

# 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  
September 9, 2013

### **Attendance**

#### **Members:**

Chair - Bruce Tyson  
Vice Chair – Len Burroughs  
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting  
Council District 10 – Kathy Budd  
Council District 10 – Yvonne Cooke  
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara  
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:**

Charter Member - Charles Mann  
Charter Member – Don Ingram  
Armstrong & Bosh Insurance – Opal Burgstiner  
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter  
Crystal Springs – Marilyn Lehman  
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly  
Hearing Loss Association – Judy Martin  
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry  
Springtree Village – Dewey Walker  
West Jax Civic – Richard Dill  
Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller

#### **Elected Officials:**

None present

#### **Staff:**

City of Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Lt. Jesse York  
City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman  
City of Jacksonville Parks & Recreation – Sherry Wilson  
City of Jacksonville Planning & Development - Andy Hetzel

#### **Staff Excused:**

City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance – Maria Buchwaller

#### **Guests:**

Hipps Group - Lara Hipps	Ashley Morrison
Edwards Cohen – Karl Sanders	Tina Vining
Scenic Advocates Jax – Alicia Grant	William D. Brinton
Scenic Advocates Jax – Patty Neal	Karl Sanders
Clear Channel Outdoor- Brent Bolick	Steve Diebenow

### **Call to Order/Verify Quorum**

1. Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

### **2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary**

A motion to approve the August summary was made by Tom Martin and seconded by Charlie Kelley. The vote: all in favor.

### **3. Staff Reports**

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. York reported:

- Residential burglary incidents are up in the Riverside and Ortega areas. The suspects are 2 White males. The burglaries are occurring mostly during daylight hours. JSO believes the suspects are driving from one area to another. Please secure your doors. Report suspicious activity to 630-0500.

- National Night Out is October 1.
  - A concern was expressed about the recent shootings. Lt. York explained they were isolated incidents.
  - 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.
    - Ms. Spencer may be contacted at 255-8200.
  - **Mayor's Representative** – No representative.
    - Ms. Spears may be contacted at 630-1977.
  - **Duval County Public Schools** – No representative.
    - The Honorable Becki Couch may be contacted at [couchr@duvalschools.org](mailto:couchr@duvalschools.org) or 390-2373.
  - **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – no representative.
    - Doreen Joyner-Howard earned a promotion and will no longer attend SW CPAC meetings. At this time, no one has been assigned.
    - 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** –
    - **Housing and Community Development Division** - Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
      - A written report was prepared.
      - Sept. 17 at 1 p.m., training for Condo owners. 213 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Bldg. Room 851
      - Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m., training for Homeowner and Townhome Associations. 213 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Bldg. Room 851. Space is limited for both classes. Pre-registration required.
      - The CPAC Coordinators and their supervisor hosted the Egyptian Delegation. Delegates were interested in CPACs and other grassroots organizations. Ice cream and cookies were served – the visitors commented that they liked Southern hospitality. They found Jacksonville has a lot of green space and waterfront that is not developed. They reported JTA's system needed improvement – it is too difficult to get around with public transportation, particularly at night and on weekends. They observed that most people drive one person to one car and thought that was very wasteful of resources. In Egypt, public transportation is used almost exclusively.
      - Marilyn Fenton-Harmer left the COJ after 13 years of service. She is teaching. Mary Beth now has three CPACs: SW, North and NW. Rosemary Wesolowski has the SE, Greater-Arlington Beaches and the Urban Core CPAC.
      - For more information, contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).
    - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Maria Buchwalter's absence was excused.
      - Please call 630-CITY (2489) if you have concerns about properties in your area.
    - **Planning & Development** – Andy Hetzel reported:
      - 2013-1335 – application for a daycare at 1660 Lane Ave.
      - 2013-469 - rezoning Property on Collins Road between I-295 and Rampart Road.
      - Contact Mr. Hetzel at [ahetzel@coj.net](mailto:ahetzel@coj.net) or 255-7821.
  - **Parks & Recreation** – Sherry Wilson introduced herself and reported:
    - She answered questions by email about the improvements in progress at Sai Taylor Preserve.
    - A concern was expressed about the overall poor condition of Stinson Park. It has litter and other maintenance issues. The drinking fountain is moldy.
    - Chair Tyson welcomed Ms. Wilson to the SW CPAC.
  - **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps reported:
    - Sept. 23 - Cecil Airport Advisory Committee Meeting.
    - Members joined the West Chamber for a tour of Cecil. Videos recorded the tour.
  - **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Mr. McNamara reported:
    - Enrollment is down 5-6%. They attribute the change to right-sizing.
    - There are 13 candidates for the FSCJ Presidential search.
4. **Presentation:** Chair Tyson explained the rules of the presentation: be quiet during each part of the presentation or be removed from the room. JSO and FSCJ Security stood by during the presentation. Steve Diebenow and Karl Sanders presented information about and advocated to support Ordinance 2013-493 (Billboards). Bill Brinton presented information about and advocated to object to 2013-493. Time was provided for public comments (See Section 10). The presentations, questions and answers and comments went well and Chair Tyson thanked everyone for their cooperation. He thanked each speaker individually. A motion was made by Kathy Budd to oppose 2013-493 and Alice Turknett seconded the motion. Chair Tyson asked Ms. Ridderman to verify a quorum. A quorum was present. The vote: all in favor.
5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Bruce Tyson appointed members of the Nomination Subcommittee: Kathy Budd, Tom Martin and Steve Shaffer. They will present a slate of officers at the October meeting. If you are interested in serving as Chair or Vice Chair, please contact a member of the subcommittee.
6. **Elected Officials Reports** – No representatives.
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.
  - Membership – A volunteer is needed.

- Transportation – Thomas Martin reported:
  - He attended the Sept. 4 meeting of North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO). Two new members were received. JTA presented information about the transit operation, skyway and bus routes. A presentation was made about the St. Johns River Ferry status and goals. Funding for 2014-2015 and 2017-18 was recommended. The group approved funding for mitigation and air quality projects. They reviewed the Beaver Street Corridor – FDOT will continue State Road 23 to Beaver Street. Long range plans are being discussed for managed (toll) lanes, Butler Boulevard and I-295 and 9-B. the group approved commercial corridor rail. The next meeting is Oct. 2, 2013.
- Education – Mr. Mann's absence was excused.
- Sherriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Ms. Turknett reported:
  - Sector L met last Thursday. Attendance has increased since they moved to the Aquatic Center.
  - Sector K is meeting tonight in conflict with the CPAC meeting because of last week's holiday.
  - There have been a number of auto burglaries in Zone 4. Be diligent.
  - 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 asked residents who see suspicious activities to call JSO at 630-0500.
- Cecil Area – Chair Tyson did not report, in the interest of time.
- Economic Development – Jim Kelly's absence was excused.
- Education – Chuck Mann's absence is excused.
- TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – A volunteer is needed.

**8. Unfinished Business** – none.

**9. New Business** – none.

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

- Several comments were made in opposition to Billboard Ordinance 2013-0493.
- No comments were made in favor of Ordinance 2013-0493.
- Lara Hipps announced the Westside Business Leaders Charity Golf Tournament is Friday, Sept. 27, 2013 at Fiddler's Green, Cecil Field Golf Club. Registration - 12:30 with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fees \$95. Box lunch dinner provided by Edgewood Bakery.
- Len Burroughs announced
  - Murray Hill was founded September, 1905.
  - Murray Hill Preservation association missed the 100 year anniversary, so they are celebrating this year.
    - Sept. 11 – PowerPoint slides of photos at the Murray Hill Library, 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
    - Sept. 18 – Long-time residents discuss life in Murray Hill at the Murray Hill Library, 7 p.m.
    - Sept. 25 – slides of historical Murray Hill, presentation by Metro Jax. Enjoy a "Slice of Murray Hill" purchase 2 pizza slices, salad and dessert prepared by Moon River Pizza for \$8. One slice with salad and dessert \$6. This event is held in lieu of the traditional Spaghetti dinner prepared by Edgewood Bakery.

**11. Motion to Adjourn** – Kathy Budd made a motion to adjourn. Tom Martin seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Oct. 14, 2013 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

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Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman, Neighborhood Coordinator



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September 30, 2013

Honorable Bill Gulliford  
Jacksonville City Council  
117 W. Duval St.  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: Ordinance 2013-493

Dear Council President Gulliford,

On September 9, 2013, the Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) heard both sides of the issues regarding Ordinance 2013-0493. Time was allowed for Public Comments and additional time for questions and answers to clarify the presentations.

Southwest CPAC members voted unanimously to oppose Ordinance 2013-0493. Reasons given were the unsightly blight caused by billboards in neighborhoods and along area streets and highways by billboards. Safety concerns were listed related to electronic billboards. A concern was expressed that the ordinance will allow a proliferation of signage along highways that currently have no billboards. Overall, the effect on Jacksonville's landscape was the underlying concern. A brief discussion was held regarding billboard-free states and cities where members and guests had visited. Members would like to see the City of Jacksonville rise to that level of beauty - with no billboards, static or electronic.

The Southwest CPAC respectfully recommends the Jacksonville City Council vote against Ordinance 2013-0493 and support the CPAC's vision of a more beautiful Jacksonville.

Respectfully,

  
Bruce Tyson  
Chair

CC: Mayor Alvin Brown

E-Copy:

Jacksonville City Council Vice President Clay Yarbrough

Council Members: William Bishop, Richard A. Clark, Don Redman, Lori N. Boyer, Matt Schellenberg, Dr. John Gaffney, E. Denise Lee, Reginald L. Brown, Raymond E. Holt, Doyle Carter, Bill Gulliford, Jim Love, Kimberly Daniels, John R. Crescimbeni, Stephen C. Joost, Greg Anderson, Robin Lumb

Council Legislative Services: Cheryl Brown, Dana Farris

Neighborhoods Department: Terrance Ashanta-Barker, Elaine Spencer,

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NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Mary Beth Ridderman, Neighborhood Coordinator  
September 2013

**Neighborhoods:**

**Housing & Community Development**

- Marilyn Fenton-Harmer left the COJ to pursue her dream of teaching. Until her position is filled, Mary Beth works with the North, Northwest and Southwest CPACs and neighborhoods. Rosemary Wesolowski works with Southeast, Greater-Arlington-Beaches and Urban Core CPACs. For concerns, contact Supervisor Kenny Logsdon, 255-8237.
- Neighborhood Coordinators hosted Egyptian Delegation on Sept. 4. They said they appreciated our hospitality. They observed that Jacksonville has lots of green space and undeveloped areas along the waterways and needs public transportation systems.
- Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. Condominium Training, 214 N. Hogan St. Room 851
- Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m. Homeowner Association Training 214 N. Hogan St. Room 851.

**Parks and Recreation:**

- **Parks :**
  - Improvements: restrooms & pavilion are planned for Sal Taylor Preserve.
  - 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>
- **Special Events:**
  - Sept. 20 at 6 - 10 p.m. Pirate Party, Pirates of Caribbean Curse of the Black Pearl movie. Bring your own chair or blanket. Free admission. For more information call 630-3690 or visit <http://www.jaxhappenings.com/Events/Pirate-Party.aspx>
- **County Extension Office:**
  - 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.

**JSO:**

- Oct. 1, 2013 National Night Out - plan something for your neighborhood and register your event <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriff-s-office/bizforms/national-night-out-registration-form.aspx>
- On Line Crime Reporting <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/report-a-crime-online.aspx>
- JSO Information: <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office.aspx>

**Public Library:**

- Read free full digital copies of magazines on your computer, tablet or mobile device! Choose from many popular titles with no due dates. <http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/res/db/zinio.html>
- 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 40,000 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.

**Duval County Public Schools:**

- Parent Academy: supplies parents and caregivers with tools to promote students' academic achievement. [http://inside.coj.net/News/Documents/DCPS-Parent%20Academy%20\(web%20site%20flyer\).pdf](http://inside.coj.net/News/Documents/DCPS-Parent%20Academy%20(web%20site%20flyer).pdf) or 390-2969

**Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC)**

- Partnering with U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Florida Department of Health/Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs to provide nutritious snacks and supper meals to local children. Starting Monday, Sept. 9, children attending JCC-funded TEAM UP Nutrition Program sites will each receive a nutritious snack and supper meal before going home each day.

**Keep Jacksonville Beautiful:**

- Sept. 21, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Coastal Cleanup. For information: 630-3420, 630-2489 or visit [www.coj.net/KJB](http://www.coj.net/KJB)

**Other:**

- Sept 29 at 2 p.m. and the last Sunday of each month - Northside Love Arts & Vendors Market: Entertainment, Zumba, kids' activities, fruit/veg. market, food trucks. 5054 Soutel Dr. 755-5281.
- Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Inaugural Honeybee Festival: children's activities, honey sampling, crafts, free admission. [http://beefriendsfarm.com/Honeybee\\_Festival\\_Flyer.pdf](http://beefriendsfarm.com/Honeybee_Festival_Flyer.pdf)
- Florida's Financial History Challenge for students - K-12. Entries through Oct. 11, 2013. Awards Dec. 31, 2013 <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/YMM/HistoryChallenge/default.aspx>.
- Sept. 12 at 6 p.m., Community Meeting: Saving Our Youth Civil Citations: In and Out of School. FSCJ Downtown, 101W. State St. A-1068.

**Jobs:**

- Sept. 27 at 10 - 3 p.m. Veterans Job Fair. Jacksonville Fairgrounds, 510 Fairground Place. For more information, contact 630-3680 or visit [www.coj.net/jobsforvets](http://www.coj.net/jobsforvets)
- City of Jacksonville Jobs: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/jacksonvillefl/default.cfm>
- Other Jobs:
  - <http://jobs.monster.com/l-florida.aspx>
  - Worksource/Employ Florida <https://www.employflorida.com/vosnet/Default.aspx> or call 904-356-5627 or 924-1710.

**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.
- JSO Zone 4 - 573-3165
- JSO Zone 5 - 384-8028
- JSO Zone 6 - 696-4335
- JFRD Non-emergency - 630-0530
- 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 - 255-7450 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) (Search Extension Office).

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