

**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
May 14, 2012

Attendance:

Members:

Chair - Bruce Tyson
Council District 10 – Kathy Budd
Tree Top Estates – Russell Carlson
West Jax Civic – Richard Dill
Charter Member – Don Ingram
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
Crystal Springs – Marilyn Lehman
Watermill Master – Thomas Martin
Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller
West Jax Civic – David Nechvatal

Excused:

Armstrong & Bosh Insurance – Opal Burgstiner
NE FL Equestrian Society - Olwen Busch
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry
Charter Member - Charles Mann
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
Argyle Community Garden - Sandi Newman
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting
The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer
Timuquana Manor N. – Alice Turknett
Oak Hills Estates - Rosanne Vernon
Springtree Village – Dewey Walker

Elected Officials: None present

Staff:

JSO – Lt. T.L. Callahan
JSO - Sgt. R.G. Johns
Parks & Recreation – Jackie Gregson
Planning & Development - Andy Hetzel
Florida Department of Transportation - Doreen Joyner-Howard
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance - Maria Buchwalter

Guests:

Hipps Group, Inc. – Alberta Hipps
North Florida Transportation Planning Organization – Marci Larson
North Florida Transportation Planning Organization – Victoria Pennington
HNTB Corporation – Terry Shaw

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The meeting started late due to a storm and heavy rain. Chair Tyson was concerned members may be delayed in traffic. Ms. Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve March and April minutes was made by Mr. Martin seconded by Ms. Lehman. The vote: all in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** - Lt. Callahan reported:
 - Violent crimes are down approximately 6.5%.
 - Property crimes were up last month. Thieves stole vehicles from Baptist Hospital, then drove to stores to steal ATM machines. Arrests have been made.
 - Gun shops are experiencing problems. Four attempted burglaries were made. Burglars try to get inside buildings through the roof and by cutting security wiring. If residents see suspicious activities, please call JSO.
 - Automobile thefts are up. Lt. Callahan advised against leaving automobile motors running when the vehicle is unattended.
 - Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the Westside, a gold Taurus, possibly a 4-door, with 2 black males and 1 black female have been observed backing into driveways, breaking into houses and stealing property. If residents observe suspicious activities, please call JSO.

- **Mayor's Liaison** – A liaison has not been appointed.

- **Duval County Public Schools** - No report.

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Doreen Joyner-Howard reported:
 - The Ortega River Bridge is open.
 - A nine-mile resurfacing project will begin on I-10 soon. It will begin at the Nassau County Line and end on the Duval County line.

- **Neighborhoods** –
 - Housing and Community Development Division - Mary Beth Ridderman provided a written report. She reminded members to Save the Date: CommUniverCity. The Housing and Community Development Division, Neighborhoods Department offers free HOA, Condo and Townhome Training, also Board Member Certification Training on June 5, 2012, at 6 p.m., 214 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Building, Room 110. Seating is limited. To register, call Ms. Ridderman at 904-255-8260.
 - Municipal Code Compliance Division - Maria Buchwalter reported Code Compliance performed a systematic inspection in the Jacksonville Heights subdivision with 250 new cases. If residents are aware of a neighborhood or area in need of repairs, please call 255-7011.

- **Planning & Development** – Andy Hetzel reported:
 - A written report was provided.
 - The hearing regarding Ordinance 2012-62, R&R Auto Parts, is deferred until May 24.
 - Rampart Road PUD and LUZ amendment and rezoning will be heard on May 24.

- **Parks & Recreation** – Jackie Gregson reported:
 - All pools will be open Saturday, May 26, Memorial Day weekend.
 - Parks and Recreation received a grant for \$8,000 for children of families in financial need to attend swim camp. The grant program began on May 14. For more information, please visit www.jaxparks.com.
 - Summer camp registration begins at noon on May 15.

Other:

- Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) – Alberta Hipps of Hipps Group, announced:
 - Cecil Airport Advisory Committee meeting, Monday, May 24, 7 p.m. at the Cecil Conference Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) – Mr. McNamara’s absence is excused.

4. Presentation – Argyle Driving Safety Campaign by Victoria Pennington.

- Ms. Pennington introduced Ms. Larson, Public Affairs Manager of North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) and Ms. Shaw of HNTB Corporation. The HNTB Corporation made the packet that the “Caremore Driving Argyle” campaign is based on. Ms. Pennington provided a hand-out with the following information: A study was completed which shows parts of Argyle had over twice the national average for crashes. Over 500 crashes occur each year in an area comprised of seven square miles. 300 of the 500 crashes include injuries or fatalities with 1.5 traffic fatalities each month. Causes include speeding, improper lane change, failure to yield the right of way, texting while operating a vehicle and the use of a cell phone while operating a vehicle. The economic impact is over \$90 million each year. The purpose of the campaign “Caremore Driving Argyle” is to reduce the number of crashes. The campaign will run from June 4 - June 17, 2012. Driving tips may be found on their website www.caremoreargyle.com. The site will be available after June 4, 2012. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Chair Tyson thanked Ms. Pennington for the presentation.

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

- Saturday, May 12, he went to the Argyle area to visit some of the subdivisions to invite them to CPAC meetings. He found the neighborhood visits discouraging because a lot of the associations don’t appear to be responsive to the residents. Many homeowner associations have serious problems such as foreclosures. Others are discouraged because of financial situations. More involvement is needed by COJ. Chair Tyson welcomed others to join him to visit neighborhoods. He invited residents to attend tonight’s meeting but the stormy weather may have prevented their attendance.
- Having a CPAC identification badge proved to be of value when he approached residents in District 4. Some citizens made the comment if he didn’t identify himself with the CPAC badge they would have been reluctant to speak with him. Mr. Tyson strongly encouraged all members to obtain a free CPAC identification badge. Please see Ms. Ridderman for the form, which requires a signature by Neighborhoods staff. An identification photo and badge can be obtained at no charge in the St. James Building, Room 100.
- Mr. Kelley discussed the need to advertise CPAC meetings in the Florida Times Union or other area papers. A brief discussion followed.

6. Elected Officials Reports – No report

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** – Ms. Vernon’s absence is excused.
- **Transportation** – Thomas Martin provided a written report.

Ad-Hoc:

- Education – Mr. Mann’s absence is excused.
- Sherriff’s Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Ms. Turknett’s absence is excused.
- Safety – Mr. Tyson stated JSO covered safety issues in their report. Discussion followed.
- Cecil Area
 - Jane Miller stated that she receives online notifications of events that are held at the Equestrian Center (JEC). Ms. Miller stated that she was invited to a breakfast gathering of hotel owners from the area where representatives from Spectacor Management Group (SMG), City Council Member Carter’s office and the Equestrian Center introduced

themselves and asked hotel owners how they could help them. Ms. Miller asked how they could help her when they have not done a site visit to her hotel.

- o Mr. Tyson stated that his division had a meeting with Mayor Brown, where he was asked if the mayor will promote the JEC. Mayor Brown replied that he will promote the JEC. The COJ issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to advertise the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. Mr. Tyson asked Mayor Brown about the remainder of the park and Mayor Brown responded that his administration will review it. The move of the Agriculture Fair Grounds was discussed with Mayor Brown.

- **Economic Development** – Jim Kelly’s absence was excused.
- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures)** Commission – Tom Martin provided a written report.

8. **Unfinished Business** – None.

9. **New Business** – None.

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

- Kathy Budd commented on the recently improved appearance of R&R Auto Parts. It has a new fence and landscaping with palm trees.
- kathy Budd announced that her neighborhood purchased no-soliciting signs and posted these on the bottom of the neighborhood watch signs. The signs have been very successful.
- Tom Martin asked about the status of the Better Jax Plan (BJP). Chair Tyson stated that the BJP Oversight Committee was disbanded. The list of BJP projects will not be completed due to lack of funding.
- Marilyn Lehman asked Mr. Tyson about the construction on Hammond Road near Trinity Church. Chair Tyson announced it is a road-widening project, the beginning of a new I-10 flyover which will be constructed in 2015.

11. **Motion to Adjourn**

- Marilyn Lehman made a motion to adjourn. Tom Martin seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 11, 2012 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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