

# District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Bruce Tyson

Vice Chair: Len Burroughs

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville Kent Campus

3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Room E-112F

February 11, 2013

### Attendance

#### **Members:**

Vice Chair - Len Burroughs  
Armstrong & Bosh Insurance - Opal Burgstiner  
Armstrong & Bosh Insurance - Bruce Burgstiner  
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  
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker  
Timuquana Manor N. - Alice Turknett  
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin  
Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley  
Westside Business Leaders - Jane Miller

#### **Excused:**

Chair - Bruce Tyson  
Charter Member - Don Ingram  
Charter Member - Charles Mann  
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter  
Hearing Loss Association - Judy Martin  
The Village Salon - Steve Shaffer  
West Jax Civic - Richard Dill

#### **Alternates Also In Attendance:**

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

**Elected Officials:** No representative

#### **Staff:**

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

#### **Guests:**

Confederate Point - Ethel Noiting  
Hipps Group, Inc. - Lara Hipps  
Shirley Ward - ShAdCo  
Winfred Ward - JSO

#### **Absent:**

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's absence is excused due to illness. Len Burroughs called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum. Vice Chair Burroughs welcomed all members, staff members and guests.

### 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the January summary was made by Shirley Lowry and seconded by Peggy Myers. The vote: all were in favor.

### 3. Staff Reports

#### • Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –

- Assistant Chief Patrick Ivey reported:
  - He is the new Zone 4 commander. He has worked patrol in every zone except Zone 4, but he has worked major investigation cases in Zone 4. Member Kathy Budd thanked him for attending the SW CPAC meeting.
- Lt. Eason reported:
  - Theft at construction sites has been a problem. Criminals go into vacant homes or homes still under construction and steal the appliances. He requested residents' assistance: look for large moving vans at vacant homes or construction sites, especially if it is late at night. Please call 630-0500 if you suspect crime.
  - Crime stats look great. There are fewer numbers of virtually every crime since the past cycle. Officers are working hard to take care of things in a timely manner.
  - A new vehicle crash policy is in place due to the reduction in budget and manpower, which have put a significant impact on resources. Prior to the 2013 budget, JSO did part of the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) job by working crashes. The new JSO policy is to call FHP if the crash is on a state road. If the crash involves injuries, JSO responds to stabilize the scene and get JFRD on site. For fender-benders, there may be a significant wait time.
    - In a minor crash, vehicles may be moved from the roadway to a safe location, for example, move to a parking lot or roadside. The fault can be determined when JSO or FHP arrive.
    - FHP has allocated more resources to the area.
  - Red light cameras will be operational this month. Mr. Ward has pamphlets. The camera snaps a photo of the license tag – the registered owner receives the ticket, even if the owner had loaned the car. The red light cameras are in response to traffic fatalities. The first camera has been installed at Blanding and Youngerman.
    - Chief Ivey said in 2012 there were 3 traffic fatalities on Blanding between Youngerman and Collins. Two were pedestrians, and one was when a car sped off the ramp and hit a tree. In 2012 there were 429 crashes in the area from Argyle to Collins. The congestion and construction is making the area more dangerous.
- The JSO Zone 4 Substation number is 573-3165.
- The CPAC acknowledged Chief Ivey and Lt. Eason with applause.

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

#### • Duval County Public Schools – the Honorable Becki Couch's absence was excused.

- Kathy Budd said Dr. Vitti spoke at a community meeting at Ed White High School and he is a magnificent speaker. She presented a list of 10 problems regarding the community surrounding Ed White High School. Dr. Vitti contacted Ms. Budd the next day and arranged a meeting with several community leaders. A question was raised about the community meeting at Ed White. Ms. Budd said there were approximately 300 people in attendance. People in the audience asked wonderful questions and Dr. Vitti's answers were right on target – he was very courteous. It was apparent he was well informed and aware of the facts.

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

- Evening lane closures for resurfacing on I-10 between SR 23 and Nassau County.
- Late evening closures of off ramps at I-295 and Commonwealth.
- Late 2013 scheduled completion date I-295 and Collins interchange.
- Open house Feb. 12, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Ramada Inn regarding managed lanes and toll roads
  - Branan-Field Chaffee will be tolled in both directions
  - Toll lanes or managed lanes will be added on I-295 from the Buckman Bridge to I-95. Other lanes will be unaffected.
    - Eventually all of I-295 will offer toll lanes
    - Amounts will vary, depending on traffic congestions. Prices change every 15 minutes from 15 cents to \$1 per mile. Large signs will reflect the price at all times so motorists can decide to use the toll lanes or stay in slower, congested, free lanes.
    - There will be no toll booths. Payment will be electronic via Sun Pass (cards purchased at retail sites and temporarily mounted in vehicles, for example, in small cases designed for windshields or installed in a larger box on the front bumper of commercial vehicles. Sun Pass cards are automatically debited when vehicles enter the toll lanes.
    - Cameras document usage. If motorists accidentally get in the lanes, they will be sent a bill

- Toll lanes will have limited access and exits
    - 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 a written report was provided.
    - Municipal Code Compliance Division - Maria Buchwalter's absence was excused.
  - **Planning & Development** - Andy Hetzel reported:
    - An application was made to rezone property on Collins and Shindler Road from Rural Residential to Commercial Neighborhood.
    - An exception has been filed to allow a convenience store with beer and wine sales at 2459 Lane Ave.
  - **Parks & Recreation** - Brian Burket reported:
    - The Road to Olustee Festival was Feb. 8 - 10 at Camp Milton. He thanked residents who attended. Attendance was low. Conflicts kept residents and reenactors away. They are looking at 2014 dates.
    - Feb. 13 - 5 p.m. ribbon cutting at Confederate Park.
    - Feb. 16, 3 p.m. at Cecil Recreation Center - Chinese New Year Celebration. Food, martial arts demonstrations. Admission is free.
    - Week of March 25 - Annual Spring Break Camp. Information will be on line at [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com)
    - Apr. 6 - Tri-Jax Challenge. Register on-line at [www.trijaxchallenge.com](http://www.trijaxchallenge.com).
    - Gearing up for Summer Camp May 14.
  - **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** - Lara Hipps announced:
    - The bus tour planning committee meets February 21, 8:30 a.m. at FSCJ Cecil North. The date for the bus tour is May 7. Tickets will be on sale at the March meeting. Early ticket purchases - \$12. After April 15 - \$15 per ticket. Price will include the tour, tour bag and breakfast. The breakfast will be catered by Edgewood Bakery.
    - For more information, please contact [Lara@HippsGroupInc.com](mailto:Lara@HippsGroupInc.com)
  - **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** - Mr. McNamara reported:
    - Interim President Dr. Willis Holcomb is expected soon.
    - FSCJ is searching for a President and Associate Dean.
    - All FSCJ campuses will be tobacco free beginning March 1, 2013.
- 4. Presentation:** Joanne Kazmierski presented information about JAXPORT:
- Almost all products we use come into USA on ships and then are shipped by trucks. Only flowers and gold are shipped by other companies.
  - JAXPORT is the largest exporter of vehicles in the country - over 6,000 per year.
  - Disney and Mickey Mouse items are shipped through JAXPORT.
  - 14 of top 20 ships in the world call Jacksonville home.
  - New shipping lanes have been added from China to JAXPORT.
  - "Ro-Ro" Roll on- roll off business from Toyota
  - \$19 million economic of 65,000 jobs:
    - direct, indirect (trucks, CSX)and induced (Holiday Inn, Wendy's, Chevron)jobs
  - Two major issues:
    - The need for dredging at Mile Point where the Atlantic and intracoastal waterways merge. A local bar harbor pilot is required to navigate the shallow waterway. Bar harbor pilots are only available 8 hours a day. The port wants to allow 24/7 access to ships.
    - The St. Johns River offers shallow water (40'). Ships need 45' draft. Ports at Brunswick and Savannah have deep water access.
      - Cruise ships go out 100% occupied and are good business. Cruise Ship Fascination has an air draft of 175' bottom to top. All cruise ships have difficulty passing under the Dames Point Bridge due to shallow water.
      - In 2014-2015 the widening of the Panama Canal will be completed, allowing larger ships to come through.
      - Increased business is being sought through the Suez Canal.
      - JAXPORT needs to be prepared.

Ms. Kazmierski provided handouts and promotional items. Vice Chair Burroughs thanked her for her report.

**5. Chair's Report** - Chair Bruce Tyson's absence was excused.

**6. Elected Officials Reports** - No representation.

**7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs - No report. A volunteer is needed.
- Beautification/Parks/Environment - no report. Charles Kelley said he was involved in a beautification project to promote planting flowering trees at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. A discussion was held regarding

planting the trees. Tom Martin made a motion to provide a letter to Mayor Brown to request permission to plant donated flowering trees in locations preapproved by Parks personnel. Opal Burgstiner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- Membership – no report.
- Transportation – Thomas Martin made an oral report and provided a written report.
  - The TPO Chair appointed a By-Laws Committee.
  - John Pappas presented information on the status of the Better Jacksonville Plan.
  - Results of the CareMore Aggressive Driving Campaign indicated the number of area accidents diminished.
  - TPO staff requested items for a list of potential studies for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.
  - The next TPO meeting is March 6, 2013 at 6 p.m.
  - Red light cameras will be installed at:
    - Argyle East Bound at Blanding
    - Blanding and Youngerman
    - Blanding North and South at Collins
    - 103<sup>rd</sup> and Firestone
    - 103<sup>rd</sup> Westbound at Ricker
  - Vice Chair Burroughs thanked Mr. Martin for his detailed reports.
- Education – Mr. Mann's absence was excused.
- Sheriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Ms. Turknott reported:
  - Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Ward who volunteer with ShAdCo. Mr. Ward received an award for the number of volunteer hours with the Posse. He installed Crime Stopper signs on all Neighborhood Watch signs.
  - ShAdCo is arranging a joint meeting. They have invited Angela Corey, State Attorney.
  - Council Members were invited to the February 28 meeting of ShAdCo J. Council Member Jones confirmed.
    - 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's absence was excused.
- Cecil Area – Chair Tyson's absence was excused.
- 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 provided a written report.
  - Identified two bills that may adversely affect COJ finances.
  - Working on the Police and Fire Pension Plan but have not received requested year end audited financial statements.
  - Recommended approval of Audit 726, 728 and 729.
  - The next meeting is March 7 at 4 p.m.

**8. Unfinished Business** – None.

- 9. New Business** – Len Burroughs expressed his concern about the City Council Members' proposed ordinance to extend the moratorium on mobility fees for three more years. He asked residents to write or e-mail Council Members to request the moratorium end now. Millions in funding will be lost if the moratorium is extended. Mr. Martin added the TRUE Commission recommended against extending the moratorium.

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

- Jim Kelly announced the gumbo cook-off is March 9. The festival begins on March 8 with Caribbean music. There is music all day March 9. The event is hosted by the Parrot Heads, a Jimmy Buffet fan club, as a fundraiser for Cleaner's Dispatch. For gumbo cook-off tickets, call Jim Kelly or purchase tickets on line at Phins.jax.org.

- 11. Motion to Adjourn** - Dewey Walker made a motion to adjourn. Marilyn Lehman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

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Summary prepared by Mary Beth Riddeman, Neighborhood Coordinator

**Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
**7 p.m. FSCJ Kent Campus**  
**Feb 11, 2013 - monthly meeting**  
**Economic Development sub-committee Report**  
**Chair: James E. Kelly**

**Foreclosure filings in Florida jumped 53 percent last year**, even as the nation's other hardest-hit states — California, Arizona, Nevada and Michigan — saw their foreclosure woes begin to dissipate. That may be because Florida requires banks to process foreclosures through the judicial system, which has been taking much longer, while those other four states do not call for the same level of judicial oversight.

Even though the nation as a whole experienced a 3 percent decline in foreclosures in 2012, activity was up in 25 states — 20 of which are judicial-foreclosure states.

As inventory continues to shrink, home prices in Jacksonville are pushing up.

**Home prices in Jacksonville jumped more than 10 percent in December, according to a Northeast Florida Association of Realtors news release. The median sales price was \$142,950, a 14.4 percent jump year-over-year.**

Inventory for December was 7,558, a 33.5 percent drop from December 2011.

Here are some more statistics from the latest report:

December's closed sales were up 7.5 percent to 1,555.

Closed sales for 2012 were up 6.2 percent to 17,718.

Traditional sales prices rose 6.9 percent and lender-mediated sales prices rose 17.1 percent in December.

Inventory was down 43.3 percent to 4.6 months.

Lender-mediated sales made up 43 percent of the total sales in December; there were 699 lender-mediated sales and 886 traditional sales.

### **JBJ Christian Conte Feb 1, 2013**

**The national economic recovery process** will start to pick up steam as early as next year in part because manufacturing that had been sent overseas is now returning, and Jacksonville is poised to be one of the communities in Florida to best take advantage of that, according to a national economist.

Jeff Korzenik, the chief investment strategist for Fifth Third Bank who spoke to a group of bankers and guests in Jacksonville Feb. 1, said that although the nation still faces some economic headwinds, there are several positive indicators, **including the fact that many companies that had produced their products in other countries are returning production to the United States, a process called reshoring.** Many are doing so *because wages are now more competitive here*, there are more flexible labor laws in the U.S. and there are better infrastructure and intellectual property protections.

**Although Florida is not typically known as a manufacturing hub, Korzenik said Jacksonville is the exception in the state because of the high number of manufacturing facilities and jobs relative to the rest of the state.**

Companies that want to bring manufacturing back to the U.S. will start by going to places where there is already infrastructure, like Jacksonville, Korzenik said. International companies are also interested in opening manufacturing plants in the U.S., and Florida is an attractive market because of the quality of life and business-friendly environment.

There are other positive indicators for Jacksonville and Florida, Korzenik said, such as the improving housing market.

Overall, he said, by 2014 the growth of the economy will feel more "normal" than it has since the recession started, but structural issues, such as indebtedness, will remain for a few more years afterward.

"As we accelerate, good things start to happen in the economy," Korzenik said.

## **Business Pulse - Polls and Surveys    JBJ Feb 1, 2013**

### **How to spend the new bond money**

The city is investing \$9M in Downtown. Which of these projects should be the main priority?

Laura Street Trio 17%  
Hayden Burns Library 6%  
Bostwick Building (aka Jaguar Building) 4%  
Old courthouse and annex 16%  
Incentives for office users 13%  
More retailers and restaurants 45%  
Votes Cast: 189

### **NEW YORK (CNN Money)**

It's happening again.

It's not even close to the summer driving season -- in fact, it's not even springtime -- but as surely as February gives way to March, gas prices have begun their annual ascent.

**The average price for a gallon of regular is now \$3.53 a gallon, according to AAA. That's 17 cents higher than it was just a week ago, and 23 cents higher than last month.**

In parts of Los Angeles, drivers are already paying more than \$5 a gallon.

"I'm shocked. I don't know what happened," Diana Griffiths, a motorist filling up at a downtown LA station, told CNN. "Just a week ago I paid under \$4 a gallon. I'd like an explanation."

Well Diana, we'll try.

**Analysts say gas prices are going up for two basic reasons: oil prices are rising, and refineries are shutting down.**

Oil prices have jumped 10% over the last two months. The price of crude accounts for 68% of the cost of a gallon of gas, according to the Energy Information Administration. Other costs include refining (8%), marketing and distribution (11%), and taxes (13%).

Energy analysts say oil prices are rising partly because the economy is improving. The U.S. housing market had its best year in the last five, U.S. job growth is steady, and the Chinese economy is showing an uptick.

OPEC production cuts are also causing oil prices to rise. The cartel is believed to have cut production by about 1 million barrels a day over the last few months, partly as a response to rising oil production elsewhere, notably the United States.

On the refining front, several refineries have either shut down or are about to for maintenance before the switch to summer gasoline, which often has to be formulated to prevent smog buildup in the warmer weather. That comes on top of the closure of a Hess refinery in New Jersey last month, which was reportedly losing money.

"There's no shortage," said Andrew Lebow, an energy broker at Jefferies Bache in New York. "But there's anticipation that as refineries go down, stockpiles will draw."

Investors are moving their cash into energy futures, attracted by the improving economy and potentially lower gasoline supplies.

In early December, 11.7% of the most commonly traded U.S. oil futures contracts were held by investment funds betting the price would go higher, according to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. As of last week, that number jumped to 15%.

**That money-movement ritual happens every spring, according to Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. Each year, though, it seems to be happening earlier and earlier, he said.**

Fortunately for motorists, prices this year are not expected to be as high as last year.

Thanks to an oil and gas production boom in this country, peak gasoline prices are expected to top out somewhere between \$3.50 a gallon and \$3.90 a gallon this year, Kloza said. Last year's top price was \$3.94 a gallon, set in early April.

Average prices for the whole year are expected to be lower, too. Kloza is predicting an average of \$3.25 to \$3.50 a gallon. That's nice break from last year's average of \$3.60 -- which caused U.S. motorists to spend a record \$479 billion at the pump.

--CNN's Paul Vercammen contributed to this report To top of page

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Sequestration is a term used to describe the practice of using mandatory spending cuts in the federal budget if the cost of running the government exceeds either an arbitrary amount or the the gross revenue it brings during the fiscal year.

Simply put, sequestration is the employment of automatic, across-the-board spending cuts in the face of annual budget deficits.

**Crenshaw: 'Dangers of sequestration are real'**

**Navy cuts back to single carrier fleet in Persian Gulf**

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USS Gettysburg

U.S. Navy

MAYPORT, Fla. -

Congressman Ander Crenshaw, R-Fla., issued a statement Thursday on the looming cuts to the nation's military budget.

Quick Clicks

Budget cuts from the Pentagon frustrates local families

Navy delays carrier, ship deployments

**The USS Gettysburg** will not be deploying from Naval Station Mayport to the Persian Gulf on Friday as scheduled. The Mayport-based guided missile cruiser is part of **the USS Truman battle group**, and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta delayed the entire group's deployment for budget reasons.

**The HSM-74 helicopter squadron** also had its deployment delayed. The squadron, based at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, flies 11 helicopters with the Truman battle group. Because of the budget cuts, **the military expects to furlough 800,000 civilian workers for 22 days lay off as many as 46,000 temporary and contract employees, and individual branches also plan other cutbacks.**

Crenshaw released this statement:

*"I've said it all along; the dangers of sequestration are real. The Pentagon's decision to cut aircraft carrier presence in the Persian Gulf from two to one carriers makes it clear and brings it home. The United States will have one less of its strongest military assets in one of the world's most dangerous areas.*

"We can't balance the budget on the back of the military. Doing so degrades core capability and readiness, limits force projection, and unnecessarily risks our national security. This is the world we are going to live in unless the sequester is stopped."

*Crenshaw sits on the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee.*



NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



## Southwest CPAC February 2013

Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator

### Mayor Alvin Brown:

- Mayor Alvin Brown and the City of Jacksonville are working with Streetline, to implement the company's smart parking system in certain sections of Downtown. This will allow people with smartphones or computers to find on-street parking spaces in real time, as well as the locations of parking garages and lots. Installation of 99 parking sensors will begin this week at the intersection of Laura and Forsyth Streets. The sensors will be embedded in the pavement. The sensors will stretch along Laura Street from Monroe Street to Independent Drive and will also span several blocks of road intersecting Laura Street including Adams, Forsyth and Bay Streets. An easy-to-use search and visual map similar to GPS and in-car navigation systems, the app includes a hands-free option with an audible cue when available parking is nearby. "Parker" is expected to be available for download in Jacksonville by the first week of March.

### Neighborhoods:

#### Housing & Community Development

- Reminder: Foreclosure Aid deadline is Feb. 15. Applies to Florida borrowers who lost their home to foreclosure from Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2011 and suffered servicing abuse. Claims need to be filed immediately for consideration. Funds are part of a settlement Florida is receiving from a landmark, \$25 billion joint federal-state agreement with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers over foreclosure abuses and unacceptable nationwide mortgage servicing practices. The Florida Attorney General's office urges borrowers to get more information at the website [NationalMortgageSettlement.com](http://NationalMortgageSettlement.com), email [administrator@nationalmortgagesettlement.com](mailto:administrator@nationalmortgagesettlement.com), or call toll-free at 1-866-430-8358.

### Parks and Recreation:

#### Parks

- Learn more about area parks: <http://www.youtube.com/user/friendsofjaxparks>
- Sign up for updates on parks: <http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/jaxparksupdates.aspx>
- Confederate Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Feb. 13, 5 p.m., 949 Hubbard St. The Confederate Playground project was funded through a Community Development Block Grant for \$316,893.

#### County Extension Office:

- Feb. 23, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Day of Gardening. Cost \$10 by Feb. 21. To register, email Becky at [beckyd@coj.net](mailto:beckyd@coj.net)
- Free newsletter: <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/nleafJanuaryFebruary13.pdf>
- Another free newsletter: <http://www.solutionsforyourlife.com/>
- Learn more at <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu> or 255-7450.

### Animal Care and Control:

- Now – Valentine's Day, Thursday Feb. 14, any two people who come in together to adopt two or more animals will receive a free adoption. New owners will be responsible for the city license fee (\$20).
- Month of February - current adoption special is \$14 plus a \$20 city license. Includes spaying or neutering, rabies vaccinations and microchip

### Public Library:

- Lincoln Traveling Exhibit – Main Library.
  - Feb. 17, Noon Lunch With Lincoln Series\* Main Library, Third Floor (bring a brown bag lunch)
  - "The Maple Leaf," presented by Keith Holland, DDS, discoverer of the Civil War steamship, The Maple Leaf, shipwreck site.
  - Feb. 17, 3 - 4 p.m. "Civil War Communication: The Telegraph" Main Library, Children's Department.
  - Children's Trivia: <http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/progs/jpl/lincoln-trivia-form.pdf>. Use it for fun or enter the contest, deadline Feb. 17.
- Please visit kids' magazines on the web: <http://jpl.coj.net/kids/mags.html>.
- Project Gutenberg is a volunteer effort to digitize, archive, and distribute cultural works. It is the largest collection of free electronic books (eBooks) in the world. Gutenberg offers over 42,000 free e-books: choose among free e-pub books, free kindle books - download them or read them online. <http://www.gutenberg.org/>.

Contact 630-City (2489) for more information.

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**Other:**

- Feb. 15, 16, 17, 2013. The Battle of Olustee reenactment, parade and Living History. Olustee Battlefield State Historic Site, Olustee, Florida.

**Phone Numbers:**

- City Link 630-CITY (630-2489). Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information contact 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org).
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St, Jacksonville, FL 32202 - 630-2665 or [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org).
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500
- First Coast Crime Stoppers - 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously.
- JEA - 665-6000 - If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it.
- Duval Extension Office - 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) (Search Extension Office).

NORTH FLORIDA TPO  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

to the

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following major items were discussed at the last meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, February 6, 2013:

- The Chair appointed a Bylaws Committee as required by the CAC Bylaws.
- Received a presentation by John Pappas on the current status of the Better Jacksonville Plan. A copy of the Powerpoint presentation was e-mailed to each SW-CPAC member.
- Received presentation on CareMore Aggressive Driving Campaign results. The number of accidents in the area did diminish following the campaign.
- The TPO staff requested items for a list of potential studies for FY2012/2013 – 2013/2014 Unified Planning Work Program.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 6:00 PM

## TRUE COMMISSION REPORT

to the

## SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following major items were discussed at the last meeting of the Commission on Thursday, February 7, 2013:

- **Legislative Tracking Committee:** The committee identified two bills currently before the City Council that may adversely affect the City finances. Bill 2013-8 would remove the exemption of twelve ticketed events at the Metropolitan Park from the noise ordinance. This bill has been withdrawn. Bill 2013-15 allows the appointment of a consulting firm to assist the City in identifying and obtaining grants for brownfield projects. The Committee proposed a resolution opposing the passage of the bill on the grounds that brownfield grant research should be done in-house by the Planning Department. The commission approved the resolution.
- **Performance Committee:** The committee is still working on the Police and Fire Pension Plan. The Committee would like to make a definite recommendation to the City Council but is hampered by the lack of information. Requests for year-end audited financial statements on the Plan have gone unanswered.
- **Audit Review Committee:** The committee recommended approval of Audit #726 - Municipal Code Compliance Division Revenue Audit though there were concerns on nine items and requested that the Council Auditor follow-up. The committee also recommended approval of Audit #728 - JEDC Incentives Audit but requested a copy of the Office of Economic Development standard template economic incentive contract. The committee recommended the acceptance Report #729 - Statement of County Funded Court-Related Costs. The Commission passed all three recommendations.
- **Council Auditor's Office:** Notice of the recent availability of following report: Special Report #729 - Statement of County Funded Court-Related Costs.

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 4:00 P.M.

January 22, 2013 – Meeting Ed White High School

**Ideas, suggestions, concerns and comments regarding the communities surrounding Ed White High School:**

1. Parking along Hanson South before AND after school, creating traffic hazards for motorists who try to turn in or get out of Hyde Grove Acres. There are “no parking signs” posted but they are ignored.
2. Kids leaving school to loiter on the corner of Hanson S. and Hanson N. JSO has been called on many occasions but by the time the officer arrives the kids are well out of the area. Our highest number of crimes occur in the daytime, when kids break into homes in the area. There is an issue of property safety and safety of kids being hurt by homeowners.
3. Kids hanging out under the bridge and in the woods along Old Middleburg Road between Herlong and Lenox. There is danger from homeless who also camp in the area.
4. There is no effective way to contact Ed White school before 7 a.m. The school apparently does not provide a cell phone number so a school resource officer can be directly contacted. When JSO had the assignment, the officer could be contacted directly by cell phone and residents received an immediate response. Customer service is lacking in the security system.
5. Parents stop in the median on Old Middleburg to drop off children – sometimes into the path of on-coming traffic. There needs to be no stopping signs in the median.
6. The left turn lane at the south end of the campus onto Old Middleburg should be closed by COJ.
7. School buses are cutting through residential neighborhood in order to avoid traffic lights. Two examples are the buses that turn into Hanson, right on Mt. Vernon and exit on Hyde Grove.

Another cuts off Lane on Golfview, left on Coulee to exit at Wiley. No children are picked up by these buses, it is purely a time saver for the driver. However, corner lots in the neighborhoods are being rutted by the buses.

8. School staff turn left into the south entrance of the campus from Old Middleburg even though it is one way (out bus lane) thereby creating a traffic hazard.
9. The Ed White main school signs had landscaping plants and mulch installed at no cost to the school about two years ago by an interested resident. The areas are not being maintained. This does not help the look of the school grounds nor does it encourage donations/volunteerism in the future.
10. The sidewalks/walkways on Old Middleburg from Herlong/ Hyde Grove to Lenox are completely covered in trash (both sides of the street).

Suggest that the students that have detention be required to clean the areas on a weekly basis. Dog walking and jogging is impossible due to the debris/garbage/trash in these areas. Fortunately, the sidewalks are scheduled for repair/ replacement in the COJ 2013 budget.

The above is submitted in an effort to insure safety for motorists and children in this school district. The roadway is not lighted well, kids are walking/texting/using their phones and not paying attention to traffic.

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Thank you!