

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
March 11, 2013

Attendance

Members:

Chair - Bruce Tyson
Vice Chair - Len Burroughs
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Confederate Point Civic - James Nolting
Council District 10 - Kathy Budd
Hearing Loss Association - Judy Martin
Hyde Grove Terrace - Shirley Lowry
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
Timuquana Manor N. - Alice Turknott
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin
Westside Business Leaders - Jane Miller
West Jax Civic - Richard Dill

Excused:

Charter Member - Don Ingram
Charter Member - Charles Mann
Armstrong & Bosh Insurance - Opal Burgstiner
Crystal Springs - Marilyn Lehman
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly
The Village Salon - Steve Shaffer
Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley

Alternates Also In Attendance:

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

Elected Officials:

Honorable Reginald Brown, Jacksonville City Council Member

Staff:

Duval County Extension Office - Evie Pankok
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Doreen Joyner-Howard
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - No representative
Jacksonville Electric Authority - Paul McElroy
Jacksonville Electric Authority - Catrina Thomas
Jacksonville Electric Authority - Tobe Correa
Jacksonville Electric Authority - Richard Vento
Jacksonville Electric Authority - Karen Blutchter
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance - Maria Buchwalter
Parks and Recreation - Brian Burket
Planning & Development - Andy Hetzel

Guests:

Hipps Group, Inc. - Lara Hipps
Genell Mills - Sweetwater
Gary Miller - Sweetwater

Absent/Pending Removal:

Argyle Community Garden - Sandi Newman
Tree Top Estates - Russell Carlson
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 7:03 p.m. Chair Tyson welcomed everyone and recognized

Council Member Reginald Brown. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the February summary was made by Dewey Walker and seconded by Ric Dill. The vote: all were in favor.

3. Presentation

CEO Paul McElroy presented information about the Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA). Please visit JEA.com for information about My Utility Tracker and My Budget Billing. My Budget Billing offers customers the ability estimate the same rate every month, averaged on the prior year's bill. Prepaid meters are available which eliminate the need for a deposit. A fuel credit will be added to the April bill, with an average of \$35.

- A concern was expressed regarding communities near waterways that were recently notified their homes will be required to have sewer hookups. Many residents are on fixed incomes and this will create a hardship.
- Feasibility of underground utilities

4. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – No representative. No report.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – A liaison has not been appointed.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – the Honorable Becki Couch's absence was excused.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Doreen Joyner-Howard reported:
 - Drainage improvement project at Blanding and Cassat.
 - Resurfacing of Cassat from I-10 to Beaver Street in Spring, 2014.
 - Resurfacing Branam-Field Chaffee from I-10 – Beaver
 - Three new ramps at I-95 and JTB
 - New ramps at I-95 and I-295 near the airport.
 - The Starke 301 bypass will begin in 3 years.
 - The next budget for the State is \$8.5 billion
 - Condition of Cahoon Road north of Beaver Street
 - Resurfacing Beaver Street from Jones Road to McCargo.
 - Resurfacing Hammond Road
 - Resurfacing Otis Road
 - Please check FDOT's website for information about projects, to give compliments or express concerns: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/>.
- **Neighborhoods** –
 - Housing and Community Development Division - Mary Beth Ridderman announced the Fair Housing Symposium is April 6, 2013. A written report was developed.
 - Municipal Code Compliance Division – Maria Buchwalter reported her division started a systematic inspection at Jefferson Heights and wrote 84 new cases. With 62 existing, that is 146 active cases in one neighborhood.
 - A brief discussion was held regarding the Collins/I-295 interchange, which is scheduled to be finished in late 2013.

Planning & Development – Andy Hetzel reported the department's printer is broken so he was unable to provide a written report.

- A rezoning application 2013-5 (RR to CN) at Shindler and Collins was not properly noticed. It will be heard at the Planning Commission.
- The Taylor/R&R negotiations continue.
- Rezoning a property on Lane Avenue, just North of Wilson applied for rezoning to reopen a closed convenience store.
- An application for a land use amendment was received for a property on Collins Road. The property is proposed to change to a Planned Unit Development (PUD). No other is available at this time.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Brian Burket reported:
 - Week of March 25 – March 29 is Annual Spring Break Camp. Attendance is free – first come/first served. Registration information may be found at www.jaxparks.com
 - Apr. 6 - Tri-Jax Challenge. Register on-line at www.trijaxchallenge.com.
 - Gearing up for Summer Camp May 14. The last session is August 2, 2013.
 - JAXPARKS has Facebook and Twitter accounts. They have television website. The department is trying to improve communication. They are looking for ideas, partnership opportunities. Please contact them with ideas, compliments or concerns at comp www.jaxparks.com.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps announced:
 - The bus tour planning committee meets March 21, 8:30 a.m. at FSCJ Cecil North.
 - The date for the bus tour is May 7. Tickets are on sale: \$12. After April 15 - \$15 per ticket. Price includes the tour, tour bag and breakfast, catered by Edgewood Bakery.

- Over half of the seats have been sold.
- For more information, please contact Lara@HippsGroupInc.com.
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Mr. McNamara’s absence was excused.

5. Chair’s Report – Chair Bruce Tyson reported:

- Chair Tyson and Charles Kelley went to the Kelley Pavilion. The pavilion is often in use and was used when they were there as a covered water stop for the run to support Muscular Dystrophy. ADA access is needed to the pavilion.
- There is not enough information shared about what events are taking place at Cecil.

6. Elected Officials Reports – Council Member Reginald Brown:

- Presented framed certificates of appreciation from his office to Kathy Budd (Hyde Grove Creek Side) and Genell Mills (Sweetwater) for work in their communities.
- He held a meeting to discuss infrastructure on Us1.
- He will address the conditions of Cahoon Road and Beaver Street and will report next month.
- Thursday, March 14, a free barrel racing event will be held at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. Several Council Members are expected to attend. Council Member Carter will compete in the barrel racing. Council Member Brown will not compete this year due to an injury.
- He will reach out to neighborhoods to encourage CPAC involvement.
- R&R Auto Parts’ application is still being negotiated.
- The City has reached a settlement with the Department of Justice. More sidewalks will be added. Contact Council Member Brown to get on the list.
- Residents who live near waterways will be part of a septic tank phase-out. It is an unfunded mandate.
- City Council recently passed a bill that deals with junk cars and covered cars (not antique cars). If cars are covered with car covers or tarps, let him know. Maria Buchwalter said that Code Officers are limited to look at the property. Council Member Brown said he will talk with Kim Scott.
- Summer Night Lights offer an abundance of programs for kids on the Northside. Similar programs and services are needed in the Southwest where there are no teen programs, no Summer Night Lights programming and no PAL program. Very little is offered for kids in Jacksonville’s Westside. He needs residents’ help to change that. Please call 630-CITY (2489) to request programs, call the Mayor’s Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- A concern was expressed that Better Jacksonville Plan projects funded for SW were not completed and money was transferred to other districts instead. Old Middleburg Road, Shindler Road and Collins Road need to be widened to support existing traffic and added traffic from the Brannan Field Chaffee Toll Road. Council Member Brown said Council Member Carter is working on improvements to Shindler and Old Middleburg Road. CM Brown said he will let CM Carter know that residents are serious about getting the projects completed.
- A concern was expressed that improved JTA bus services are needed on the Westside. Everyone is taking the Branan-Field Chaffee tolls seriously, but no money is being used to support bus ridership.
- All departments are working on the next budget. If residents do not see what they want funded in the proposed budget, contact your Council Member.
- *A motion was made by Dewey Walker and seconded by Kathy Budd to prepare a letter from the CPAC to request a PAL and other children’s programs at the armory on Wilson Boulevard.*
- *The CPAC applauded Council Member Brown and Chair Tyson thanked him for attending.*

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – No report. A volunteer is needed.
- Beautification/Parks/Environment – Mr. Carter announced that he is involved in a project. He did not specify the project’s name or location.
- Membership – no report. A volunteer is needed.
- Transportation – Thomas Martin made an oral report and provided a written report.
 - A red light camera has been installed at the intersection of 103rd Street and Ricker Road Westbound. Another has been installed at 103rd Street and Firestone Road.
- Education – Mr. Mann’s absence was excused.
- Sheriff’s Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Ms. Turknnett reported:
 - ShAdCo met today with retired railroad employees. Gary Dickinson was the speaker and the topic was red light cameras.
 - 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 said, in the interest of time, he would report next month.
- Cecil Area – Chair Tyson said, in the interest of time, he would report next month.
- Economic Development – Jim Kelly’s absence was excused.
- Education – Chuck Mann’s absence was excused.
- TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Tom Martin provided a written report.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business –

- Kathy Budd announced the Westside Business Leaders will host breakfast with Dr. Vitti at Frank Peterson Academy on April 24, 9 a.m. tickets are \$5. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Kathy Budd at 693-2833.
- Kathy Budd made a motion to send a letter to Assistant Chief Pat Ivey to welcome him to Zone 4 and to thank him for attending the CPAC. Len Burroughs seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Kathy Budd made a motion to send a letter to Dr. Vitti, Superintendent of Duval Schools, to welcome him to Jacksonville. Ric Dill seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Judy Martin expressed concern about 2013-5, an application to change the zoning of property near the intersection of Collins and Shindler from RR to CN. The signage was incorrect, so the hearing was deferred. Tom Martin made a motion to send a letter to oppose changing the zoning. Judy Martin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

- Judy Martin introduced herself as the primary representative of the Hearing Loss Association. The Hearing Loss Association meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the West Regional Library or Nemours Children’s Clinic. The association does not meet in July, August or December. Mrs. Martin said 38 million people in the US have hearing loss, with 140,000 in Jacksonville. The “Walk 4 Hearing” is Nov. 9, 2013 at Metropolitan Park.

11. Motion to Adjourn - Dewey Walker made a motion to adjourn. Tom Martin seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

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