Council Ad-Hoc Committee on the Ferry as well as with others. A survey is being developed to administer to help the understanding of the type and frequency of trips made using the Ferry. The survey will be administered sometime this spring. If you have any questions, please pass them onto Jim Green.
 - **Neighborhoods** – Rosemary Wesolowski
Ms. Wesolowski reminded members that beginning with this meeting; the minutes will be recorded with a Smart Pen. The hand-written notes will be written on standard paper due to the noise level of writing minutes with the Smart Pen.

Questions:

- Member Hodges – do we know why our Web site has been removed from the agenda?
Ms. Wesolowski – other CPAC's do not have their own Web site, so District 3 isn't allowed to include their Web site on the agenda.
- Member Perera – other CPAC's don't meet at our location, so why can't we have our Web site listed on the agenda?
Ms. Wesolowski – all CPAC agenda's need to have the same format..
- Member Hill - who initiated the change in format of agenda?
Ms. Wesolowski – the Mayor's Office is streamlining some of the processes to cut down on some of the budget issues.
- Chair Corrado – is it possible to get the agenda a little earlier than the Friday before the meeting?
Ms. Wesolowski – to her knowledge, yes he can get it earlier. If the committee requires the agenda a week before the scheduled meeting, it can be done to accommodate their needs.
- **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Bob Crawford
Mr. Crawford stated they are under staffed; possibly seven more officers will be hired. They will need several months of training. They just performed a systematic inspection of South Riverside and pulled 110 inspections and they hit commercial properties on St. Augustine Road pretty hard, a lot of river dumping back there. We pretty much covered the whole area. He is revisiting the three corridors next April, from Southside of the beach, University to San Pablo, University from Beach to San Jose, San Jose from Baymeadows to Julington Creek. He noticed there were a lot of signs from last January when they first began hitting the corridors are back up. A lot of the same signs; guess the people are not taking them serious that they can and will be fined a 250 dollar fine. If you see any abandoned property, please call 630-CITY. It is getting to be summer time and there is a need to keep an open eye on the swimming pools in open areas for safety precautions.

Questions:

- Chair Corrado – we can lien unkept property; can we lien businesses that are fined for signs and they don't pay the fine?
Mr. Crawford – first they want to work with the businesses to educate them; by giving them a pamphlet that explains the violations and they are given a warning.

- Member Perera – how good is the self-policing for hurricane season to get the ditches cleaned out? She put in a request online via 630-CITY that the ditches have not been serviced in years in her Alumni Civic Association area.

Mr. Crawford – fortunately you have some officers on your CPAC that are concerned also. When they are on the systematic inspections, they do look at the ditches and they are to be maintained by Right-of-Way (ROW) Ground Maintenance. Code Enforcement tells ROW when the ditches need to be cleaned out. When ROW clean ditches out is beyond the control of Code Enforcement. The same thing with trees on the ROW, Code Enforcement e-mails them or put a Citizen Active Response Effort (C.A.R.E.) into the system. There are approximately 500 dead trees in this CPAC Area.

- Member Clapp – you mentioned to secure vacant homes; what do you mean by that?
Mr. Crawford – if they see a door left unlock by a realtor showing the property, they will lock the door. If they see it again, they have the right of entry onto the property to check all windows and check for open pools. They will board up windows with plywood and paint it white and secure any open pool.
- Member Clapp – anything else?
Mr. Crawford - they will ensure all doors, windows and pools are secured. They will cut the grass also and not cite them with a violation because this could prohibit the sale of the property. However, they will put a lien on the property.
- Chair Corrado asked Member Clapp what specifically she needs an answer for.
- Member Clapp – how tall does the grass have to be in order to be in violation?
Mr. Crawford – if it reaches 15 inches over the majority of the area or not just weeds and growth; weeds unattended. Code Enforcement wants the grass to be in 50 percent in violation or the back yard or side yard. They can specify that as being in violation.

- **Parks and Recreation** – No one present

- **Planning & Development** – Aaron Glick

Mr. Glick stated that many of the CPAC Members have been following the rezoning of Gate and Belfort Rd, property owned by St. Vincent’s Hospital, trying to get it changed to Commercial Community General-1 (CCG-1). Planning and Development (P&D) has not heard from the applicant; the rezoning has been deferred to April 12. Ordinance 2012-60 and 2012-61 explains how they are trying to rezone this property as (CCG-1).

- Member Banks stated that his Neighborhood HOA (Secret Cove Civic Association) held a meeting a couple of weeks ago and at least 100 people showed up to express their concern of not having a gas station at the corner of the hospital property.
- Chair Corrado asked Mr. Glick if he had any other information to provide to the meeting from his afternoon workshop.
Aaron Glick – nothing new to report.

4. **Presentations –**

- **DCSB (Duval County School Board) – Member Fred “Fel” Lee**

Mr. Lee thanked Dr. Girardeau for making the presentation about the accelerated programs. Mr. Lee will make a schedule to ensure a staff member of Duval County Public Schools attend monthly CPAC meetings. Please allow him a couple of weeks to work on a schedule; this will be a twelve-month calendar so staff can rotate to attend monthly meetings. He has left some Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) sheets on the sign-in table for CPAC members. The testing in Duval County Schools will begin in a couple of weeks for Reading and Mathematics. In Duval, Nassau, St. Johns County there has been a change of how the FCAT will be administered. It was known as FCAT 1.0, but now it is known as FCAT 2.0 which will be a more rigorous test. For the past couple of years, administrators, teachers, board members and superintendents have been working on the FCAT 2.0 test because it will be a much harder test for the students. Starting back in the summer time The Florida State Board of Education said we need to fix a problem so they convened a couple of different groups that included teachers, administrators, community people and superintendents. They worked through this and found that statewide biggest issues are that students are graduating with proficiency, but they aren’t college ready to include Duval County. There has to be a way to equate proficiency in high schools with Scholastic Aptitude Testing (SAT) and American College Testing (ACT), which is a way the

schools can tell if the students are college ready. In Jacksonville, FL the statistics of students requiring remedial courses range from forty percent to sixty percent. Because of the big issues of students not being college ready, this encouraged the education system to revamp elementary schools up to high schools. Elementary schools are now being more rigorous on education to help students to learn the basic skills of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The research of why students are not college ready began in the summer time and just got approved at the end of February. The students grades are based on their FCAT scores – the scores are going to reflect that we have more F schools, but that isn't the case. In the State of Florida, there are two-hundred to two-hundred-fifty failing schools with the new FCAT scores and that number will triple. You cannot always believe what you hear or what you read, if you have questions and/or concerns, please pick up the phone and call someone to get the facts; about seventy-five percent of what you read or heard isn't a complete truth. Superintendent Daniels has brought in a strategic plan to Duval County and he continues to work with the Board to bring about better education for Duval County students. The Board has created an Envision Committee and what this committee will do is to work hand-in-hand with the Board to develop the transparent process. This committee has selected forty to forty-five place holders; one representative is needed from CPAC, Mayor's Office, and Teachers Union, Principals, community, non-profit organizations and teachers. One of their first duties will be to develop a profile matrix and ask if they have all the right players to search for a new superintendent. The first meeting will be the first week of April. This group will have to decide how many times they want to meet. The first two challenges they meet will be:

(1) Know what traits they are looking for in a superintendent

(2) Major stake holders in Jacksonville – what do we want out of an education to move Jacksonville forward; is that a global competitive system? What does it look like? The newspaper said a new Superintendent will be hired by July or August – that isn't true. Once the DCSB and the Envision Committee composes criteria for a new superintendent, this will be given to a search firm which will go out and nationally search for the best candidates for the DCPS position. At the end of day there are fourteen thousand employees that will have to deal with the new superintendent. The Envisioning Committee will take one parent and one principal from each district. If any teacher is interested in serving on this committee, they can put their name in a hat and one teacher will be selected from each district by means of lottery to serve on this committee. Over the next eight weeks the DCSB will meet with elementary principals, elementary teachers, middle school principals, middle school teachers and with high school principals and high school teachers so they can have input. There will be a facilitator for these meetings. There is a "Read It for Jacksonville" pamphlet on table for members, this is the Superintendent reading program that was kicked off this past year with a very strong emphasis. The DCPS knows the importance of catching children at an early age to learn how to read. Students need to know how to read before reaching the 3rd grade; if not we are in a lot of trouble. Children start school to learn to read, after the 3rd grade they read to learn. Also on the table, beside the sign-in sheets is a pamphlet to guide you how you can support this program.

Questions:

- Member Clapp – is there a law to have a Superintendent?

Mr. Lee – there is a statue; in the State of Florida some schools have appointed Superintendents and some schools have elected Superintendents. The Superintendent is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the school. There are seven DCSB members and each member has two employees. The Superintendent oversees the daily operations; DCSB members cannot oversee daily operations of schools. As of November, 2001 the new Chair is Betty Burney and the Co-Chair is Fred "Fel" Lee. The first week of April, Madam Burney will release a report to the community. The DCSB has a larger budget than the City of Jacksonville (COJ) and this responsibility lies within the Superintendent's job duties. There are three things the committee is looking at to streamline:

- o Fifty percent of teacher's evaluation comes from the Florida Department of Education's FCAT scores; they made the Superintendent's evaluation the same as teachers.
- o Teacher work load needs to be looked at to see if things need to be changed.
- o Succession planning.

• Member Banks – complimented Mr. Lee on being a good communicator. He asked Mr. Lee why didn't they begin the new FCAT in the next academic year or was it ever discussed? Mr. Banks also stated this question is in past tense being the new FACT is in progress.

Mr. Lee – yes it was discussed. Alden Road School has an exceptional center – these students will be held to the same standard as non-challenged students; but this was changed because a lot of people got involved. Some of these students' goals are to learn to eat within a year; they are handicapped

both emotionally and physically. At Neptune Beach School, there are 40-50 handicapped students there and it is good for them to be there because when they have 5th graders reading to them, it changes their lives, both ways.

- Member Banks – how does the assessment test affect a high school student to enroll for college course while in high school?

Mr. Lee – the assessment tests won't affect it.

- Mr. Lee said that Sandalwood School produced the most students to attend military college than any other high school in Jacksonville. They have a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program and they put a bunch of students who will go to WestPoint Academy and some other academies. Approximately forty-five students received their college AA degree before getting their high school diploma.

- Member Nealis – did the actual test change or just the scores?

Mr. Lee – both changed. In two years DCPS are going to a National Core Testing; so all students will be the same through any high school; then they can compare apples to apples.

- Member Banks – who will be paying for getting these students to school? Is the high rise cost of gasoline factored into your budget?

Mr. Lee – what happens is that DCPS gets some pass-through funds. The billion dollar budget isn't for just the classroom, some students get fed three times per day and fifty-five percent students are on reduced or free meals in Duval County. Transportation – DCPS spends about forty to forty-five million dollars and this is a pass-through from the State of Florida. By the statute of Florida, the schools are required to transport students two miles or further away; DCPS schools receive state and local revenue to help pay. The schools are responsible for providing breakfast (some students are dropped at 5:30 a.m.); a teacher has to be on duty to provide safety for these students. There are before school programs and after school programs. The after school programs provides a snack for students. This year there are approximately 850 homeless children in the system; that is down from last year (it was 1,000).

- Member Perera – how does the average person get on the agenda? Concerns about employees having a low morale.

Mr. Lee – gave her contact information for her to contact him.

- Member Barry – are elementary schools tested for proficiency?

Mr. Lee – no but there has been some confusion in the past couple of months because of the Florida Assessments for Instruction for Reading (FAIR) policy changes. The DCSB said if the elementary students don't pass the FAIR test for proficiency, they will use another type of test. The public schools are aware that children loose reading skills during the summer months. Parents need to encourage their children to read. This is a fifty-fifty between the parents and the public schools to keep children interested in reading during the summer months.

- Member Waddell – acknowledged Bonnie Coles for her outstanding efforts to get speakers at each CPAC meeting; the Board has had three or four speakers a year and the staff visits has improved thanks to Bonnie's coordinating these events. Bonnie tracks questions asked at meetings and gets answers; she also serves on their Constituent Board.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Corrado

He stated the importance of attending meetings with/without issues; this is how you learn what is going on in your community. Tonight's meeting is a prime example of why the community needs to get involved with these meetings and get educated on what is going on in their neighborhood.

Chair Corrado stated that he hopes that citizens are as concerned as he is with what you have been reading in the newspaper article written by Florida State College report regarding Angela Corey's prosecutions; he proceeded to state that she was voted in for a reason and it is because of her aggressiveness toward crime. There are a lot of people in jail right now for reasons that are valid.

Chair Corrado received a request for another CPAC Chair; he talked with Danny Becton in regards to saving the Mayport Ferry. It was a letter sent to Council Member Bill Gulford from CPAC Chair Patricia Schorr of District One; it was a letter of support with anticipation of saving the Mayport Ferry. Former Council Member Elaine Brown is a member of the Mayport Ferry Task Force; he would like for her to attend one of their upcoming CPAC meetings to tell them what is going on with the saving of the Ferry and what the options might be. A lot of businesses would suffer without the Ferry and a lot of folks use it to travel back and forth. He asked Danny Becton, Chairman of Transportation Committee, if he would like to pursue the saving of the Ferry and provide feedback at the next CPAC meeting; also, this would be a good time for former Council Member Elaine Brown to provide feedback as well.

Chair Corrado mentioned at last meeting their concern, as a body, the lack of response from the Mayor's Office; he e-mailed the other CPAC Chair Persons and they have similar concerns about meeting with the Mayor's Office and Mayor Brown as well. Two weeks ago all CPAC Chair Persons met at a restaurant downtown and discussed a letter to compose and send to Mayor Brown and copy to a few other folks within his organization.

"We are privileged to serve as Chairs of Jacksonville's six Citizens Planning Advisory Committees (CPAC). Yesterday we met to discuss number of events affecting the CPACs. All expressed concern about recent changes to the agendas, procedures and responsibilities to our city's neighborhood coordinators. We agreed that we need a better understanding of the relationship you and your administration seek with the CPAC's and the citizens we represent. It has been the practice of previous Mayors to meet the Chairs of various CPAC's on a quarterly basis. This meeting provided an opportunity for meaningful communications between CPAC and those of the administration. Request a similar meeting with you and ask that it be skipped during the week of March 26 through April 2". This letter made its way to five CPAC Chairs and then for some reason it fell through the cracks. A new letter will be sent out within the next day or so. Christine Parrish was the author of this letter; she is the Urban CPAC Chair. She will compose the next letter to Mayor Brown. Council Member Don Redman's Executive Assistant, Scott Wilson asked that CPAC Chair Corrado copy all Council Members on the letter to be sent to Mayor Brown.

6. Elected Officials Reports Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/**

- Two speakers were scheduled; reports given by Jim Hill

- Nate Day

Report from Mr. Day – property rezone in 2006 under the Copeland Regime on the corner of Lsoco Rd/Hood Rd South; they are continuing with the Planned Unit Development (PUD). The PUD was abandoned shortly after rezoning occurred because (as they understood) the developer went belly up. The PUD is for one-hundred homes, only doing eighty. Last month they had heard about a round-about being done in that area to facilitate traffic in/out that division, that is no longer on the table, Mr. Day said they didn't have sufficient property rights. It is no longer available.

- Bill Curtis

Report from Mr. Curtis – who is apparently representing Chick-Fil-A, who is interested in the southwest corner of Oak Bluff Lane on San Jose Blvd; that is just north of the Applebee's that was abandoned ten years ago, in front of Target. There was a land use preview workshop at 4:00 p.m. today (Monday, March 26). Basically at this point, it is a proposal for land use change from Residential Professional Institutional/Low Density Residential (RPI/LDR) to Community Commercial General (CCG). Chick-Fil-A wants to put a restaurant on that corner. There was a discussion that the neighborhood has a problem with egress on Oak Bluff and curb cut San Jose would be so far south of the intersection, it would be in front of the bank instead of Chick-Fil-A. This is a preliminary preview of land use. If you want to find more land use issues going on, go to www.jaxsecpac.org and look under LUZ notice.

Questions:

- Scott Wilson to Council Member Don Redman wanted to correct an error when he reported during the Subcommittee minutes address 4409 Southside Blvd, should have been 9047 Southside Blvd.
- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Richard (Dick) Cardell report
 - He thanked Rosemary Wesolowski for attaching to last month's minutes a copy of the regulations of yard waste.
 - He mentioned that now is the time to trim branches off trees in preparation for hurricane season.
 - Glad to see people planting new trees; however, some trees are being planted too close to the house or driveway. Over a period of time this could cause foundation problems due to tree roots growing underneath your house or driveway.
- **Membership** – Member Kathleen Perera

Member Perera welcomed new member, Nancy Barry. Ms. Barry received an appointment letter from Mayor Brown; the letter states that Briarwood Neighborhood Association recommends Ms. Barry as the alternate to serve on District 3 CPAC; this appointment needs to be renewed in two years. The City of Jacksonville Acting Director of Neighborhoods confirmed her eligibility to serve on the CPAC.

- **Transportation** – Growth Management - Daniel Becton, Chair
Chair Becton announced that the Baymeadows Golf Course hasn't died; it has just been in a big planning stage. There is a major meeting going on among Baymeadows community council, the property owner, Planning Department, some of the public officials and D.R. Horton next week. With this meeting all involved will come to a collective agreement on issues such as purchasing part of Baymeadows Golf Courses for different purposes for the community. There are issues involved in rezoning that Horton wants and what the community wants.
There are nine different communities and they are all independent; but, they are all interwoven together because they share the same roads, same ditches, and they can't work together very well financially so they asked Chair Becton to serve on their Executive Committee. He will report the progress to his CPAC members. The CPAC in the Greater Arlington Beaches area would like to have a conversation with transportation in regards to the Mayport Ferry. If you have any ideas or suggestions please let him know.

Questions:

- Jim Hill – sits on the Citizens Advisory Committee for North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) and on their last meeting they did a resolution and forwarded it to the Board of the TPO requesting them to ask someone to do something about maintaining the Ferry. The committee had another meeting going on that day and the letter written will be given to the committee. Transportation Planning Organization is supporting the Mayport Ferry.
- Scott Wilson – announced that Councilman Don Redman filed a resolution this week that adopts the vision plan that was created a year ago.
- **Economic Development** – Gloria Stephens
Ms. Stephens advised that Bi-Lo has bought out Winn Dixie; they decided to move their headquarters here in Jacksonville, FL instead of North Carolina. With Bi-Lo buying out Winn Dixie and is saved a lot of local jobs in Jacksonville, FL. IBM named Jacksonville the smarter city challenge grant recipient for 2012. The cash value of this is about four-hundred thousand dollars to the City of Jacksonville. They have an IBM group of experts that will take a close look at downtown as far as development, how to attract employers and create jobs. There were only eight cities in the United States chosen for this grant and thirty-three worldwide.
Cecil Airport received a space territory designation from the Florida Legislature in March, 2012. Mr. Charles McBurney was a co-sponsor of the bill that was authored by State Representative Lake Ray. The Federal Aviation Administration issued JAA a commercial space port license back in 2010.
- **Education** – Members Waddell and Banks
Member Banks stated that everything has been covered.
- **Safety** – Betty Wolfe
Member Wolfe stated that there was a joint safety meeting held at the Deerwood Baptist Church in Baymeadows. They focused on identity theft – preying on senior citizens.

Questions:

- Chair Corrado asked if members are getting notices of when ShAdCo will have meetings; if not, let him know.
- **Unfinished Business** - none
- 7. **New Business** – none
- 8. **Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** – Member Ann Clapp
Member Clapp stated that she went downtown and the cost of parking in the garage is so expensive. She went to a meter and parked for free. Can the garages lower price of parking? The cost is ten dollars for one evening.
- 9. **Motion to Adjourn** – Chair Corrado asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Hill made the motion and all other members 2nd the motion at 8:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2012 ~ 6:30

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