

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
October 14, 2013

Attendance

Members:

Chair - Bruce Tyson
Vice Chair - Len Burroughs
Charter Member - Charles Mann
Charter Member - Don Ingram
Confederate Point Civic - James Nolting
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

Excused:

Armstrong & Bosh Insurance - Opal Burgstiner
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
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
Westside Business Leaders - Jane Miller

Elected Officials:

None present

Staff:

City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance - Maria Buchwalter
City of Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Lt. Nick Burgos
City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
City of Jacksonville Parks & Recreation - Sherry Wilson
Florida Department of Transportation - Thomas Hill

Staff Excused:

City of Jacksonville Planning & Development - Andy Hetzel
City of Jacksonville Mayor's Liaison - Elaine Spencer

Guests:

D&L Barrow - Hyde Grove Terrace
Peggy Myers - Hyde Grove Terrace
Ethel Nolting - Confederate Point
Sandra Nestor - Unity Fest

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

1. Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the September summary was made by Steve Shaffer and seconded by Charles Mann. The vote: all in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** - Lt. Nick Burgos reported:
 - o Ordinance 2010-0836 regulates behaviors of sexual predators and offenders during the holidays. It is unlawful of sexual offenders or predators to decorate, distribute candy or wear costumes during

Halloween. JSO tracking unit contacts predators and JSO officers contact offenders to remind them before the holidays. They are required to post a sign "no candy or treats at this residence", turn off all exterior lighting. Sexual offenders and predators are allowed to participate in holiday events with familial children.

- o There are approximately 1300 offenders and predators in Duval County. The SW District has about 330.
- o Please track sexual offenders and predators so you know which addresses to avoid
http://sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=54115 or
<http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/searchNeighborhood.do?actionPerformed=neighborhoodSearchMain>.
- o Auto burglaries are crimes of opportunity. In 7 of 10 cases, the car doors were unlocked. Please secure vehicles.
- o Residential burglary incidents have occurred in J-I (Riverside). Suspects kick in the front door and steal electronics.
- o Report suspicious activity to 630-0500.
- o The following safety concerns were expressed:
 - Rise in crime in SW. JSO explained they have additional deployments.
 - Car-jacking from elderly Lakeshore resident's front yard while she was unloading groceries. Two of three suspects have not been apprehended.
 - Four recent robberies to individuals who were walking. JSO explained they have additional deployments.
- o The CPAC Chair thanked JSO for their work. The CPAC applauded.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Housing and Community Development Division Chief Elaine Spencer's absence was excused.
 - o Ms. Spencer may be contacted at 255-8200.
 - o **Mayor's Representative** – Ms. Spears may be contacted at 630-1977.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – The Honorable Becki Couch reported. Please see Elected Officials.
 - o The Honorable Becki Couch may be contacted at couchr@duvalschools.org or 390-2373.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – no representative.
 - o Thomas Hill attended for FDOT.
 - o The I-295 and Collins interchange is about 95% completed. It is going into the final phase.
 - o The I-10 and Marietta interchange is moving further West. The design and build phase is scheduled to begin October 15, 2013.
 - o The I-295 and Normandy/SR228 will begin in about 120 days. More information was requested. Mr. Hill said he will send the information.
 - o Expect night time lane closures at I-295 and Collins on Oct. 14.
 - o Expect daytime lane closures at SR 23 and Frontage Road.
 - o The Mathews Bridge was closed due to a ship hitting the main bridge structure. It is tentatively scheduled to be completed within 40 days from the accident.
 - o No staff member has been assigned to the CPAC.
 - o 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:
 - A written report was prepared.
 - Mr. Hill was thanked for his service to several CPACs. Mr. Hill is being promoted to FDOT in Tallahassee.
 - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
 - Chairs and Vice Chairs training is scheduled for January 7, 2014.
 - Homeowner, Condo and Townhome training is scheduled for March 18, 2014.
 - Mary Beth Ridderman was commended for taking the challenge of coordinating 3 CPACs.
 - For more information, contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.
 - o **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Maria Buchwalter reported:
 - A systematic inspection was completed for Indian Lakes.
 - A systematic was begun in Wesconnett
 - The division was funded to keep positions. Training and interviewing are in progress.
 - A concern was raised about the property at the corner of Lane Avenue and Goldilocks Lane.
 - Ms. Buchwalter was thanked for her personal assistance and the team's assistant with overgrown yards and also for their work in the Timuquana North neighborhood.
 - Please call 630-CITY (2489) if you have concerns about properties in your area.
 - o **Planning & Development** – Andy Hetzel's absence was excused.
 - A concern was expressed about sacrificing beautiful trees to build an unnecessary service station at 103rd and Harlow. Another member suggested the site would mean about 30 jobs for the area.
 - Contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Sherry Wilson introduced herself and reported:
 - o Construction begins at Sal Taylor Preserve this week.
 - o The new budget brought cuts. Hours and staff members will be cut at community centers. Partners are

being sought to provide morning programming.

- o A concern was expressed about prostitution and drug use at Stinson Park at night. Ms. Wilson said she will share the information with the appropriate person.
- o **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps’ absence was excused.
- o **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Mr. McNamara’s absence was excused.

4. Presentation:

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

- A Consolidation Task Force is reviewing Consolidation, which is 45 years old this month. Your input is needed. Please complete the on-line survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RJNJF67>) or printed survey. Chair Tyson provided copies of the survey.
- Ms. Ridderman e-distributed information for frequent fliers. In Jacksonville, this will help bypass some security checks. See JAA’s website: <http://www.flyjacksonville.com/default.aspx?sMP=JAA>.

6. Elected Officials Reports – The Honorable Becki Couch reported:

- Duval was ranked 67 of 67 counties in class size and as a result, paid penalties for this unfunded law which votes voted upon. This year a lot of changes have been made to classes and schedules. The goal is to meet 95% of the class size requirement.
- A petition has begun about changing the name of Forrest High School. The person, who resides in Mandarin, has started an on-line petition with over 100,000 signatures. It is an emotional topic. The School Board developed policy 8.59. A discussion followed saying the proposed Forrest High School name change is not being made by a student or parent. CPAC members, including a former student, who spoke during the meeting do not agree with making a name change.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – No report. A volunteer is needed.
- Beautification/Parks/Environment – Mr. Carter’s absence is excused. Mr. Kelley had no report.
- Membership – A volunteer is needed.
 - o Transportation – Thomas Martin reported he was unable to attend the last meeting of North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO).
- Sherriff’s Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Ms. Turknett reported:
 - o October 15, 6 – 9 p.m. is the annual Neighborhood Watch Coordinator’s meeting at the Police Memorial Building. Please RSVP to your zone commander if you plan to attend.
 - o 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. No other ShAdCo sector meetings will be held in November.
 - o ShAdCo has recently shared emails about burglaries and robberies. Officer Shawn Lindsey provide information about suspected vehicles: a Pontiac Gran Prix, A Ford Taurus, a Chevy Lumina and a Toyota Camry – each vehicle is painted gold.
 - o Please report suspicious activity to 630-0500.
 - o 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 reminded residents that October is Fire Safety Month. Check the expiration date on fire extinguishers and be sure they are ready to go. Change batteries in smoke detectors. Check heaters and furnaces to be sure coils are cleaned.
- Cecil Area – Chair Tyson reported:
 - o Bob Simpson retired on October 3.
 - o Cecil is growing. Every square foot is leased and new companies are looking to build.
- Economic Development – Jim Kelly’s absence was excused. Mr. Kelly requested volunteers for this subcommittee.
- Education – Chuck Mann apologized for missing several meetings. He reported the Parent Project is good to get parents involved.
- Nomination – Steve Shaffer, Kathy Budd and Thomas Martin serve on this subcommittee. Mr. Shaffer reported two candidates have been identified: Kathy Budd and Dewey Walker. Elections will be held and nominations will be accepted from the floor on November 4. Of you know of anyone else who will serve, please let Mr. Shaffer or Ms. Ridderman know.

8. Unfinished Business –

- Mr. Martin announced the zoning at the southwest corner of Shindler and Collins is proposed to change to PUD Business. Meetings are starting over. It is an old substation owned by Clay Electric with a cell tower on the property.

9. New Business –

- Ms. Budd raised the topic of the Holiday Social. A discussion was held. The Annual Holiday Social will be held On December 9, 6p.m. in Room D-120. This event cannot happen without volunteers. Please contact Ms. Ridderman at 255-8260 to let her know how many from your family will attend, what you will bring and to serve on the subcommittee to set up, decorate or clean up.

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

- 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.

11. Motion to Adjourn – Kathy Budd made a motion to adjourn. Chuck Mann seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Nov. 4, 2013 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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