

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY September 27, 2010

6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Rd., Main Hospital, Auditorium C, Jacksonville, FL.
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Call to Order

Jim Hill, SE CPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30.m.

Speakers

W. C. Gentry, Duval County Public Schools School Board Member W.C. Gentry, Duval County School Board, spoke to the group in regard to current status of the school district, their budget challenges and their future. At this time the Duval County School District is a "B" district. DCPS will continue to focus on increasing graduation rates, SAT scores and improving the neighborhood schools. DCPS also hopes that funding for the Jacksonville Journey continues; since the Jacksonville Journey programs have been introduced suspensions are down 49% and discipline for conduct violations are down 37%. The federal stimulus money will end this year and many difficult decisions will be made. Even with the budget challenges they know they will face, the DCPS will continue plan and expand their early learning programs, career academy, class size, teachers salaries, and grants.

Staff Reports

- **Bill Killingsworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department:** no report.
- **Jim Green, FDOT:** – not present ~ CPAC Vice Chair Pat Corrado expressed his appreciation to FDOT for new traffic mast arms on San Jose Boulevard. CPAC Chair Jim Hill stated that FDOT hosted a community meeting on August 31st to share the changes that will be occurring on San Jose Blvd. from Claire Lane to I-295. It was reported that this project will have many upgrades and improvements.
- **Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** no report ~ available for questions.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** reminded the group that a major road construction has started on San Marco Blvd., please remember that construction will impact travel time especially at peak travel times. The CommUniverCity class of 2010 will graduate 2 individuals from the Baymeadows area; Fran Reidl and Julie Becton from Los Prados. The HOA training was held on Saturday, September 25th; the training class had a great turn out.
- **Dan Hickey, JSO, Zone 3:** informed the group that violent crime is down 18% and property crime is down 19% year to date. Even with our crime rates dropping, it is

important to remain diligence in locking our vehicles and storing valuables out of sight. Nationwide, 1 car is stolen every 19 seconds; 2/3 of auto thefts occur at night and ½ of them happen in residential areas. Another way to safe guard your identity is to carry your vehicle registration on you instead of in your vehicle. There was a request for JSO to observe traffic on San Jose Blvd during weekend mornings; there is an ongoing problem with bicyclist dominating traffic lanes and challenging motor vehicles.

- **Bob Crawford, Code Compliance:** informed the group that they have completed 1446 inspections in the last 30 days and completed the Phillips Highway systematic sweep. Code Compliance plan to start another sweep through the Englewood area tomorrow. Code compliance as also been very busy with writing citations for sign violations and dealing with abandoned properties.
- **Quinn Bledsoe, Recreation & Community Services Department:** announced that the 7th Annual Art in the Park will be held on Saturday, October 9th on the Northbank Riverwalk (between the Jacksonville Landing and CSX) from 11a.m. – 3p.m. For more details on this free multicultural, interactive entertainment and creative activities call 630-CITY or www.jaxparks.com.

Chair's Report

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved August 2010 CPAC meeting summary.
- Announced that Gamal Lyons will chair the Nomination Subcommittee. If you are interested in serving on the subcommittee or making a nomination for Chair & Vice Chair please contact Gamal Lyons, Jim Hill or Rosemary.

Subcommittee Chair Updates:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: the River Alliance met last week; Dick did not attend, but read about it in the paper. It appears that there were a lot of nice seminars and programs and no actions were taken.

Economic Development– Chairperson: No Chair

Education – Co-Chairmen: George Banks and John Waddell: no report. Informed the group that John Waddell's health remains an issue; John has been in and out of the hospital since July.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan: nothing new to report at this time, but would like to make a request to have Bill Killingsworth speak on Amendment 4 & growth.

Land Use & Zoning – Co-Chairmen: Michael Lashbrook and Pat Corrado: reviewed a number of applications, but they would like to make an motion in opposition to E10-65 for a zoning exception for a Pawn Shop at the corner of Old Kings Road and Baymeadows Road (near Gubbio's). The Brierwood Neighborhood Association has stated that they are opposed to this type of business opening in the area. The motion

was made, open for discussion, there was no opposition and a letter will be sent. Letter attached at the end of the summary

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Kathleen Perera: reiterated that a new member will be joining the CPAC next month.

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic: not present

Transportation Development – Gloria Stephens: not present

T.R.U.E. Commission – Gamal Lyons: informed the group that they have another meeting this Thursday, September 30th. The banking committee will be looking Capital Expenditure fund that costs over \$100, 000.

Nomination Subcommittee- Gamal Lyons: stated that he was honored to serve in this position. If anyone is interested in working on the subcommittee or would like to make a nomination, please contact me at 705-2602 or glyons7@hotmail.com.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 25, 2010

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



Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Chair: Jim Hill Vice Chair: Pat Corrado

September 30, 2010

Planning Commission City of Jacksonville
117 West Duval Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

re: Zoning Exception E-10-65

Members of the Commission:

Regarding the application for Zoning Exception E-10-65 for 5111-14 Baymeadows Road, the Southeast CPAC is formally submitting a request for denial. The SECPAC was contacted by the Brierwood Neighborhood Association and advised of their objections to the opening of a Pawn Shop at the listed address.

At the SECPAC meeting on September 27, 2010, the LUZ Subcommittee met and discussed the application. After hearing the concerns of the citizens and the neighbors surrounding the proposed location and after further discussion among the CPAC body, the SECPAC voted unanimously to submit this letter recommending denial. In support of the feelings of the Brierwood Neighborhood Association, we agree that the placement of a Pawn Shop at that address would further add to the already growing crime in the area by giving the criminal element a convenient location to off load stolen goods.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Patrick V. Corrado
SECPAC Vice Chair

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