

District # 3

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Patrick Corrado

Vice Chair: Gloria Stephens

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: St. Vincent's Southside

Main Hospital, Auditorium C

4201 Belfort Road

Jacksonville, FL 32216

Date: Monday, April 23, 2012

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Banks, George - Secret Cove Civic Association

Becton, Daniel - Deercreek Homeowner Association

Clapp, Ann - Greater Englewood N.A.

Corrado, Patrick, Chair - Mandarin Community Club

Dobrowski, Norm - Julington Crossing Residential Committee

Heesch-Gilman, Karen - Brierwood Neighborhood Association

Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association

Johnson, Debbie - The Gables Homeowners Association

Johnson, Sr., Kirby - Wyndam Forest Homeowners

McLean, Robert - Mandarin Community Club

Perera, Kathleen - Alumni Civic Association

Retterbush, Blake - San Marco Preservation Society

Rogers, Henry - Rose Creek Condo Association

Royal, James - Brook Hollow Homeowner Association

Stephens, Gloria, Vice Chair - Saddlebrook Homeowner Association

Waddell, John - East Hampton Homeowners Association

Wolfe, Elizabeth - Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Bollinger, George - City Council Appointment District 4

Cardell, Richard - The Lakewood Community

Hodges, Ralph - Englewood Full Service Schools

Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association

Rothstein, Marj - Villa San Jose Civic Association

Elected Officials: Lori Boyer, Council Member - District 5

Staff:

Crawford, Robert - Code Compliance

Glick, Aaron - Planning and Development

Green, James - Florida Department of Transportation

O'Neal, Keith, Sgt. - Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Spencer, Elaine - Acting Chief of Housing and Community Development

Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development

Guests:

Brinton, William - City Beautiful Jax

D'Onofrio, Carol - Deercreek

Huckaby, Ann

Jenkins, Suzanne
McPeck, Patty - Wolf Creek
Rivera, Daisy
Williams, Cheryl - City Beautiful Jax
Williams, John - Los Lagos Condominiums

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Mr. Corrado called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. A quorum was verified by Ms. Wesolowski.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- Ms. Clapp read the 7 corrections that were needed before minutes could be approved.
Ms. Perera read the letter from Mayor Brown congratulating Ms. Barry's appointment with District 3 CPAC. The letter wasn't recorded in the typed minutes.
Mr. Waddell stated that Mr. Corrado made specific comments about wanting Mayor Brown's support of CPAC'S and it wasn't recorded in the typed minutes.
Mr. Hill apologized for stating that the minutes were not posted on the web-site; he didn't look below the City's logos (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Flickr and Blog).
A motion to approve minutes as amended by members was approved by Mr. Banks and seconded by Mr. Hill.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** - Sgt. Keith O'Neal (standing in for Lt. York)
 - Sgt. O'Neal stated that Lt. York sends his apologizes for not being able to be here tonight. They are working on a child abduction case on Hartley Road. Lt. York mentioned to Sgt. O'Neal that a CPAC member asked about the crime problems in the Walter Jones Park in Mandarin. Lt. York checked records back to June, 2011, and there were no crimes reported at that park. Sgt. O'Neal reported that Lt. York stated to him that there aren't any significant crimes in that area.
 - There were approximately 30 automobile burglaries resolved at Bartram Park. Individuals were breaking into cars and taking things because people were leaving their cars unlocked.
 - Last night JSO arrested an individual on San Pablo Road that was trying to break into a car, but the resident's entire yard was alarmed.
 - Last week approximately 36 children were picked up after curfew.
Comment: Mr. Becton stated that they had a 3rd shooting in Baymeadows over the past 2 years.
Question: Mr. Becton asked Sgt. O'Neal if he had any updates on the shootings in Baymeadows.
Sgt. O'Neal responded that he doesn't have any homicide updates.
Sgt. O'Neal stated that JSO is following up on several shootings.
Question: Ms. Perera asked about curfew violations. What about the repercussions of the parents of these children?
Sgt. O'Neal stated that normally for the first time of a curfew violation, the parents and their child will get a warning. If a 2nd violation occurs the parents and their child will have to appear in court before a Judge and they will be fined.
 - Comment: Mr. Corrado stated that the question last month was about Mandarin Regional Park crime issues, not the Walter Jones Park in Mandarin.
Discussion between Mr. Corrado, CPAC Members and Sgt. O'Neal occurred to determine which park was in question in regards to the crime issues. It was determined that it was the Mandarin Regional Park.
- **Mayor's Liaison** - Housing and Community Development – Elaine Spencer
 - Ms. Spencer announced that she isn't specifically from the Mayor's Office although she was recently appointed. Ms. Spencer wanted to stop by to say hello to everyone. She announced that she will be attending meetings every month or every other month. Ms. Spencer promises to be as engaging as she possibly can and she will work with the CPAC in ways that she can.
Comment: Mr. Corrado and CPAC members welcome Ms. Spencer to attend their monthly meetings.
- **Duval County Public Schools** - No one present.

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) - James Green**
 - Mr. Green reported updates on some of the construction projects:
 - Two pavement rehabilitation projects are on schedule.
 - Southside Blvd. resurfacing starts in District 3 and then it goes into District 2.
 - Mr. Green could not understand why the FDOT cooperated with JEA this weekend to put in a water main.
 - Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is continuing to replace the 9A overhead signs with the new sign I-295 east beltway.
Landscaping of I-295 and J. Turner Blvd. (JTB Blvd.) is underway and will be completed soon.
A project is being started on Phillips Highway. There are ITS features (small message signs, cameras) that go from 9A to Wister Street.
The upcoming resurfacing projects on Phillips Highway are between Business Park and Baymeadows. The FDOT will be selecting contractors this month. The contractors should be able to get started on the project a few months from now.
There will be ITS features (small information signs) added at various state roads including Butler, University Blvd., Emerson and Baymeadows.
There will be a safety project on San Jose/Claire Lane to I-295 to close the medium opening due to hit crash rates. The FDOT will be installing a u turn lane near I-295 to allow northbound traffic to turn south.
Question: Ms. Stephens asked if contractors will bid on the Overland Bridge next month.
Mr. Green responded by stating that next month the contract will be a design bill. The Overland Bridge is near channel 4 tower and Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) empty parking lot. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) doesn't expect construction to start until 2013. The bidding process will allow the bidders to propose alternative designs as long as they accomplish the function that FDOT requires.
Question: Ms. Stephens asked if Emerson and the Fuller Warren Bridge is the project that will take 3 years for construction that begins in January, 2013.
Mr. Green stated that this is a 3.5 year construction project. The original design was a 5 year construction project. Hopefully the designers will complete the project in a shorter time period than 5 years.
Question: Ms. Perera asked if they are done with changing the signs from 9A to I-295 East because there are still some signs that read 9A.
Mr. Green responded by saying yes that there will still be some 9A signs up.
Question: Ms. Perera asked what is going on with the Martin Luther King (MLK) Expressway because a lot of construction is being done in that area.
Mr. Green responded that they are adding an interchange that will grant direct access to the Tallyrand Port.
- **Neighborhoods - Rosemary Wesolowski**
 - Ms. Wesolowski wanted to remind CPAC members that due to Memorial Day on May 28, 2012, the monthly meeting will be moved to Monday, May 21, 2012.
Ms. Wesolowski stated that the Neighborhoods Division is still in the process for approval of an upcoming training class. Hopefully the class can be held on June 5, 2012, for Homeowner Associations and Condominium Associations
Question: Ms. McPeek asked where she could find a map of all the neighborhoods.
Ms. Wesolowski stated that Ms. McPeek is a former member of District 2 (Greater Arlington/Beaches), she has moved and now wants to become a member of District 3. The dividing line between District 2 and District 3 is Beach Blvd. Everything north of Beach Blvd. is District 2. Everything south of Beach Blvd. is District 3. San Marco and St. Nicholas are part of District 3.
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – No report.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Robert Crawford
Mr. Crawford reported that Code Compliance Division has hired 4 more inspectors. The rumor mill is that Code Compliance Officers are getting slack on citations. They are very busy with the issues of illegal signs. They are very busy going to court. Hopefully within the next 2 weeks they can address the 3 Corridors.

- o Comment: Ms. Stephens stated that they are having problems with nutria in the storm water retention ponds.
Mr. Crawford stated that the St. Johns River Management takes care of the storm water retention ponds. Some of the ponds are owned by individuals. You need to look at a map to determine who owns the pond before contacting the St. Johns River Management Office.
- o Comment: Mr. Waddell recognized the good work that Code Compliance Division's inspectors are doing for the neighborhoods.

- **Planning & Development** – Aaron Glick

- o Mr. Glick announced that the applicant requested to have the rezoning withdrawn for the Belfort Road/Gate Parkway Bill No. 2012-60 and 2012-61.
Question: Ms. Clapp asked, "Do you know why they withdrew the petition?"
Mr. Glick said it was due to feedback from the community.
Comment: Mr. Banks stated that they had a meeting at St. Vincent's with approximately 50 people that showed their support as to why Belfort Road/Gate Parkway Bill should be denied.
Mr. Corrado stated that residents should attend all of their neighborhood meetings, not just those where problems are addressed.

- **Parks & Recreation** - No one present

4. Presentations

- **Presentation # 1- Saving the Ferry**

- o Elaine Brown thanked CPAC members for being here at the CPAC meetings and for being active in their community. Ms. Brown spoke about the Mayport Ferry and she also pointed out a broader view of A1A. In November, Ms. Brown was asked to sit down with City Council Member Gulliford and talk about ways that we as a community could begin to save the St. Johns Ferry. The citizens understand the historic value of the Ferry and that it has been running for 60 years. The citizens understand what the Ferry does in the sense of attaching communities together. There was something even bigger and it became an economic development, jobs and vision for both the Navy and for how we as a community will develop in the future. That is all wrapped around the St. Johns Ferry. City Council Member Gulliford called for a town meeting and it was held in mid-January. By the end of February, City Council Member Gulliford asked Ms. Brown to head up a task force that consists of bankers, lawyers, and people who have advertising companies and housewives that are giving up a lot of their time to speak to the community. The task force is letting people know the importance of the fact that we as a community have a connection with the Ferry; that is, A1A goes from Maine to Key West. It will stop in Duval County as a Greenway Trail if we allow it to. It will also impact negatively on comers, U.S. Navy, Mayport and tourism, which is a 2 billion dollar figure for the 3 counties (Nassau, Duval and St. Johns). All 3 counties are connected by A1A. City Council Member Lori Boyer sits on a committee that was formed via City Council President Stephen Joost. The members of that committee are looking at opportunities and ways that we can preserve this link to A1A. The work they have done in the last 5 weeks has been unbelievable. When the Port decided to cease operations of the Ferry, this process will begin in July and will cease operations in September, 2012. This is the time frame that is in position for the process that is going forward right now with the Ferry. The time frame and crunch they are under is something that is real time and can be an overwhelming position to be in with The City of Jacksonville. The Ferry was run by the State of Florida. A little history of the Ferry: the state gave it to the City of Jacksonville (COJ) and The City of Jacksonville gave it to the Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA) 5 years ago. The Ferry is in need of 4 million dollars' worth of capital improvement. As of 2008, the ridership has fallen from 450 thousand to approximately 250 thousand. You may ask why save it; here is the deal, there hasn't been any advertisement, it hasn't been marketed, and there has been an economic turndown that has affected all of us. If we let it go, what we have really missed isn't only future economic development, but we have turned our back on something that most communities would absolutely give anything to have and to have the ability to market. We have the ability to, in the future to continue the Greenway Trail from Maine down to Key West. If we don't keep the Greenway Trail, the bicyclists and hikers will have to cross the Main St. Bridge because there isn't any other crossover. There is a lot more to it. To keep it creates jobs and economic development. If you have the vision to understand that they were not joking when they said that they have to cross this at that particular point, because it does connect to A1A.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has completed their ridership survey and they are analyzing it. The reason they said they did it is before we step up and say we want to continue this moving bridge, that is A1A, what we want to do is to see who rides it, where they are coming from, and where they are going. The ridership survey analysis will show everyone and certainly to the committee that Council Member Boyer is serving on who is riding the Ferry and how important that it is to sustain it. It is Ms. Brown's opinion that the economy is beginning to rebound since the year 2008. Keeping A1A open is an intricate part of the future development of Duval County and certainly our portion of making sure we keep tourism here. All City Council Members need to keep focused on how to keep this in operation.

Comment: Mr. Banks mentioned that Ms. Brown used the tourism which is important to that section of Duval County.

Question: Mr. Banks asked if any thought had been given going back to the drawing board on a cruise terminal in Mayport as this would definitely increase traffic for the Ferry.

Ms. Brown responded by saying that the cruise terminal doesn't fit into that picture and it doesn't function as that kind of boat. The bed tax dollars of tourism affect all of us. When you say 2 billion dollars' worth of economic development through tourism comes here with the utilization of A1A; we lose this money if A1A is gone. This would cause tourists to by-pass Duval County.

Question: Mr. Royce asked why there isn't government funding because A1A is the Ferry.

Ms. Brown responded by stating that Ms. Huckaby is on the task force and that she is looking into federal grants. Two million dollars is needed very quickly. We feel we can easily get 50 thousand riders to start taking the Ferry by informing folks if they stay on I-95 or I-295 coming into Florida they are taking the scenic ride, we are promoting A1A. This will help get the ridership usage increased. By doing so would drive down the operational cost.

Question: Ms. Clapp asked how much money it costs to ride the Ferry. How many riders would be willing to pay more?

Ms. Brown informed Ms. Clapp that it cost 5 dollars to ride the Ferry. If you increase the cost too much, you will lose riders. One of the ways that Council Member Boyer proposes to save money is to increase the monthly passes by 20 percent. In the future they will look for other ways to increase ridership and to lower the operational cost. The larger trucks pay less than buses. The buses pay 10 dollars and most of the trucks pay 5 dollars.

Question: Mr. Banks stated that when the city was running the Ferry, Hornblower was the contractor. Are they interested in running the Ferry again?

Ms. Brown responded by saying that the contractor, Hornblower is interested in coming back to run the Ferry.

Mr. Banks commented that JPA paid the bill.

Ms. Brown stated that JPA was contracted with Hornblower to run the Ferry. In July, 2012, they will start shutting the Mayport Ferry down.

City Council Member Boyer stated in response to Mr. Banks question about JPA paying the bill for the Ferry, JPA comes through City Council annually for funding. The Ferry operates at approximately 500 thousand dollars annually. JPA receives more than 500 thousand dollars annually. This would not be an increase for the City of Jacksonville to run the Ferry; it would be the same funding as last year. The City of Jacksonville spent 26 million dollars to paint the Hart Bridge. The Mayport Ferry is known as the moving bridge that crosses the waterway. The Mayport Ferry's annual budget is 500 thousand dollars a year.

Question: Ms. Stephens stated that a lot of people are unaware of the Ferry's existence and a lot of people don't know where the Ferry is located. How can we inform folks of its existence and location?

Ms. Brown stated that it takes marketing. In 2008, there were 450 thousand vehicles using the Ferry.

Question: Mr. Becton asked Ms. Brown what you would recommend to help this cause.

Ms. Brown commented that during the week when the 7 person committee is studying the Ferry on a City Council meet, she would love for Mr. Becton to be there and he could pass the word onto CPAC. We want to fill City Hall with people who understand the need of keeping the Ferry. The Navy is about to put 2,000 people plus families on the Navy Base. Atlantic Marine (which is now BAE) uses the Ferry all the time servicing the Navy. What Council Member Boyer heard is that there is a reverser clause that the Strickland family gave the land on both sides of the river to The City of Jacksonville only as long as the Ferry operates. When the Ferry stops, the land reverts back to the Strickland family.

Question: Mr. Corrado asked if the Navy could help.

Ms. Brown responded that they cannot.

Mr. McLean commented on the Navy family and how they like to provide comfort for the family.

Mr. Corrado and CPAC members thanked Ms. Brown for her attendance and for the presentation.

- **Presentation #2 – City Beautiful Jax**

- William Brinton and Cheryl Williams.

Mr. Brinton stated that City Beautiful Jacksonville Coalition was previously known as Jax Pride Coalition. When former Mayor Delaney was on a campaign for the Better Jacksonville Plan, Mr. Brinton asked former Mayor Delaney for about 1.4 billion dollars of the 2.2 billion dollars that would go to state highways. Former Mayor Delaney stated that 1.4 billion dollars of the 2.2 billion dollars went to the state highway system. The question presented to former Mayor Delaney was what was the quid pro quo for FDOT getting all that money and not just bring up money in future years for the other 66 counties. Former Mayor Delaney's response was that he had a promise from Mr. Tom Berry to accelerate the replacement of the Matthews Bridge. The Ferry is a small token of the 1.4 billion dollars that we as tax payers have put into FDOT because it is their responsibility. Maybe we should all call Mr. Ananth Prasad Saturday morning and say "hey, where is our Ferry?"

The last time that Mr. Brinton spoke to this CPAC was for a good cause that was lost when Council had issues about electronic bill boards. Council Member Cresembini as the Chair of LUZ asked that members of CPAC weigh in. During each CPAC meeting there was a presentation. Sometimes the other side was present and heard and then sometimes they were present, but silent. Maybe once or twice they missed a meeting, but they would send a letter. The vote among all CPAC's was 99 to 1. Same position as the Planning Commission, their vote was 5 to 1. City Council voted differently than CPAC did. This CPAC like all other CPAC's in the City of Jacksonville care very deeply about the beauty of Jacksonville.

In 1985, the Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. (JCCI) completed a Visual Pollution Study. Mr. Milne was the Chair of the Visual Pollution Study and Mr. Arpen became the Implementation Chair Person. In the mid 1980's, Jacksonville, FL made a lot of progress. The Landscape Commission had started up again, but it no longer exists. In 1989, the Jax Pride was created by Mr. Diamond, Ms. Baker, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Welch and many other citizens to enhance Jacksonville, FL. The City Beautiful Jax is a coalition to enhance the beauty of Jacksonville. The Jax Pride was rebranded recently to be much more specific of what the organization does; it has been rebranded as City Beautiful Jacksonville. The board has 19 members; if you want to join they have 5 vacancies, Mr. Corrado is now a member of City Beautiful Jax. They advocate for a beautiful city. One of the most popular programs created approximately 10 years ago was the Neighborhood Inventory of Visual Pollution (NIVP). Taking a comprehensive inventory to cover all the things that are blight of public property in Springfield will begin in June, 2012. There are handouts available at tonight's meeting that can give you an idea of the problems. Mr. Brinton's challenge to CPAC is for them to go out into their community and identify a number of problems. The responsible party could be a federal government agency, FDOT or local government agency.

The City Beautiful Jax is dealing with initiatives to address litter control and a new ordinance that allow volunteers who are trained to assist Code Enforcement to enforce litter control, snipe signs nailed to poles, graffiti, and the commercial transactions that are posted on the Right-of-Way, these are all litter. Mr. Brinton introduced Ms. Williams to the CPAC members. If you are in need of information, you can contact them via e-mail: info@citybeautiful.org or visit their Web-site: www.citybeautifuljax.org. If you want to speak to one of the members, please call 904-551-6969.

Pat Corrado - President-Elect

Cheryl Williams – First Vice President

Comment/Question: Ms. Perera stated that JSO has mentioned when a neighborhood declines slowly and as they decline you invite crime. Is this true?

Mr. Brinton responded that it is the broken windows we have all read about and when a neighborhood declines, crime is invited.

Comment: Ms. Wolf stated that Ms. Dasher came through Pick-Wick Park and issued a lot of citations because people were parking their boats and trailers on private property. Ms. Wolfe didn't see any pictures of the boats, trailers and broken garage doors.

Mr. Brinton responded that the primary focus right now is public property vs. private property. Even though there are vehicles sitting on blocks, or code violations.

Comment: Ms. Williams asked that if you see a neighborhood that looks great, please contact City Beautiful Jax.

Mr. Brinton stated that beauty is good for business and they are recognizing businesses that have

gone over and beyond to keep their business clean of litter.

Question: Ms. Clapp asked what happens when a child is caught drawing graffiti on a street sign. Does he get prosecuted?

Mr. Brinton stated that he would have to turn that issue over to the State Attorney's Office.

Comment: Ms. Wolfe stated that Mr. Crawford of Code Compliance said the public should not try to clean the graffiti because his office has a special cleanser to remove it.

Mr. Crawford responded by stating they have contractors that will paint or use a special cleanser to remove the graffiti on historic brick.

Mr. Brinton responded to the comment from Ms. Wolfe that hopefully this information will be available on their web-site soon to tell folks what to do. The City Beautiful Jax held a strategic meeting in Springfield. They are trying to document by filming and taking photos of how you go about doing a large scale in using the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). Also, they want the public to be able to replicate it in any neighborhood and see what needs to be done without having to call anyone. When former Mayor Riley of Charleston, S.C. came to Jacksonville, FL, 15 years ago he talked about a program they have in Charleston, S.C.; they have a truck with 40 different colors of paint and the 2 men drive around on a daily basis and paint over the graffiti.

Mr. Carrado stated that sounds like what the Downtown Ambassadors do; they go around and remove graffiti.

Mr. Brinton mentioned that anything we can do to make the city more beautiful will attract more business and people.

5. Chair's Report

- Mr. Corrado recognized Council Member Boyer and thanked her for attending this meeting

Mr. Corrado recognized Ms. Jenkins.

Ms. Jenkins is running for Duval County School Board in District 3. She announced that you can live anywhere in the county to sign the petition to get her on the ballot.

Mr. Corrado stated that he has been requested to serve on the Board with City Beautiful Jax. Mr. Corrado mentioned that Mr. Brinton must have known that his CPAC Chair position is coming to an end and that he would need something to do. Mr. Corrado is on the Board with City Beautiful Jax. Mr. Corrado stated that he looks forward to working with everyone, especially Mr. Cardell, the Subcommittee Chair. Mr. Corrado stated that City Beautiful Jax will make the city beautiful again. He also mentioned that we have the best looking skyline and river you will see anywhere. Mr. Corrado reiterated that City Beautiful Jax isn't just looking for something that needs to be fixed; they also look for good looking neighborhoods. If you see a good looking neighborhood, send them a picture of it because they recognize these neighborhoods with an award on a monthly basis.

6. Elected Officials Reports – Council Member Lori Boyer – District 5

- Mr. Corrado stated that City Council Member Boyer practically covered the Elected Officials Report in the LUZ and Zoning reports. Mr. Corrado will ask if she has any further information to report. City Council Member Boyer didn't have anything further to report.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs**
 - Mr. Hill commented on the LUZ Committee Meeting held tonight prior to the CPAC meeting. The economy seems to be bouncing back. For many months the notices went down to almost zero. They are getting a lot of applications for things being built commercially and for residential. Bill # 2012-64, Mr. Hill didn't have a copy of the PUD but it is 1461 Hendricks Ice House PUD. Apparently there was something there called an Ice House at one time. What they want to do is (as Mr. Hill understands it) to turn it into a restaurant and brewery house and brew their own stuff. They actually brew enough stuff to deliver to other restaurants. The San Marco Preservation Society has taken the position that they don't mind as long as they can have some say on the exterior architectural. They had requested us to ask you guys the authority to send a letter to City Council with a recommendation on 2012-64. Mr. Hill asked if he could have CPAC members to make a motion. Ms. Wesolowski stated that Mr. Hill needed to make the motion. Mr. Hill made a move that the full CPAC send a letter in recommendation on 2012-64, the Ice House PUD on 1461 Hendricks. Mr. Hill will write the letter as soon as he gets a copy of 2012-64 because he doesn't know all the specifics. The motion on the floor is that we send a letter to City Council. Mr. Banks seconded the motion. All members were in favor. They will proceed and send a letter to City Council.

The small section of District 9 that comes into the Planning District 3 is there now, but it won't be after rezoning. Mr. Hill made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Huxford, who is the Zoning Administrator and to the standard list (which is City Council for the most part).

This was an opposition letter. The motion on the floor is that the full CPAC send a letter of opposition to application AD 12-17 to Mr. Huxford and to the entire City Council. Mr. Banks seconded the motion. Mr. Corrado stated that it isn't necessary to include the full CPAC because it won't be heard before them. The full City Council doesn't need to be included in the letter. Mr. Hill modified his motion to have a letter sent to Mr. Huxford, copy the Planning Commission and City Council Member Warren Jones. Mr. Banks seconded the motion for the amended motion. The vote was unanimous.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – No report

- **Membership** –

- Ms. Perera deputized 2 ambassadors: Ms. Jenkins and Ms. McPeek for their support of CPAC. Ms. Perera asked that the ambassadors be invited to attend the meetings. Please ask visitors to attend the meetings as well.

Mr. Becton recognized Carol Donofir, she has been recruited as an alternate member to the Deercreek HOA. John Williams will be a replacement for Mr. Morgan to the Los Lagos Condominium Association; he was given an application to complete for the CPAC membership. Mr. Becton understands that there are a couple of other organization representatives in Baymeadows that may be joining the CPAC: Bill Peek and Kay Straton.

- **Transportation – Growth Management**

- Mr. Becton stated that during the March 26, 2012 CPAC meeting he mentioned that Growth Management was having a major meeting with the Planning Department with the Baymeadows area residents taxing district with developer D.R. Horton. The Growth Management team met with the Planning Department. The Growth Management team walked away agreeing to put together a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the property (Baymeadows Golf Course). The major parcel is off Baymeadows Road, between Bank of America and the Embassy Suites; this area was known as hole number 13 and it is zoned as residential. The developer wants it zoned as commercial. Over the past 3 years an action/vision plan in conjunction with the City of Jacksonville was put together and was presented to City Council on Tuesday night, April 24, 2012. The Baymeadows Community Plan was finalized through the Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) in April, 2012, known as Bill 2012-192. Mr. Becton expressed how they need to encourage City Council to pass this bill.

- Mr. Becton stated that in regards to transportation, the idea was to have Ms. Brown to come and discuss the Mayport Ferry during this meeting. Mr. Becton opened the floor for CPAC members to discuss or share ideas of what they want to do from this point forward.

Question: Ms. Jenkins asked why they don't write letters to the Mayor and City Council. We also need people to start showing up at the meetings. To support the Ferry please access this link:

<http://www.savethetjohnsriverferry.org/>.

Mr. Becton responded by stating he wants ideas and that he contacted Ms. Brown hoping she would suggest who they need to write the letters to.

Ms. Jenkins stated that grants won't be a problem for the Mayport Ferry, we need partnerships. The Navy is a federal government entity and they can't legally support the Mayport Ferry with funding. The City Council members are working very hard to save the Ferry; but, the community needs to get involved and send letters to the Mayor's Office and to the state. The community needs to send e-mails, support the Ferry by attending meetings. This will let the elected officials know of their concern to save the Ferry.

Question: Ms. Clapp asked if Ms. Jenkins could send her contact information to Ms. Wesolowski.

Ms. Jenkins will provide this to Ms. Wesolowski.

Question: City Council Member Boyer asked if Ms. Jenkins was speaking of the Vision Plan or the Mayport Ferry.

Ms. Jenkins responded by stating that she was speaking of the Mayport Ferry.

Comment: City Council Member Boyer reported that there will be legislation on the Ferry Tuesday, April 24, 2012, night that will create an entity to establish a special commission. The special commission will be comprised of a board that will elect members to be responsible for the operations. If after the meeting on Tuesday night the CPAC members would like to send a letter to

support the ordinance this would be something you would want to circulate among yourselves and weigh in before the next CPAC meeting.

Comment: Mr. Becton stated that what he may be hearing from Ms. Jenkins is that City Council will form a special commission and that this commission's task will be to bring everything together. At that point this new board will show signs of support.

Ms. Jenkins responded by stating the CPAC members need to begin showing support before the special commission board has been formed. Ms. Jenkins also stated that she thinks that Ms. Brown was trying to advise the timeframe in which the City of Jacksonville has to react to keeping the Ferry. Once the entity has been created is when you find out where you get funding and prioritize how the money is spent.

Question: Ms. Clapp asked how this would be listed on the agenda.

Ms. Jenkins responded that it should be the first new ordinance listed.

Question: Mr. Becton asked if the new ordinance would be passed.

Ms. Jenkins responded by stating that it will be introduced Tuesday night.

Question: Mr. Becton asked if the ordinance would be passed in 2 weeks or will it require a 2nd meeting.

Ms. Jenkins responded that it won't be passed in 2 weeks because it needs to go before a full City Council meeting. It should be passed before the next CPAC meeting in May, 2012.

Suggestion: Mr. Hill moved that CPAC send a letter to support the creation of a St. Johns Ferry Committee to City Council. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion.

Discussion forum opened by Mr. Corrado

Question: Ms. Perera asked if the name of the committee was St. Johns Ferry Committee.

Ms. Jenkins responded by stating that is the name of the committee.

Mr. Corrado asked if any of the members had any guidelines for or against saving the Ferry that they would like to share during this discussion.

Mr. Rogers stated that it is his understanding the Ferry will stop at the end of September, 2012, as it is currently structured.

Ms. Jenkins stated that it is due for closure during the month of September, 2012.

Mr. Corrado asked if there were any further questions for discussion before asking for a motion to send a letter to City Council.

All voted; none opposed.

Mr. Corrado asked City Council Member Boyer what else does the CPAC members need to do between now and their next meeting.

City Council Member Boyer stated that between now and then there will be a special committee meeting; the Ad Hoc Committee of City Council that Ms. Brown was referring to will be meeting about the Ferry. She is encouraging members of CPAC to come and voice their support.

Question: Mr. Corrado asked if City Council Member Boyer has dates for the meetings.

City Council Member Boyer will send a copy of dates to Ms. Wesolowski when the upcoming meetings are scheduled.

Comment: Mr. Corrado stated that sending the letter to City Council would be the first step for CPAC members to save the Ferry.

- **Ad-Hoc:**

- **Economic Development – Gloria Stephens**

- Ms. Stephens reported that the unemployment rate in Jacksonville, FL has dropped down to 8.3 in March, 2012 from 8.8 in February, 2012.
- The St. Johns River has been designated to be a U.S. Great Water. State of Florida Governor Scott has allocated 5.6 million dollars in the states annual budget for the river. Mark Middlebrook, Executive Director of the St. Johns River Alliance, is working on getting federal funds
- City Council Ordinance 2012-212/213. Ordinance 2012-212 is to abolish the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission (JEDC) and to create Downtown Investment Authority (DIA). The DIA focus will be to recreate downtown. Ordinance 2012-213 is to reduce the time that it takes City Council to approve economic incentive packages and to give the Mayor a closing fund that would guarantee these companies incentives without full City Council approval for projects. The City is in completion with his bidding for new companies to relocate here. Ms. Stephens stated this would give the Mayor the authority without having to go to City Council for approval; this is a proposal.

Comment: Mr. Banks stated it isn't a good idea to have the Mayor to make the decision.
Information: City Council Member Boyer stated that if anyone is interested in the Joint Rules and Finance Committee check the City Council calendar for dates. In this meeting the City Council will be discussing the needs of those pieces of legislation.

Question: Ms. Stephens asked if we have questions, who do we contact, our Council Member?
City Council Member Boyer stated that you contact your City Council Member with any questions/concerns you may have.

Question: Ms. McPeck asked if the ordinance is for all clients or just new clients.
City Council Member Boyer stated that she thinks this is for new clients.

Comment: Mr. Banks stated that the City Council is the only avenue that is open and that City Council should have input.

Ms. Stephens responded that she has talked with Angela Spears about the ordinances. Ms. Spears asked Ms. Stephens to send her some information. Ms. Stephens explained to Ms. Spears that CPAC has been trying to get the Mayor to speak at some of their meetings. Ms. Spears asked Ms. Stephens to send her some information and that she would try to get the appropriate person to contact the Mayor to meet with CPAC members.

- **Education**

- Mr. Banks stated that graduation is next week. He will try to get someone here next month.

- **Safety**

- Ms. Wolfe stated that when she goes to the ShAdCo meetings, they seem to repeat the same things about keeping your car doors locked, your truck doors locked and keep garage doors down. Ms. Wolfe stated that citizens need to be alert to what is going on in their neighborhood. There are a lot of out-of-town criminals that come into your neighborhood. These criminals are fast and they are professionals.

Comment: Mr. Corrado stated that he keeps repeating that same message.

- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Gamal Lyons, not present.

- Mr. Corrado read the below e-mail in regards to Mr. Lyons eligibility for reappointment. Mr. Carrido made a motion to have Mr. Lyons reappointed as the T.R.U.E. Commission Representative. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and Mr. Banks. All voted, it was unanimous, the vote was of acclamation.

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CC: REWELSH@coj.net; Rosemary@coj.net

Subject: TRUE Commission SECPAC term

Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 13:28:32 +0000

Gamal:

In case you aren't aware of it, your term on the TRUE Commission representing the Southeast CPAC expires on June 30th. You are eligible for reappointment if that's what you and the CPAC decide.

If you want to re-up for another term, we'll need for the CPAC to officially designate you as their nominee for another term (either by vote of the group reflected in meeting minutes or by letter from the Chair) and will need to have you fill out a new background check authorization.

Please let me know if you want to serve another term so that we and the CPAC can get the process underway.

Thanks very much.

- Jeff -

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8. Unfinished Business

- Mr. Corrado stated that they have not received a response from their CPAC letter. Mr. Corrado mentioned that it was good that Ms. Spencer was at the CPAC meeting; perhaps she could take the message back. Mr. Carrado stated that the CPAC Chairs have made several attempts to find out where the CPAC stands in the community. The CPAC has been around since Mayor Austin administration. Every Mayor up to this point has stated a resolution that the CPAC are recognized and committed and acts as a neighborhood voice for their citizens. The CPAC Chair's have made numerous attempts to have Mayor Brown appear or someone from his office to appear to let them know what is going on with the CPAC's. The CPAC Chair's recently met and they have sent letters to the Mayor's office. Mr. Sweat is the CPAC Representative of the North CPAC District and he said that he would personally take a copy of the letter to the Mayor and this was 2 weeks ago. The CPAC Chair's will be meeting again in a few days.

Comment: Mr. Banks stated if he wasn't mistaken, if the Mayor couldn't make it to CPAC a meeting, the previous Mayor's met with the CPAC Chair's in his office. The CPAC Chair's are in need of some direction; perhaps you (City Council Member Boyer) can help us. City Council Member Boyer stated that she would try to help.

9. New Business

- Ms. Wolfe stated that the Subcommittee Chair needs to have a meeting. Mr. Corrado agreed and asked Ms. Wolfe if she would represent safety. Mr. Corrado asked that they stay after the CPAC meeting to discuss a location.

10. Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)

- Ms. Clapp stated that ShAdCo really praises Ms. Corey, State Attorney for the enforcement of keeping criminals in jail. Because of Ms. Corey's stand on crime, the crime rate is down. Mr. Corrado stated that major crime rate has decreased. Mr. Corrado gets a monthly report stating the crime rate decrease or crime rate increase. Mr. Corrado stated that the next meeting will be held May 21, 2012.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Becton made a motion for adjournment, Mr. Hill seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Vincent's Southside
Main Hospital, Auditorium C
4201 Belfort Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216