

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
November 4, 2013

Attendance

Members:

Chair - Bruce Tyson
Vice Chair - Len Burroughs
Charter Member - Don Ingram
Council District 10 - Kathy Budd
Council District 10 - Yvonne Cooke
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
The Village Salon - Steve Shaffer
Timuquana Manor N. - Alice Turknett
Timuquana Manor N. - Polly Walker
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin
Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley
Westside Business Leaders - Jane Miller

Excused:

Armstrong & Bosh Insurance - Opal Burgstiner
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Charter Member - Charles Mann
Confederate Point Civic - James Nolting
Crystal Springs - Marilyn Lehman
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly
Hearing Loss Association - Judy Martin
Hyde Grove Terrace - Shirley Lowry
West Jax Civic - Richard Dill

Elected Officials:

None present

Staff:

City of Jacksonville Mayor's Office Representative - Angela Spears
City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance - Maria Buchwalter
City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
City of Jacksonville Planning & Development - Andy Hetzel
City of Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Lt. Jesse York
City of Jacksonville Fire & Rescue - Inspector Berlinda Tookes

Staff Excused:

City of Jacksonville Mayor's Liaison - Elaine Spencer
City of Jacksonville Parks & Recreation - Sherry Wilson

Guests:

Sarah Nye - Fishweir Neighborhood Watch
Peggy Thomas - Murray Hill
Jim Thomas - Murray Hill
Sandra Nestor - Unity Fest
Alberta Hipps - Hipps Group
Frank Hipps - Hipps Group

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

1. Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the October summary was made by Kathy Budd and seconded by Dewey Walker. The vote: all in favor.

3. Staff Reports

•Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Lt. Jesse York reported:

- o He attended a crime meeting today.
- o There has been an increase in the numbers of residential burglaries in Zone 4 - over 40 reported in the past

7 days. A number of the burglarized homes were unlocked.

- o There have been about 40 auto burglaries in the past 7 days. About 80% of vehicles were unlocked.
- o The JSO has leads on several individuals. They are not the same people committing all of these crimes – the crimes are committed by several people.
- o Keep garage doors down at all times.
- o Lock cars and lock homes. Be especially watchful and careful during the holidays.
- o JSO needs residents' help to report suspicious activities. Report suspicious activity to 630-0500.
- o Chair Tyson invited Lt. York and other JSO officers to the Dec. 9 annual social event.

- **Mayor's Liaison** – Housing and Community Development Division Chief Elaine Spencer's absence was excused.
 - o Ms. Spencer may be contacted at 255-8200.

- **Mayor's Representative** – Ms. Spears reported:

- o Construction has begun on the Riverwalk.
- o Annmarie Kent-Willette is the City's new Education Commissioner,
- o Jax Goes to College Week Oct. 5 - Oct. 13.
- o Join Jax CERT to get trained to provide emergency services in your neighborhood. Visit Jaxready.com for more information.
- o The NBA preseason game Orlando Magic vs. New Orleans Pelicans was October 9 in Jacksonville.
- o She attended the ribbon cutting at I-295 and Collins Road. She saw several CPAC members there, including Tom Martin.
- o Ms. Spears may be contacted at 630-1977.

- **Duval County Public Schools** – The Honorable Becki Couch's absence was excused.

- o The Honorable Becki Couch may be contacted at couchr@duvalschools.org or 390-2373.

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – no representative.

- Please check FDOT's website for information about projects, to give compliments or express concerns: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/> or call 360-5400 or 367-5681.

- **Neighborhoods** –

- o **Housing and Community Development Division** - Mary Beth Ridderman announced:

- January 7, 2014 - Chair and Vice Chair Training.
- March 18, 2014 Condo and HOA Training.
- For more information, contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

- o **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Maria Buchwalter reported:

- Code Compliance is working with Operation Urban Blight. It is not in Zone 4. It is in the Northwest District.
- Please report concerns about City property or private property to 630-CITY (2489).

- **Planning & Development** – Andy Hetzel reported:

- There is not much activity in the SW.
- A rezoning application is upcoming for St. Johns Village on St. Johns near Herschel.
- Chair Tyson inquired about land use amendments for Brannon Field and Argyle Forest Boulevard. Mr. Hetzel said they will be scheduled in February 2014. He said he will send Chair Tyson an email with more information.
- Contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.

- **Parks & Recreation** – no representative.

- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Alberta Hipps reported:

- o The JAA party is Dec. 11, 11 a.m.. Everyone is welcome.
- o A question was raised about Memorial Hospital. Ms. Hipps reported she meets regularly with the new CEO, Jim Loughlin. The agreement with St. Vincent's Hospital stipulates that building cannot commence until 2016. A discussion was held about physicians' group that had considered locating offices on Normandy Boulevard.
- o Bob Simpson retired on October 2. She commended him for his service and said she has a great admiration for his work.

- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Mr. McNamara's absence was excused.

4. Election of Officers

- Nomination Subcommittee Chair Steve Shaffer asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were received. He asked members to fill out ballots and pass them to Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Martin. Ms. Budd is not taking part in the count because she is a candidate.

5. Presentation: Fire Prevention by Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Inspector Berlinda Tookes

- Inspector Tookes provided handouts about home fire extinguishers and instructed meeting attendees in using the fire extinguisher. Remember "PASS" = pull the pin, aim low, squeeze the lever and sweep the nozzle from side to side. The major cause of fires is appliances: driers, washer, stove, refrigerators. To prevent appliance fires, keep appliances clean. A multipurpose of "ABC" home fire extinguisher would take care of most appliance fires. Other common fires are vehicle fires – check/repair vehicle oil or gas leaks to prevent fires. Check batteries in smoke detectors. If a resident is unable to reach the smoke detector, call 630-CITY (2489) to have it checked or the battery changed. To obtain installation of a free smoke detector, call 630-CITY (2489).

6. Chair's Report – Chair Bruce Tyson reported:

- All airport projects are making progress.
- Federal Express will move into a large warehouse at Alliance, Florida at Cecil Commerce Center.
- A question was raised about the name of Alliance, Florida at Cecil Commerce Center. Ms. Hipps reported she now represents Alliance and she will check on the name that was mentioned in a recent COJ news release.
- The annual social event is December 9 at 6 p.m. (new time). The event will be held in a different location at FSCJ Kent, Building D-120. A discussion was held about the social. Alice Turknett has arranged with her group of bell ringers to provide music. Kathy Budd is the Chair of the subcommittee. She asked people to bring their favorite covered dish or to see her if you prefer to make a donation towards the food. Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up.
- Charles Kelley raised the topic of Bob Simpson's retirement from JAA. Mr. Chandler is now Interim Chief. Mr. Kelley made a motion to write a letter to recommend Rusty Chandler for Chief of Cecil Airport. A second was made by Steve Shaffer. Discussion was held. Chair Tyson read a proposed letter into the record. The question was called. The vote: all were in favor.

7. Elected Officials Reports – none present.

8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – A volunteer is needed.
- Beautification/Parks/Environment – Mr. Carter's absence is excused.
- Membership – A volunteer is needed.
- Transportation – Thomas Martin reported:
 - The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) did not meet. The next meeting is Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
 - He attended the grand opening of the Collins and I-295 Interchange.
 - He attended a transportation event and saw C&G cars, trucks, garbage trucks also electrical vehicles. Charging stations and natural gas stations are being constructed along interstates. A liquid gas plant (liquid gas is usually used in trains and ships) is planned for installation near the Zoo Parkway – ships will dock in the St. Johns River. There are only 3 liquid gas plants in the USA.
 - He contacted G.E. – they have a proposed train project.
 - A brief discussion was held about the Paramore link between Collins and Argyle. The road is believed to be on the 2015 list of Capital Improvement Program projects.
 - A discussion was held about the Better Jacksonville Plan and the unfinished Westside projects, such as Shindler Road and Old Middleburg Road.
- Sherriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Ms. Turknett reported:
 - November 19 is the annual citywide ShAdCo Meeting. A meal will be provided. This year it will be held at the First Baptist Church (FBC). Parking is at the FBC Laura Street Parking Garage. JSO will provide transportation from the substations. The bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. – space is limited and reservations are necessary. Call 573-3165 to reserve a seat on the bus.
 - 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 Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Cecil Recreation Center – Aquatic Center. Visitors and new members are welcome.
- Safety – Chair Tyson reported:
 - Be aware of the new law prohibiting driving and texting.
 - With the time change, darkness comes earlier. Be aware of your surroundings. He expressed his concern about the rise in crime in the Westside.
- Cecil Area – Chair Tyson reported this subject was already well-covered.
- Economic Development – Jim Kelly's absence was excused. Volunteers are needed for this subcommittee.
- Education – Chuck Mann's absence was excused.
- Nomination – Steve Shaffer reported there were 10 votes for Dewey Walker as Chair and 10 votes for Kathy Budd as Vice Chair. Chair Tyson congratulated Mr. Walker and Ms. Budd. He thanked the Nomination subcommittee members: Steve Shaffer, Kathy Budd and Tom Martin.

9. Unfinished Business – none

10. New Business – none

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

- Dewey Walker announced that his neighborhood, Springtree Village, was the site of a drive-by-shooting. The victim's family had requested copies of all of the association's insurance records. He has consulted an attorney.
- Sandra Nessler announced the annual Unity Festival, Nov. 16 at 845 N. University Boulevard, Brewster's

Megaplex at the Town and Country Center. Activities 0 a.m.- 10 p.m. include line dancing, scavenger hunt, self-defense classes and finance management classes. \$5 donation. \$20 VIP. A free table is available to the CPAC or other non-profit organizations: www.thecoretour.org or 610-5426. A flier is available.

- Kathy Budd announced only 20 residents attended the public meeting held by the Task Force on Consolidation.
- Kathy Budd announced the Parks Department is considering putting a kayak launch near Bakersfield and Lane Avenue. The neighbors do not want a passive park and they do not want a kayak launch. FEMA has already planted trees on the property, which is frequently flooded. Neighbors keep the grass mowed.
- Tom Martin announced a zoning application was withdrawn by Paul Hardin.
- Len Burroughs announced the Very Murray Christmas celebration, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. at the Four Corners Park. Activities include games, displays, food and movies in the park.

12. Motion to Adjourn – Dewey Walker made a motion to adjourn. Charles Kelley seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Dec. 9, 2013 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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