

District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Abner Davis

Vice Chair: Len Burroughs

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville Kent Campus
3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Room E-112F
February 8, 2016

Attendance

Members:

Chair - (Clara White Mission) Abner Davis
Vice Chair - (Murray Hill Preservation) Len Burroughs
Budget Automotive - Linda Barrows
Budget Automotive - Darrell Barrows
Confederate Point Civic - James Nolting
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch - Bernice Gremer
Hyde Grove Creek Side - Kathy Budd
Hyde Grove Terrace - Shirley Lowry
Hyde Grove Terrace - Peggy Meyers
St. Ives Townhomes - Sandra Tucker
Trinity Ministries - Bruce Tyson
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin

Excused:

Charter Member - Don Ingram
Charter Member - Chuck Mann
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
Timuquana Manor N. - Alice Turknett
Timuquana Manor N. - Polly Walker
Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley

Absent:

Camalot - Pierce Rumph

Pending Removal:

Blue Lakes Estates - Annette Brown

Removed:

Gleaner's Dispatch - Terry Fountain
West Jax Civic - Ric Dill

Three consecutive unexcused absences will result in the organization's removal as a CPAC member.

Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net if members will be absent.

Elected Officials:

Honorable Reggie Brown - Council Member District 10
Honorable Jim Love - Council Member District 14
Honorable Becki Couch, Duval County School Board

Staff:

City of Jacksonville Military Affairs - Harrison Conyers
City of Jacksonville Parks, Recreation and Community Services - Keith Meyer
City of Jacksonville Planning and Development - Neighborhood Initiatives - Mary Beth Ridderman
City of Jacksonville Planning and Development - Andy Hetzel
City of Jacksonville Public Works - Carlton Knotts
City of Jacksonville Public Works - Hamilton Abreu
City of Jacksonville Regulatory, Municipal Code Compliance - Dennis Steele
Jacksonville Fire & Rescue (JFRD) - Chief Donald Powell
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Lt. T.C. James
JTA - Cheryl Riddick

Staff Excused: Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Jim Green

Staff Absent: Mayor's Representative - E. Denise Lee

Guests:

Lara Hipps - Hipps Group, Representing JAA
James Justice - FSCJ Kent Student Government Association
James Gandy - Abundant Life Community Center
Jenna Emmons - Ability Housing

1. Call to Order:

Chair Abner Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis recognized the Honorable Becki Couch, the Honorable Jim Love and the Honorable Reggie Brown. He welcomed everyone to the SW CPAC meeting. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary: Tom Martin made a motion to approve the January summary. A second was received from Bruce Tyson. The vote: all were in favor.

3. Presentations: None. Chair Davis explained that the invited speaker had rescheduled.

4. Elected Officials' Reports:

- Council Member Jim Love reported:
 - The Riverside Avondale Area Trolley will be available every weekend, beginning March 4, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. A local sponsor is supporting the trolley. Ridership fees are \$1.50 each way, per person. A cell phone app may be used to pay the fees (<http://trolley.jaxmob.com/>). Star card-holders (seniors) ride at no cost.
 - An extension of the existing ½ cent sales tax has been proposed to fund the pension liability. The Governor is reviewing the proposal. If he approves, taxpayers will be asked to vote on the issue. There will be no tax increase, merely an extension of the existing tax.
 - Human Rights Ordinance (HRO) 2016-001 and 2016-002 are being discussed. Every major city in Florida, except Jacksonville, has an HRO to protect the rights of residents.
 - Three projects in the Riverside area:
 - Riverside Dog Park.
 - Community Garden on Park Street.
 - Boone Park playground. The city had allotted \$75,000 for a new playground. Dolores Weaver donated an additional \$50,000.
 - Chair Davis thanked Council Member Love for his regular CPAC attendance.
 - Council Member Love may be contacted at 630-1380 or jimlove@coj.net.
- Council Member Reggie Brown reported:
 - Please notify a City Council member if a store is creating a public nuisance by harboring loiterers. Ordinance 2015-836 was passed which allows a process to rescind the store's certificate of occupancy, resulting in disconnection of the store's electricity, water and sewer.
 - An extension of the sales tax will fund pension liability. The savings will allow funding for additional city services and infrastructure.
 - He had hoped to have more public input on the HRO. Two meetings remain.
 - The Orange Park Medical Center on 103rd Street is expanding.
 - Concerns for the environment and quality of life were expressed: Septic tanks continue to be permitted in new subdivisions, even near waterways. 12 new homes with 12 septic tanks are being constructed adjacent to Wills Branch Creek. Jacksonville waterways have high coliform levels. Developers should be required to hook up to City sewer and water. A discussion was held.
 - Chair Davis thanked Council Member Brown for his visit and report.
 - Council Member Brown may be contacted at 630-1684 or rbrown@coj.net.

5. Staff Reports: Staff members were asked to provide written reports or limit necessary reports to 3 minutes.

- **Mayor's Representative:** No representative/no report. Ms. Lee may be reached at 630-1874 or edenisel@coj.net.
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** Lt. T.C. James reported:
 - JSO responds to Riverside-Avondale residents' complaints about illegal parking. Numerous parking tickets are being written, particularly on weekends and at night. Please do not block driveways or sidewalks.
 - JSO is understaffed and losing more officers to other cities and states. In effect, JSO is training officers for other cities, because JSO offers lower starting salaries and fewer benefits.
 - Incidents of auto burglary continue to be high due to unlocked vehicles or unattended vehicles left running. Owners can be cited for leaving an unattended vehicle running, at home or at businesses. A discussion was held about weapons stolen from unlocked vehicles.
 - For JSO information, call the JSO Zone 4 Office at 513-3165. The Zone 4 office is located in the Cedar Hills Shopping Center. <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/patrol-division/zone-4.aspx>.
 - To report suspicious activity, call 630-0500.
 - To report a crime in progress, call 911.
- **Jacksonville Fire & Rescue** – Chief Donald Powell reported:
 - Winter is JFRD's busy season due to space heaters and electrical systems causing house fires. Please place space heaters at safe distances from bedding, furniture, drapes or other combustible items.
 - He is assigned to the station at Roosevelt Boulevard and McDuff Avenue. Due to shift changes, different JFRD personnel will attend CPAC meetings.

- JFRD website: <http://www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue.aspx>
- The JFRD non-emergency number is 630-0434.
- To report an emergency, please call 911.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Municipal Code Compliance Division – Dennis Steele reported:
 - Inspections were completed in the Cedar Hills area. 180 new cases were written: illegal signs 1, junk vehicles 52, nuisance 50, nuisance board up 1, nuisance tree 5, residential 49, unsafe structure 1, zoning-residential 21.
 - Zone 4 has four Code Compliance officers. Occasionally, officers are loaned to other zones.
 - Chair Davis thanked Code Compliance officers for their hard work.
 - To report concerns, please call 630-CITY (630-2489), email 630city@coj.net or use the MyJAX app.
 - Mr. Steele may be contacted at 255-7041 or dsteeler@coj.net.
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ):** Paul McNamara's absence was excused.
 - Mr. McNamara may be reached at 779-4030 or pmcnamar@fscj.edu.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):** Jim Green's absence was excused.
 - Due to FDOT staff resources, each month Jim Green alternates between Greater Arlington-Beaches CPAC and SW CPAC meetings. If information is needed in between his scheduled meetings, please contact Mr. Green by telephone at (904)360-5684 or by e-mail at james.green@dot.state.fl.us.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) :** Lara Hipps reported:
 - Cecil Advisory Committee lunch meeting was well-attended.
 - The Navy planes and support staff will leave Cecil and return to NAS Jax in May and June.
- **Parks & Recreation:** Keith Meyerl reported:
 - Cecil Aquatics Center pool heaters were replaced.
 - Cecil Aquatics Center women's locker rooms are being renovated.
 - Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center fitness gym is free and open to all residents.
 - Tillie Fowler Regional Park board walk is being reconstructed by the city and partner, NAS Jax.
 - A reforestation plan has begun at Boone Park.
 - Residents were encouraged to take a Maritime Management Plan survey www.jaxboatplan.com. A flier was provided. Boating & Angling Guides to Nassau and Duval Counties were distributed.
 - Mr. Meyerl may be contacted at 255-7936 or kmeyerl@coj.net.
- **Planning and Development Department: Planning –** Andy Hetzel provided a written report

Type	Date	PD	CD	Application	Development/Location	RE Number	Owner/Agent	Request	
PC	1/7/16	4	10	967 C	15-0806	5305 Cemetery Rd	014387-0000	Robert Fleet	CO to CCG-2 car wash
		4	14	978 C	15-0808	3102 Lake Shore	094298-0000	Cynthia Segraves	RLD-90 to RLD--60
AD	1/22/16	4	12	AD	15-83	4508 Zambito Rd	013048-0200	Tin Nguyen	reduce setback along N & S PL from 10 to 1.5
PC	2/4/16	4	9	E	16-001	7175 Blanding	098913-0100	Paul Harden	dancing estab with alcohol
		4	9	AD	16-03	7175 Blanding	098913-0100	Paul Harden	reduce parking from 158 to 74
PC	2/18/16	4	14	E	16-003	3822 Park St (Pine Grove Deli)	092870-0000	Leah Walker	restaurant w/sale of beer & wine on premises
		4	14	946 P	15-0850	Pine Grove Deli	092870-0000	Steve Diebenow	allow parking lot/ outdoor seating expansion
		4	14	999 P	16-0070	Caliber Collision	098404-0065	Fred Atwill	allow major repair garage
AD	3/4/16	4	14	AD	16-08	3767 Ortega Blvd (historic prop)	101342-0000	Angela Schifanella	reduce side yard from 5 to 2 feet

- Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 255-7821 or ahetzel@coj.net.
- **JTA-** Cheryl Riddick announced:
 - A compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling facility opened at 100 N. Myrtle Ave. for fueling agencies' and the public's vehicles.
 - JTA's goal is to acquire 100 compressed gas vehicles in four years. Currently, JTA has 23 CNG buses.
 - The Beaches Trolley will be available 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. to provide spectator transportation for the 2016 26.2 with Donna Marathon. Unlimited-ride, single day passes may be purchased at MY JTA app. For more information, please visit www.myjta.com.
 - JTA Mobility Works project will begin design on Collins from Shindler to Rampart. The design phase is scheduled to be completed in early Fall 2016. A brief discussion was held about the Mobility Plan bus system from 103rd Street to downtown.

- The SW corridor Bus Rapid Transit is being planned. Ms. Riddick offered to provide a presentation on Bus Rapid Transit.
- Concerns were expressed about bus service, which is insufficient to connect to shopping, entertainment, parks and the beltway. Bus services stops too early at night. The hours do not encourage ridership.
- Ms. Riddick may be contacted at 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com.
- **Public Works** – Carleton Knotts and Hamilton Abreu were introduced by Chair Davis.
 - Mr. Knotts was available to answer questions.
 - Public Works' staff members rotate attendance at CPAC meetings.
 - Carleton Knotts, Facility Manager Buildings, may be contacted at cknotts@coj.net.
 - Luis Flores, Chief of Public Buildings, may be contacted at 630-5431 or lflores@coj.net
 - Hamilton Abreu, Public Buildings Facilities, may be contacted at habreu@coj.net.
- **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV):**
 - Harrison Conyers was introduced and welcomed by Mary Beth Ridderman, Neighborhood Coordinator. Mr. Conyers reported:
 - Staff members advocate for the expansion of military infrastructure, personnel, and jobs within the City of Jacksonville and throughout Northeast Florida
 - Staff members provide free assistance to veterans. Each year staff members obtain \$25 million in new benefits for veterans. The office is open from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 - Career services are available from 8 a.m. noon Monday through Friday. Weekend job fairs are also scheduled.
 - Free tax preparation services for veterans are available Tuesday – Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 - Other Services include food, clothing assistance and housing assistance. These funds are provided through a trust fund not through taxpayer funding.
 - Outreach services are offered to veterans at churches and other group meeting places. Groups may request a presentation or outreach event.
 - The Military Affairs and Veterans Department sponsors the Veteran's Day Parade and the Veteran's Memorial Wall.
 - Jacksonville firefighters contribute funding to assist veterans.
 - A concern was expressed about the number of homeless veterans. (MAV connects veterans to stable jobs and housing.)
 - Harrison Conyers may be contacted at 630-3521 or hconyers@coj.net.

6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- Membership and Public Relations – Abner Davis reported:
 - Next month he will ask for the CPAC's suggestions on how to increase membership.
 - Mr. Davis may be contacted at 566-2278 or adavis@nissystems.us.
- Transportation - Tom Martin reported the North Florida Transportation Organization (NFTPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met on February 3, 2016
 - Approved the FDOT request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2015/2016 – 2019/2020 to include funds for engineering work on two sidewalk projects (1) along Blanding Boulevard from Wells Road to Collings Road and (2) along US. 1 from North of Fairbanks Road to Big Oak Road in St. Johns County. Received St. Augustine Truck Study presentation.
 - Received Executive Director Jeff Sheffield's comment concerning the CAC meeting time, 2016 expectations, and the Federal Quadrennial Certification. The NFTPO relocated to 980 N. Jefferson St., co-located with North Florida Regional Transportation Management Center. The gates close at 6 p.m. so all public meetings must end by 6 p.m. The new CAC start time is 4 p.m.
 - Received a short presentation on submitting candidates for the Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal years 2016/2017. The due date is February 23, 2016.
 - Received a short presentation on the public involvement and website update.
 - The next NFTPO CAC regular meeting will be held on March 2, 2016 at 4 p.m.
 - Mr. Martin may be contacted at 778-2265 or trm36@bellsouth.net.
- ShAdCo – Alice Turknett's absence was excused.
 - 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.
 - Ms. Turknett may be contacted at 778-2686 or aturknet@bellsouth.net.
- Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson was present. He had no report.
 - Mr. Tyson may be contacted at 778-2686 or bjtsr@netzero.net.

- Governmental Affairs and Economic Development – Volunteers are needed.
 - Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported:
 - He was excused from the February TRUE Commission meeting. Chair Davis will send the TRUE minutes to Ms. Ridderman for distribution to members.
 - Mr. Davis may be contacted at 566-2278 or adavis@nissystems.us.
- 7. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:** Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
- Harrison Conyers, Veterans Service Manager, Military Affairs, was welcomed to the meeting.
 - Carlton Knotts, Facility Manager, Public Works, was welcomed to the meeting.
 - She has been updating the Directory of Neighborhoods website. Please respond when contacted. If corrections are needed, please provide information. If all listed information is correct – please validate, because documentation is needed for the file.
 - Please ask other neighborhoods and businesses to register by calling or sending e-mail.
 - She commended 630-CITY, Dave Mc Daniels (Mowing and Landscaping), Tom Hudson (Solid Waste) and the COJ Litter Crew for their rapid response to her CARE Issue reporting heavy litter on Lenox Avenue between Normandy Boulevard and Lane Avenue. Vehicles leaving Lenox Court Apartments sometimes dump full bags of garbage in the street. When the garbage bags get hit in traffic, trash is scattered. The crew cleaned up the area the same day it was reported. This is a recurring problem.
 - Mayor Curry has planned several Community Conversations to discuss public safety. The first topic is Youth and Violence. The first meeting will be held on Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd., Building C Auditorium 126-C. Mayor Curry and several panel members will be present. The Mayor's Office staff members arranged for JSO and CPAC to distribute brochures and other materials at the events.
- 8. Chair's Report:** Chair Abner Davis had no report. He acknowledged James Justice, FSCJ Student Government Association and thanked Mr. Justice for his interest in CPACs.
- 9. Unfinished Business:** none.
- 10. New Business:** none.
- 11. Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit):**
- Tom Martin announced the Planning and Development Department is hosting meetings on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. The meetings are Feb. 24 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Main Library and Feb. 25 at the Lem Turner Library. Fliers were distributed. Input may be provided at <http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/jax-ped-bike-plan.html>.
 - Vice Chair Len Burroughs reported he is serving on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
 - Tom Martin reported: the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) had federal funding for transportation, but no requests came from the City of Jacksonville. NFTPO reached out to John Pappas for input.
 - Council Member Jim Love commended the Military Affairs and Veterans Department and Harrison Conyers for doing a wonderful job providing services to veterans.
- 12. Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Tyson and seconded by Len Burroughs. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: March 14, 2016~ 7:00 p.m.
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