

**SOUTHEAST
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
September 26, 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

Scott Trebatowski, Division Chief, Animal Care and Protective Services, City of Jacksonville shared the duties and functions of Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS). ACPS Officers must follow the rules that police officers must follow; they must see the problem occurring or have an individual willing to testify in a court what they observed. Animal Care and Control must follow state regulations in all areas of operation.

Currently, there are 8 animal cruelty officers that work for the city and they unfortunately work many cases. Prosecutions for these abusive individuals are very challenging, but from solid investigations and reporting they are getting good results. Many of the accused individuals are taking a plea bargain. Currently in Duval County we have 50-60 individuals that are not allowed by law to own any type of pets. Any restitution that comes from these cases is put into the general fund.

ACPS is always actively looking to adopt these animals to good homes. Online you can find the various adoption fees and find the adoption application. Senior Citizens can qualify for reduced fees for animal licensing; please contact ACPS for complete details.

Mr. Trebatowski did clarify that if an individual needs to surrender an animal there is a \$25 drop off fee and the individual needs to provide a picture ID to the staff person accepting the animal. The \$25 fee is to offset the cost to taxpayers that occurs when an animal is surrendered. At the time of surrender, the city spends between \$174-225 for various screening tests and providing any necessary medicine for the animal. This does not include the expense to house, feed and provide medical care for the animal until it leaves the facility. If the animal is a stray and it can be verified that it is a stray animal, they will waive the \$25 fee. It was also stated that if an individual keeps/houses a stray animal for 10 days they become considered the owner. It was also clarified that the picture ID is required to be kept on file to have proof as to who surrendered the animal. 30% of the animals that are surrendered are relinquished by feuding neighbors or individuals spiteful from a break-up/divorce.

Kelley Boree, Deputy Director, Recreation and Community Services, City of Jacksonville and **Bill Gulliford**, City Council District 13, City of Jacksonville discussed phase 2 of the Baymeadows/9A Park and solicited input on the future growth of the park.

Former Council member Art Graham negotiated with JEA to work out a deal that would provide funding for recreational facilities/improvement in the area. The money from JEA is mitigation funds and will be used to offset the impact that the JEA generating plant will have on the community. A number of proposals and suggestions have been made; some of the suggestions are bike trails, dog parks and nature trails. These suggested improvements are to be presented to City Council tomorrow. This also brings up the Baymeadows/9A Regional Park which is ready to enter phase 2 of development and the funds from JEA also help finance a part of the phase 2 development.

In 2001 the land was acquired and in 2003 there was a lot of community input to help plan the uses of the park. Phase 1 has been completed; this phase offers multi-use fields (soccer, rugby and football). Currently the Parks department is working with various athletic associations to help with the programming and maintenance. Phase 2 will include a baseball complex, concession stand(s) and a batting cage. Phase 3 will include a tennis complex (hard surface only). With Phase 3 there has been some conversation that debates the benefits of having a pro-shop and charging to use the courts vs. no pro-shop and free tennis courts. As the date to start Phase 3 gets closer there will be many discussions with the community to determine what best meets the needs of the community.

There were a number of individuals at the CPAC meeting that expressed they preferred to start working on Phase 3 before Phase 2, but data was provided that showed the need to increase recreational activities for children in the area. There was some discussion to add a basketball court(s) to Phase 2.

Staff Reports

- **Bill Killingsworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department:** no report, but available for questions
- **Duval County Public Schools:** Larry Rossier, Executive Director for High School programs and John Fox, Supervisor of Sports. Mr. Fox shared with the group that there are a number of groups have formed 501C3 and are working hard to raise the money to bring sports programs back to the schools. DCPS lost 8 teams, but through the dedication and hard work of the community they have raised the money to get 5 of the teams back. It was acknowledged that parental participation is not as high as it should be and most families in Duval County cannot afford to pay for their children to participate in extra-curricular activities. There are some minimal participation fees, but at this time 55.3% of the kids in Duval County are on the free lunch program.

Jim Green, FDOT: reminded the group that rehab starts tonight on the Mathews Bridge and will continue for the next couple of years. The Federal Government has completed a study to determine if the sound levels are within the federal limits along the I-95 corridor. It was determined that the sound levels exceeded the federal limits on construction on sound walls is underway.

- **Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department:** no report, but reminded the group that a new map for the redistricting is available.

Councilmember Matt Schellenberg shared the most recent discussion and proposals made in regard to redistricting. Schellenberg briefed the group on the process that the selected map will follow through the rules committee, public meetings and City Council meetings.

- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department:** informed the group that Frank Morgan, Jim Hill and Gamal Lyons are heading up the Nomination committee. If anyone would like to nominate a CPAC member for Chair or Vice Chair, please contact one of these gentlemen or Rosemary with your nomination.
- **JSO, Zone 3:** Officer Parker informed the group that JSO is happy to share with everyone the new JSO's Online Crime Mapping Program Reference Guide. The goal of the new online mapping program is to inform the citizens of Jacksonville about criminal incidents through the community. The application has been filtered to exclude sex crimes, child abuse and other crime information protected by statute or reported by other agencies. For a detailed Tutorial Guide please go to www.jaxsheriff.org, select Crime Statistics/Crime Mapping on the left hand side of the page. Then select the mapping program link and see #2 on the Disclaimer page.
- **Bob Crawford, Code Compliance Supervisor:** informed the group that they completed 840 inspections since the last meeting. Systematic inspection in Sans Souci this week
- **Quinn Bledsoe, Recreation & Community Services Department:** reminded the group that the Fall/Winter JaxParks Activities Guide are available in the back of the room. On October 8th, Art in Park will held in front of the Times Union Center; for more information visit: www.JaxParks.com

Chair's Report –

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved August 2011 meeting summary
- Recognized Council members Lori Boyer, Matt Schellenberg and Bill Gulliford.
- Read a letter from a local organization that expressed the concern and the need for public libraries.

- Discussed that there budget is very tight and tomorrow night City Council will be finalizing the budget for 2012.
- Announced that there would be a Subcommittee Chair meeting on October 18th at Players Grille and requested that all the subcommittee chairs stay after the meeting for a few minutes.

Subcommittee Chair Updates:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: reminded the group that removal and replacement of the trees on San Jose Blvd appears to be completed. There have been news stories about trees falling and causing an accident on San Jose. Recently another tree fell on to Emerson too.

Economic Development– Chairperson: Gloria Stephens: not present.

Education – Co-Chairs: George Banks and John Waddell: the representatives from Duval County Schools gave the report.

Growth Management & Transportation – Chairman: Danny Becton: presented a PowerPoint presentation on the redistricting. On September 22, 2011 a new map was developed and it ended the council district meandering. If anyone would like a copy of the PowerPoint, please contact Danny. Danny also shared a few important dates involved with this process; they are:

September 29, 2011 the Rules Committee will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. This is an opportunity for the community to voice their concerns and opinions.

October 14, 2011 no sooner than 15 days after the final public hearing, the Rules Committee shall report the ordinance to the full City Council.

October 25, 2011 City Council meeting ~ last days to make any changes

November 8, 2011 City Council meeting ~ last days to make any changes

November 18, 2011 the new redistricting plan must be completed and approved by City Council.

Land Use & Zoning – Co-Chairs: Michael Lashbrook and Jim Hill: discussed many applications and have 1 action item on 2011C-009 and its companion application 2011-586. The motion was made to the full CPAC, there was some discussion and the group voted unanimously to send a letter to delay the process for 1 cycle.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Kathleen Perera: no report, but would like to reach out to all the current and former CPAC members to encourage them to remain active and involved.

Safety – Co-Chairs: Roger Inman and Betty Wolfe: encouraged everyone to get their neighborhoods involved in ShAdCo. This is a great way to meet the officer that work in your area and to get them familiar with the needs and concerns of your neighborhood.
T.R.U.E. Commission – Gamal Lyons: not present

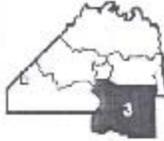
The floor was opened to all in attendance:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Monday, October 24, 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 Cottrado Vice Chair: Gloria Stephens

September 29, 2011

To: W. Mark Hardesty, Chair
Planning Commission

The Honorable Reginald Brown, Chair
Land Use & Zoning Committee

Re: Land Use Application 2011C-009
Rezoning Application 2011-587

At their monthly meeting on September 26th, the Southeast CPAC discussed Land Use Application 2011C-009, and companion rezoning application 2011-587. Based on the information currently available, the CPAC does not have a clear picture of what the applicant wants to include in their PUD. Furthermore, there are concerns from a nearby residential community as to what the applicant will be allowed to have in the PUD.

The current schedule puts the application on a track such that the CPAC would not be able to discuss it further before it goes to the LUZ Committee. The CPAC has therefore unanimously voted to request City Council and the Planning Commission defer this matter for one cycle. The additional time will allow CPAC to discuss this further at our October 24th meeting.

Thank you.

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