

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

October 24, 2011

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

Pat Corrado, SE CPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker

Wayne Reed, RAM Professional Group, Engineering and Design and Fred Pope, COJ Public Works, Landscape Architect, presented the proposed design plan to be used to landscape Baymeadows Road from Point Meadows Drive/ Reedy Branch Drive to Annie Eliza Drive (the Baymeadows/9A area). A detailed rendition of the design plan was provided and they discussed the choice of plant material thoroughly. The group shared their likes and dislikes; the CPAC members also recommended some changes in plant material.

Steve Letro, Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service, Jacksonville, educated the group on hurricanes: weather patterns needed for development, local conditions needed for development, conditions that impact their movement and the accuracy of predicting hurricanes.

We learned that hurricanes are a storm system characterized by a large low-pressure center and numerous thunderstorms that produce strong winds and heavy rain. Hurricanes strengthen when water evaporated from the ocean is released as the saturated air rises, resulting in condensation of water vapor contained in the moist air. They are fueled by a different heat mechanism than other cyclonic windstorms such as nor'easters, European windstorms, and polar lows. The characteristic that separates tropical cyclones from other cyclonic systems is that at any height in the atmosphere, the center of a hurricane will be warmer than its surroundings; a phenomenon called "warm core" storm systems.

The term "tropical" refers both to the geographical origin of these systems, which usually form in tropical regions of the globe, and to their formation in maritime tropical air masses. The term "cyclone" refers to such storms' cyclonic nature, with counterclockwise wind flow in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise wind flow in the Southern Hemisphere.

While hurricanes can produce extremely powerful winds and torrential rain, they are also able to produce high waves and damaging storm surge as well as spawning tornadoes. They develop over large bodies of warm water, and lose their strength if

they move over land due to increased surface friction and loss of the warm ocean as an energy source. This is why coastal regions can receive significant damage from a hurricane, while inland regions are relatively safe from receiving strong winds. Heavy rains, however, can produce significant flooding inland, and storm surges can produce extensive coastal flooding up to 40 kilometers (25 mi) from the coastline. Although their effects on human populations can be devastating, tropical cyclones can relieve drought conditions. They also carry heat energy away from the tropics and transport it toward temperate latitudes, which makes them an important part of the global atmospheric circulation mechanism. As a result, hurricanes help to maintain equilibrium in the Earth's troposphere, and to maintain a relatively stable and warm temperature worldwide.

Many hurricanes develop when the atmospheric conditions around a weak disturbance in the atmosphere are favorable. The background environment is modulated by climatological cycles and patterns such as the Madden-Julian oscillation, El Niño-Southern Oscillation, and the Atlantic multidecadal oscillation. Tropical systems are then moved by steering winds in the troposphere; if the conditions remain favorable, the tropical disturbance intensifies, and can even develop an eye. On the other end of the spectrum, if the conditions around the system deteriorate or the hurricane makes landfall, the system weakens and eventually dissipates. It is not possible to artificially induce the dissipation of these systems with current technology. A tropical system primary energy source is the release of the heat of condensation from water vapor condensing, with solar heating being the initial source for evaporation. Therefore, a hurricane can be visualized as a giant vertical heat engine supported by mechanics driven by physical forces such as the rotation and gravity of the Earth. While an initial warm core system, such as an organized thunderstorm complex, is necessary for the formation of a tropical cyclone, a large flux of energy is needed to lower atmospheric pressure more than a few millibars. The inflow of warmth and moisture from the underlying ocean surface is critical for hurricane strengthening. Scientists estimate that a tropical cyclone releases heat energy at the rate of 50 to 200 exajoules (10¹⁸ J) per day.

Predicting the number of hurricanes that will occur each season has become more accurate:

| 2011 Forecast | # Forecast | Actual# |
|------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Named storms (includes Rena) | 12 – 18 | 17 |
| Hurricanes | 6 - 10 | 6 |
| Major hurricanes | 3 – 6 | 3 |

While science has allowed us to accurately predict hurricanes, scientist/meteorologist still can not accurately predict how strong they will be or where they will go.

For additional information visit: www.SRH.voaa.gov/jax
Or call Steve Letro at 741-4411

Staff Reports

- **Bill Killingsworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department:** no report, but available for questions
- **Duval County Public Schools:** not present.

Jim Green, FDOT: no report, most of the active construction projects have been suspended for the Florida/Georgia Football game. The Mathews bridge will also be open every night through the Florida/Georgia weekend

- **Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** no report, but informed the group that the interim director for the Planning and Development Department is Mike Sands.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** reminded the group that Frank Morgan, Jim Hill and Gamal Lyons are heading up the Nomination committee. If anyone would like nominate a CPAC member for Chair or Vice Chair, please contact one of these gentlemen or Rosemary with your nomination. At the November meeting we need to finalize how the SE CPAC members would like to address the December meeting. Handouts for the Vacant Registry are available in the back of the room. The Vacant Registry was developed due to ordinance 2010-327-E which created a vacant property registry which is a tool designed to improve the physical attributes of a neighborhood by compelling the owner of record to act responsibly to the property.
- **JSO, Zone 3:** Officer Parker informed the group that on November 8th ShAdCo would host their citywide meeting at 7:00 p.m. at P.A.L. – off Monument Road.
- **Bob Crawford, Code Compliance Supervisor:** informed the group that they have been address violations on commercial properties and illegal signs this past month. The neighborhood of Windy Hills has been experiencing a number of problems with their trees. Earlier in the summer a super-cell thunderstorm or a microburst hit the area and now many of the trees have become unstable and are dying. Bob also confirmed that the Vacant Registry programs really works. Chair Corrado recognized Bob for the excellent work that they do and thanked him for the clean up on Sunbeam Road (by the old dump).
- **Quinn Bledsoe, Recreation & Community Services Department:** reminded the group that the Fall/Winter JaxParks Activities Guides are available in the back of the room.

Chair's Report –

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved September 2011 meeting summary
- Recognized Council members Lori Boyer.

Subcommittee Chair Updates:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: stated that he saw some of the problems with the Baymeadows Landscape problem that was presented.

Economic Development– Chairperson: Gloria Stephens: the regional chamber of commerce has been aggressively working to attract new businesses to the area. President Obama has signed a free-trade agreement that has created 20,000 jobs. Currently, Mayor Brown is in Brazil with Governor Scott on an economic development trip.

Education – Co-Chairs: George Banks and John Waddell: no representative tonight.

Growth Management & Transportation – Chairman: Danny Becton: informed the group that they are still concerned about gerrymandering and the area connected with the beach. Also, there was one last minute change by Councilman Redman that prevented a neighborhood from being cut in half. Danny made a motion to send a letter to support the current redistricting map. There was some discussion on the wording of the letter. With a minor change the CPAC voted unanimously to send the letter. A copy of the letter is at the end of this summary.

Land Use & Zoning – Co-Chairs: Michael Lashbrook and Jim Hill: discussed 4 applications and no action will be taken on any of them.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Kathleen Perera: no report, but would like to all of our CPAC members to reach out to their surrounding communities.

Safety – Co-Chairs: Roger Inman and Betty Wolfe: reminded everyone that JSO has a service with a GPS bracelet for our loved ones with memory loss. Also, remember the importance of having a strong neighborhood watch in your community. **T.R.U.E.**

Commission – Gamal Lyons: not present

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

Councilmember Boyer reminded the group of the importance of getting their CPAC letters to the appropriate individuals in a timely manner. Mentioned that the Kevin Road PUD to PUD wants it to be a commercial development; this was originally denied in 2008. Kings Road (Baymeadows and Plaza Gate) requested a PUD; they want to put in a restaurant that will serve beer and wine. If any one notices a street light out you need to contact JEA to make your report with the pole number. If you cannot find the pole number, please share the closest street address.

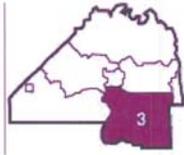
Patty Hart, property owner on Phillips Highway (near Reba Street) shared the updates that are required in order for her to redevelop her property: required to put in a fence, change the entrance to the property, improve landscaping, irrigation, improve the sidewalks to be ADA compliant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

at

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



Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Pat Corrado Vice Chair: Gloria Stephens

October 24th, 2011

To: Bill Bishop, Chair of the Rules Committee
Stephen Joost, President of City Council

Re: Ordinance 2011-0554

Dear Honorable City Council Member:

The Growth Management and Transportation committee of the Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee has from the very beginning been involved with the re-apportionment process for the City of Jacksonville's City Council Districts and has routinely reported its progress to the members. The guiding principles for which the re-apportionment committee adopted having been in the order of: Compactness, Communities of Interest, Contiguous, Incumbency, and Preservation of Existing were valuable and important tools that we agreed should be followed in that order of importance.

As a result of the work of the Re-apportionment committee of the City Council and through the input and work of our committee, communities and citizens, the SECPAC initiated a motion and voted "In Support" of the redistricting map of 10/06 labeled "NW Intermediate + Redman" for the Southeast of the River portion of this map, specifically Council Districts 4, 5, 6 and New District 11 within our SECPAC Planning District 3.

This support recognizes improvements of compactness and communities of interest within our Planning District with special emphasis in which former City Council District 13 has separated the Southside and the Beaches plus combined City Council Districts 6 and 11 under the same School Board representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Corrado".

Pat Corrado, Chair
Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: All City Council Members

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