

District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Bruce Tyson

Vice Chair: Len Burroughs

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville Kent Campus
3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Room E-112F
January 14, 2013

Attendance

Members:

Chair - Bruce Tyson
Vice Chair - Len Burroughs
Charter Member - Don Ingram
Confederate Point Civic - James Nolting
Council District 10 - Kathy Budd
Crystal Springs - Marilyn Lehman
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly
Hyde Grove Terrace - Shirley Lowry
Timuquana Manor N. - Alice Turknett
Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley

Excused:

Charter Member - Charles Mann
Armstrong & Bosh Insurance - Opal Burgstiner
Armstrong & Bosh Insurance - Bruce Burgstiner
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
The Village Salon - Steve Shaffer
Tree Top Estates - Russell Carlson
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin
Westside Business Leaders - Jane Miller
West Jax Civic - Richard Dill

Alternates Also In Attendance:

Hyde Grove Terrace - Peggy Myers
Timuquana Manor N. - Polly Walker

Elected Officials:

Council Member At Large Robin Lumb - represented by Donna Barrow, Assistant
Duval County School Board - Honorable Becki Couch

Staff:

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Doreen Joyner-Howard
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Lt. Sharon Scott
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance - Maria Buchwalter
Parks and Recreation - Brian Burket
Planning & Development - Andy Hetzel

Guests:

American Heart Association - Allison Misora
Confederate Point - Ethel Nolting
Higgs Group, Inc. - Lara Higgs
Hyde Grove Creek Side - Tina Vining
Hyde Grove Terrace - Darrell Barrow
Hyde Grove Terrace - Linda Barrow
Hyde Grove Terrace - David Lowry

Pending Removal:

Argyle Community Garden - Sandi Newman
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Oak Hills Estates - Rosanne Vernon
NE FL Equestrian Society - Olwen Busch

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum. Chair Tyson welcomed all members, staff members and guests. He recognized the Honorable Becki Couch and thanked her for attending the meeting.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the January summary was made by Kathy Budd and seconded by Charles Kelley. The vote: all were in favor.

3. Staff Reports

• Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. Sharon Scott reported:

- She is new to Zone 4.
- Zone 4 has a new commander- Assistant Chief Patrick Ivey. He comes to Zone 4 with a wealth of police experience, including JSO Patrol, Narcotics and Vice.
- Every week officers meet with their supervisors for updates.
- Crime is down in Zone 4.
- Homicide is up.
- "Bump and Run" is a new trend involving a rear- end collision with your car used as a ruse to rob you when you stop to investigate the accident. Officer Scott suggested if you feel unsafe, drive to the nearest safe location where people are present, for example a convenience store. The most recent incident occurred in Zone 6. The vehicle was a PT Cruiser-style vehicle. The suspect, who came from the passenger side of the vehicle, was a Black male, 5'7" – 5'8", with dreadlocks. The vehicle's driver could not be seen well enough to be described.
- Vehicle theft remains a problem due to residents who leave cars running while the residents go into their house or into a business.
- If you see suspicious activities, please call 630-0500.
- The JSO Zone 4 Substation number is 573-3165.
- Officer Scott may be contacted at Sharon.scott@jaxsheriff.org.
- The CPAC acknowledged Lt. Scott with applause.

○ Mayor's Liaison – A liaison has not been appointed.

• Duval County Public Schools – the Honorable Becki Couch announced:

- The new Superintendent of Schools is Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti. He has scheduled town hall meetings in five locations. The Westside town hall meeting is Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. at Ed White High School. She asked residents to attend and provide input into what they want. Even if you do not have children in schools, the schools affect our city. Dr. Vitti works quickly. He responds to e-mails and listens to concerns.
- For concerns about schools, contact Ms. Couch at couchr@duvalschools.org. For example, if there are traffic concerns, a traffic officer may be sent to assist with traffic.
- Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Burroughs presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Couch for her work with the CPAC in 2012.

• Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Doreen Joyner-Howard reported:

- The overland bridge near Hendricks Avenue affects all Jacksonville residents. The project costs \$128 million and will take about three years to complete.
- Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Burroughs presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Joyner-Howard for her work with the CPAC in 2012.
- Please check FDOT's website for information about projects, to give compliments or express concerns: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/>.

4. Neighborhoods –

- Housing and Community Development Division - Mary Beth Ridderman announced a written report was provided.
- Municipal Code Compliance Division – Maria Buchwalter reported:
 - Snipe signs remain an issue. They are covered by the litter ordinance. Most violators immediately pay fines. Some choose to repeatedly offend and get fines - they say it is worth it for the visibility and advertisement.
 - Residents expressed concerns about snipe signs at certain locations. Ms. Buchwalter said officers will look investigate.
 - To report violations or concerns, please call 630-CITY (2489).
 - Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Burroughs presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Buchwalter for her

service to the CPAC in 2012.

- **Planning & Development** – Andy Hetzel provided a written report.
 - A hearing is scheduled on Jan. 14 regarding the Taylor (R&R) Auto Salvage
 - An application has been made to rezone property on Collins and Shindler Road from Rural Residential to Commercial Neighborhood.
 - Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Burroughs presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Hetzel for his service to the CPAC in 2012.
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Brian Burket reported:
 - He provided the Fall/Winter Activities Guide and flyers for the Tri-Jax Challenge.
 - The Tri-Jax Challenge is Ap. 6, 2013. Register on-line at www.trijaxchallenge.com.
 - The Road to Olustee festival is Feb. 8 – 10 at Camp Milton, 1175 Halsema Road. Civil War reenactors and spectators are needed. Visitors may expect cannon fire, a Civil War encampment, a civilian town/settlers' village and a reenactment of the Camp Milton skirmish. The festival is Saturday, Feb. 9, 9-5 and Sunday, Feb. 10, 9-5. The firing of the cannon is at 1 p.m. each day. The skirmish follows the cannon fire.
 - Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Burroughs presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Burket for his service to the CPAC in 2012.
 - **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps announced:
 - The bus tour planning committee meets January 17, 8:30 a.m. at FSCJ Cecil North. The date for the bus tour is May 7.
 - For more information, please contact Lara@HippsGroupInc.com
 - Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Burroughs presented certificates of appreciation to Ms. Lara Hipps and for Mrs. Alberta Hipps for their service to the CPAC in 2012.
 - **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Mr. McNamara reported:
 - An Interim President was appointed. Dr. Willis Holcomb. He begins on Jan. 22.
 - The search for a new president has begun. The process is expected to take about one year.
 - FSCJ is in the process for 10 year affirmation and accreditation. The committee will be onsite in October 2013.
 - The college is searching for an Associate Dean.
 - The Commercial Driving License (CDL) training facility was dedicated on Dec. 27, 2012. The first class begins Jan. 7, 2013.
 - Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Burroughs presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. McNamara for his service to the CPAC in 2012.
4. Presentation: Shirley Dasher presented information about Clearly Jacksonville. Clearly Jacksonville has electronic billboards that may be utilized by non-profit organizations who are registered 501-c3 organizations, for free public service announcements. Clearly Jacksonville provides free public service announcements several community organizations including Amber and Silver Alerts. Clearly Jacksonville will assist with art work at no charge to the non-profit organization. They need two weeks lead time for public service announcements that require art work assistance. Notices may run for up to three weeks. To arrange for a notice to be posted on an electronic billboard, please contact Shirley Dasher at (904) 524-8481, ccssd@comcast.net. For more information, please visit www.creativecommunitysolutions.com.
5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Bruce Tyson reported:
6. **Elected Officials Reports** – None.
7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – No report. A volunteer is needed.
 - Beautification/Parks/Environment – no report.
 - Membership – no report.
 - Transportation – Thomas Martin's absence was excused.
 - Education – Mr. Mann's absence was excused.
 - Sheriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Ms. Turknnett reported:
 - The ShAdCo members are sad to lose Assistant Chief Lendvay, who was so helpful in Zone 4. Chief Lendvay received a promotion to Chief in Homeland Security.
 - The ShAdCo members are excited about meeting Assistant Chief Patrick Ivey, who will be the new Zone 4 Commander. Assistant Chief Ivey will be at the Jan. 24 ShAdCo meeting.
 - The following are ShAdCo meeting dates:
 - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church. Visitors and new members are welcome.
 - ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center. Visitors and new members are welcome.
 - ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Maxville Community Center. Visitors and new members are welcome.

- Safety – Chair Tyson announced JSO covered the safety issues.
 - Cecil Area – Chair Tyson reported:
 - The Jacksonville Fair will not be moving to Cecil. The City has reached an agreement that the fair rides and other equipment that arrive early will park at an unknown location (not Cecil) until after the 2013 Florida/Georgia game.
 - Cecil recreation facilities need to be developed. A larger softball complex would create increased numbers of visiting teams and family members and that would generate income for area businesses.
 - A request for bids has been issued for someone to operate the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.
 - Economic Development – Jim Kelly provided a written report. Chair Tyson thanked Mr. Kelly for his monthly reports.
 - Education – Chuck Mann’s absence was excused.
 - TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Tom Martin’s absence was excused.
 - Social – Chair Tyson thanked the Social Subcommittee members for arranging an excellent event.
- 8. Unfinished Business** – Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Burroughs presented certificates of appreciation for members, staff and guests for their work in CPAC for 2013.
- 9. New Business** – Charter Member Don Ingram announced that Jim Kelly, Chuck Mann and he are involved in the Council of Elder Affairs. The Council of Elder Affairs is sponsoring an event at City Hall on Jan. 31, 2012 at the Main Library.
- 10. Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)**
- Jim Kelly announced a Gumbo Festival will be held at the Jacksonville Landing on March 8, 9 and 10. The cost is \$25 to enter the contest. There will be a gumbo cook-off, dance, music and fun. Parrothead Club Members (Jimmy Buffet Fans), from across the nation will attend. Hotel discounts are offered to club members. The gumbo cook-off contest is Saturday, March 9. All proceeds go to Gleaners Dispatch. Last year, the festival netted \$8000 for Gleaners.
 - Shirley Dasher announced Feb. 9, 2013 is the Midtown Center Festival, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 4417 Beach Blvd., 32207. This free family festival offers a Kids Zone with games and prizes, child ID Program, a 35 foot rock-climbing wall, a bouncy house, free vision, free hearing, health screenings and more. Food vendors will be on site for food sales. All proceeds benefit arts in the Duval County Public Schools.
 - Allison Misora from the American Heart Association announced February is American Heart Month. Heart disease is the number one killer of women. Please wear red on Feb. 1, the National Wear Red Day and the first day of the American Heart Month. She asked neighborhoods to “go red” by hanging red ribbons or signs on doors and mailboxes in February. She distributed flyers about Heart Month.
- 11. Motion to Adjourn**
- Marilyn Lehman made a motion to adjourn. Kathy Budd seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 11, 2013 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman, Neighborhood Coordinator