

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

April 9, 2012

Attendance:

Members

Bruce Tyson, Chair

Len Burroughs, Vice Chair

Armstrong & Bosh Insurance – Bruce Burgstiner

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West Jax Civic – Richard Dill

Charter Member – Don Ingram

Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly

Crystal Springs – Marilyn Lehman

Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry

Watermill Master – Thomas Martin

Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller

Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Myers

Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting

The Village Salon, Inc. – Steve Shaffer

Timuquana Manor N. – Alice Turknott

Springtree Village – Dewey Walker

Timuquana Manor N. – Polly Walker

Excused

Kathy Budd

Olwen Busch

Carlton Russell

Johnny Carter

Charles Kelley

Charles Mann

Paul McNamara

Sandi Newman

Rosanne Vernon

Elected Officials Robin Lumb, Council Member – At Large Group 5

Staff Mary Beth Ridderman, Andy Hetzel, John Kelly, Doreen Joyner-Howard, Lt. Adam Pendley, Maria Buchwalter.

Guests Andrew Nemeth, Bent Creek

Mary Coleman, RAP

Ethel Nolting, Confederate Point Civic Association (CPCA)

Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group, Inc.

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum for approval.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

Chair Tyson announced that the City has a new process in place; a different department will type up the minutes. The March minutes are not available for approval tonight due to a glitch in the new system. When the Neighborhood's Dep't. receives the completed copy, the minutes will be sent to members via e-mail for approval.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** Lt. Adam Pendley introduced himself as the new Lieutenant for Zone 4; he has switched places with Lt. Claude Ayoub.
 - In Zone 4:
 - Year to date, business related robberies are down 43%; business related burglaries are down

- 17%. Smash and grab burglaries of businesses are up. The ATM bandits are back - they tie the ATM machine to a truck and steal the ATM machine.
 - Other smaller businesses are broken into by thieves breaking front door glass and taking items. Lt. Pendley suggested crime preventions measures - businesses need to install concrete posts made to prevent thieves from driving into the establishment.
 - There have been a series of battery thefts from lighted roadway signs, such as construction and detour signs.
 - Donald Winkles was arrested. He is responsible for 17 burglaries in the Ortega and Riverside/Avondale area. He rode a bike and burglarized homes.
 - Chair Tyson thanked Lt. Pendley for his report.
 - The CPAC members and guests applauded Lt. Pendley.
- Mayor's Liaison – A liaison has not been appointed
- Duval County Public Schools - No report
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Doreen Joyner-Howard
 - Ms. Joyner-Howard reported that there haven't been any new projects started. Old Roosevelt Blvd. project, where they are tearing up concrete, is going well without any problems.
 - A question was raised regarding the reopening of the Ortega River Bridge. Ms. Joyner-Howard responded by stating the bridge is scheduled to open this month.
- Neighborhoods
 - Housing and Community Development Division – Mary Beth Ridderman announced that this is Community Development Block Grant week; there are daily events this week. Community Development Block Grant funds a lot of community projects. Today, the division toured a community center and the site of a proposed retirement home in the NW District.
 - Municipal Code Compliance Division - Maria Buchwalter was available for questions.
 - Jane Miller expressed a safety concern that a gate will not close at the retention pond at the 103rd Street Gate Station. A dog fell into the pond and had to be rescued by the fire department. It is a concern that a child could fall in. Chair Tyson said he will follow up on this issue.
- Planning & Development – Andy Hetzel presented a written report (please see attached).
 - Vice Chair Burroughs asked what type of flags can be placed on top of a cell phone tower? Mr. Hetzel suggested Mr. Burroughs refer to ordinance 2012-0168 for more information.
 - Mr. Hetzel reported the following information pertaining to R&R Auto Parts (2012-62):
 - Introduction on April 10, 2012
 - LUZ - April 16, 2012
 - Final vote in City Council on April 24, 2012
- Recreation & Parks – John Kelly provided a printed report. He announced the department has a new name: Department of Parks and Recreation.
 - Shirley Lowry expressed a concern that Stockton Park is in awful condition. Mr. Kelly explained the cleanup of parks is the responsibility of Right-of-Way and Grounds Maintenance for now. Eventually it will come back to the Department of Parks and Recreation. He will follow up.
 - Shirley Lowry expressed a concern about the need for port-o-lets in the parks on holidays. Mr. Kelly said he will enter a C.A.R.E. Issue to request port-o-lets for parks on holidays.

Other:

- JAA – Alberta Hipps of Hipps Group, Inc. reported:
 - A successful meeting was held on Mar. 26 in the Cecil Auditorium. They received a lot of good information in reference to the Space Port.
 - Everyone is invited to a groundbreaking ceremony on April 18, 9:30 a.m. for a new hangar for KCI Aviation. KCI Aviation does mechanical repairs on corporate planes. If you want to attend, please call 781-2654 for a reservation.
 - A question was raised by Dewey Walker regarding the groundbreaking for the new hospital

planned for the Westside? Mrs. Hipps said she will try to find out and report back to CPAC. She reported that Mr. Wood, the CEO of Memorial, recently retired. She will ask new Memorial CEO to come to CPAC and meet everyone.

- o Tom Martin inquired about a new master plan for Cecil Airport. Mrs. Hipps explained that they are working on a new master plan to include the Space Port and runways. An additional runway is in the new master plan.
 - o A brief discussion followed regarding the Cecil area.
- FSCJ – Paul McNamara’s absence was excused.

4. Presentations – Dianne Wiles and Mary Coleman presented information about First Coast No More Homeless Pets: Feral Cats.

- Ms. Wiles introduced Mary Coleman, coordinator for (Riverside Avondale Preservation)RAP Cats. Ms. Coleman she facilitates the trap, neuter, return program for feral, community and homeless cats. She stated that their mission is to stop killing cats and dogs. The trap, neuter and release program is more fiscally responsible than euthanizing the animals.
- Jacksonville is the first city in the USA to pass a law to trap, neuter and return feral and community cats. Cats that have been spayed or neutered can be identified by their left ear, which is tipped (cut) during the surgery.
- A Feral Freedom program is part of the animal welfare program that pays for the spaying or neutering of these pets. This type of program saves thousands of dollars for the City of Jacksonville.
- If you see a pregnant cat or kittens, contact the program to borrow a trap.
- The Program’s Core Methods are:
 - o Live trap
 - o Spay or neuter
 - o Ear tipping (left ear)
 - o Rabies vaccination
 - o Euthanize ill cats
- The average life of a community cat is 2 years.
 - o Rabies vaccinations last for 3 years.
 - o Last year 9,000 feral cat surgeries were performed
 - o 5,000 Feral Freedom cat surgeries were performed at Animal Care & Protective Services
 - o Last year, 24,000 surgeries were performed
 - o Their program includes low-income surgeries plus Feral Freedom surgeries
 - o The Feral Freedom Program is partnered with FCNMHP.
 - o The clinic is located on 6817 Norwood Avenue near I-95. This is a medical facility (not an adoption center).
 - o After surgery, cats are released back into their neighborhood.
 - o Adoptions are arranged through Best Friends Animal Society, located in Mandarin.
 - o A pet food bank is available for feral cat colony feeding assistance.
- What can you do? Make donations, volunteer, adopt; spay or neuter your pets and attend events.
 - o Question: How many litters can one cat have in one year? Ms. Wiles stated that one cat can have 2 litters. Cats can become pregnant every 4 months.

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

- He is still working on membership. There is a need to increase membership. If anyone has an organization to visit, please give him the name and address.
- Regarding R&R Auto Parts, the SW CPAC sent a letter to oppose the application.

6. Elected Officials Reports Council Member Robin Lumb, At Large Group 5, reported he lives in Riverside and serves county-wide. This is his first visit to the SW CPAC. He reminded everyone that they have 6 City Council Members; 1 District Council Member and 5 At Large Council Members. If you run into a road block and need help, please call his office at 630-1387; Donna Barrow is his Executive Assistant and she is very helpful.

- The following questions and concerns were raised:
 - o Alice Turknett asked about updates on the courthouse. Council Member Lumb reported that the Mayor’s Staff sequestered funds for furniture and for crosswalks. Courthouse costs seem to be coming in at the budgeted amount.

- Tom Martin inquired if the JEDC will be replaced? Council Member Lumb explained that Mayor Brown wants to replace JEDC. Mayor Brown wants it to be similar to JEDC - to focus on business relocations.
- Tom Martin asked if the new organization will monitor Hillwood at Cecil Commerce Center.
 - John Kelly asked how involved is City Council with Hemming Plaza? Council Member Lumb stated that City Council is largely involved. City Council Member Denise Lee chaired that committee. Recommendations have been made, but an agreement on what needs to be done hasn't been reached. Programming the park may increase visitors and discourage bad behavior.
- Shirley Lowry announced her neighborhood has an issue to bring up before City Council on Tuesday night's meeting in reference to the R&R Auto Parts rezoning. They strongly oppose it and they are seeking Council Member Lumb's support. Council Member Lumb stated that he cannot make a public declaration. The bill will receive a lot of scrutiny. He said he thinks the issue has been deferred.
- Dewey Walker announced he is opposed to cameras at red lights. Member He said he feels it is a money issue rather than a safety issue. Council Member Lumb discussed the need for timing of lights where cameras are in place. The cameras have been known to save lives from serious accidents. Mr. Walker asked who is accountable for money collected from traffic tickets. Council Member Lumb explained that the Sheriff's Office includes the generated funds into its annual budget. All city departments have to account for their generated funds.
- A discussion continued regarding cameras at red lights, safety and budgets.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – No report. A volunteer is needed.
- Beautification/Parks/Environment – Johnny Carter was excused.
- Membership – No report.
- Transportation – Thomas Martin provided a written report. Please see attachment.

Ad-Hoc:

- Education – Charles Mann was excused.
- Sherriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Alice Turknett reported the following meeting dates:
 - ShAdCo Sector J meets on April 26, 2012 at the Ortega United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.
 - ShAdCo Sector K meets on May 7, 2012 at the Lane Wiley Center at 7 p.m.
 - ShAdCo Sector L meets on May 8, 2012 at the Maxville Community Center at 7 p.m.
- Safety – Chair Tyson reminded everyone that hurricane safety training is in progress now. Please plan ahead and have all important papers stored in water proof containers. Mr. Tyson advised to take photos and/or videos of everything in your home. The hurricane guides will be out soon. When you leave home make sure you don't leave items of interest in plain sight to help deter criminal activity of your home.
- Cecil Area
 - The East runway project is in progress
 - The fair's future location is still in question
 - The CPAC needs to encourage a long range plan for a regional recreation center at Cecil.
 - Economic Development – Jim Kelly provided a written report.
- TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Tom Martin provided a written report

8. Unfinished Business – Dewey Walker attended the Sector K ShAdCo meeting. Rosanne Vernon is fine.

9. New Business – None.

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

- Jane Miller reported that at the Hospitality Inn a man died in their parking lot. The man was in police custody when he died. The police were called to the Hospitality Inn because of an

argument in the room. The woman inside the room was allowed to leave. The man appeared to be intoxicated and police would not allow him to leave in his vehicle. While the man waited for someone to give him a ride, he died in the parking lot.

- Jim Kelly said he can personally vouch for the Hospitality Inn. His daughter and grandchildren stayed there while they visited Jacksonville. He was impressed with the cleanliness of the rooms and that the staff served a free meal to all guests. Ms. Miller stated they serve one free meal a month.

11. Motion to Adjourn

- Richard Dill made a motion for adjournment and Marilyn Lehman seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2012 ~ 7 p.m.

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

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, April 4, 2012:

- Approved the addition of a new member to the Citizens Advisory Committee. He will represent the Town of Baldwin.
- Approved the FDOT requests to amend the FY 2011/12 through FY 2015/16 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Approved the City of St. Augustine requests to amend the FY 2011/12 through FY 2015/16 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Approved the City of St. Augustine requests to amend the FY 2010-2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Received a staff presentation and draft of the Unified ~~Planning~~ ^{Planning} Work Program (UPWP) for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.
- Received a presentation by the Army Corps of Engineers on navigational enhancements to the lower St. Johns River. The first project involves modifications at the intersection with the intracoastal waterway to reduce the side currents thus allowing large ships to transit the river twenty four hours a day instead of four hours. The second project involves planning to dredge the river from Mayport to the Matthews Bridge. This project will result in a number of construction projects with various sections of the river having channels of different design widths and depths.
- Discussed several Old Business items: Argyle Area Safe Driving Campaign and Mayport Ferry.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 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, April 5, 2012:

- **Legislative Tracking Committee:** The portion of the Ordinance Code that halted the funding of the proposed of the Dog Park is now being amended with proposed ordinance 2012-198. This amendment will allow the City Council to amend the Capital Improvement Program for the current fiscal year without a "finding by the City Council that deferral of such amendment until the immediate following annual budget review will be detrimental to the best interest of the community". The committee is opposed to the change. The committee also indicated the the proposed ordinances 2012-212 and 2012-213 (Economic Development) need close scrutiny. There is City Council Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 2:00 pm in Council Chambers on these bills.
- **Performance Committee:** The committee is reviewing Jacksonville Children's Commission and Jacksonville Journey. The committee has met with employees of the Commission and received much material. The committee has found this Commission to be multifaceted and will meet soon to determine the next course of inquiry.
- **Audit Review Committee:** The committee reported that were no new audits to review.
- **Council Auditor's Office:** Although the several audits are in progress, none have been released.
- **New Business:** The Commission formed a new Disparity Study Committee. The Commission approved a resolution that the removal of the "finding" phrase from the Ordinance Code as described in Bill 2011-198 is not in the best interest of the City.

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 4:00 P.M.

Bondi says Florida can't afford new health care law - edited and condensed

By William E. Gibson, Washington Bureau

Bondi: "We have a governor who does not believe this is constitutional," Bondi said, noting that the state has refused federal grants to implement the law. "We are not accepting the money."

Bondi: By 2018 in the state of Florida, it will cost us well over a billion dollars a year. Our state cannot survive that way. Our state cannot afford that."

"If the insurance industry isn't allowed to rip people off, rates should go down. With more people paying in, you spread the risk, broaden the base and reduce the cost," said Karen Woodall, director of the Florida Center for Fiscal and Economic Policy, a research and advocacy group.

State costs will rise mostly because about a million more low-income people – most of them now uninsured - will qualify for Medicaid, though initially the federal government would pick up the additional cost. *But Democrats in Congress and some patient advocates say overturning the law would deny health care for millions while pushing up private insurance premiums.*

They say regulatory measures in the law will restrain increases in health-care costs while making insurance affordable, partly through "insurance exchanges" – an Internet-based shopping place set to begin in 2014 -- to give consumers a way to compare rates and coverage plans.

Woodall: *said businesses and individuals in effect are paying higher rates today to cover costs of the uninsured that turn up at hospital emergency rooms. The new law is intended to cover everybody more efficiently, stressing testing and preventive measures to curb more costly care.*

Gibson: But Florida Republicans in Congress warn that the law will create staggering new costs. Much of the conflicting evidence stems from the fact that premiums were exploding before the law passed, and they will keep rising. The most significant provisions have not fully kicked in, so any cost projections are speculative.

"Our health-care premiums are going to rise no matter what, and people are going to pay more in terms of co-pays and deductibles," said Jill Quadagno of Florida State University, former staff member of a presidential commission that studied ways to ease Medicare and Medicaid costs.

"There could be efficiencies from having everyone covered. More people will have preventive care and health problems will be diagnosed earlier. On the other hand, people will get more care, which might raise costs."

Woodall: "Given the adamant opposition from the leadership in this state, it might be best for Florida to have the federal government oversee the exchanges to ensure that Floridians actually have the access they need."

"It's a shame that Florida has spent so much time and resources fighting such a monumental piece of legislation that would really help so many Floridians," she said.

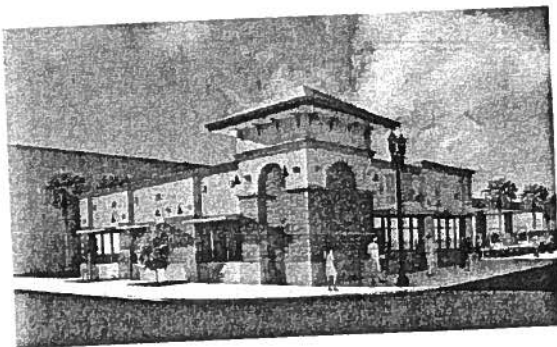
Bondi: Florida is chipping in \$20,000 to hire an attorney collectively with other states "Businesses tell us they aren't hiring until this is resolved," Bondi said. "Regardless of which side you are on, we need a resolution, we need finality, and we probably will know by the end of June."

State, City Leaders Welcome Headquarters of Combined BI-LO and Winn-Dixie

Gov. Rick Scott, Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown, and JAXUSA Partnership, a division of the JAX Chamber, welcomed newly combined BI-LO and Winn-Dixie supermarkets to the State of Florida and JAX region today.

BI-LO and Winn Dixie announced that Jacksonville will serve as the location for its combined company headquarters, resulting in approximately 900 jobs retained, 100 new high-wage jobs created over time and an approximate \$93 million capital investment.

"This is welcome news for Florida as well as Jacksonville," said Governor Scott. "BI-LO and Winn-Dixie's choice of Jacksonville as a prime base for its operations shows that Florida has a business climate and resources that can help companies grow and boost their productivity."



Artist conception new 7-11 at Main and Union downtown

Jax Daily Record -The CoreLogic research group reported that foreclosure rates in Jacksonville among outstanding mortgage loans was 8.87 percent in January, up 0.54 percentage points compared to January 2011 when the rate was 8.33 percent. Foreclosure activity in Jacksonville is higher than the national foreclosure rate of 3.43 percent in January. Also, the mortgage delinquency rate increased in Jacksonville. In January, 14.29 percent of mortgage loans were 90 days or more delinquent compared to 13.56 percent for the same period last year, an increase of 0.73 percentage points

FI Trend Magazine - Short sales and foreclosures make up more than 40% of Jacksonville's housing inventory, and prices continue to decline. Realtors see encouraging signs that prices may stabilize this year, with coastal areas — such as Atlantic Beach — already seeing increased activity.

A plan for very local economic development

Jax Daily Record, David Chapman - Advocates of the commercial space industry see opportunities with the end of the space shuttle program and some say one of those is in Jacksonville.

"Cecil (Spaceport) is a part of that new beginning," said Frank DiBello, Space Florida CEO.

Cecil Airport, certified as a spaceport in January 2010, hosted a two-day Cecil Spaceport Development Summit that concluded Monday. It took place at Florida State College at Jacksonville's Cecil Center auditorium.

The event featured panel discussions, including one moderated by DiBello, and a tour for public officials and members of the commercial space industry.

George Nield, Federal Aviation Authority Commercial Space administrator and panelist, said that private industry will be relied on for funding due to national budget cutbacks in the space program. He said that once markets are established, NASA could choose the products and services it needs.

Nield said the FAA is working with 13 companies involving space tourism and said he wouldn't be surprised if two or three of them were established within several years.

"It will be open to you," he said of space tourism.

Jerry Mallot, president of JAXUSA Partnership, said the area has the benefit of a good climate and a tax structure that appeals to businesses.

Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll told attendees the space industry and its possibilities were "critical for our area and the state of Florida" for economic development and global competition in a targeted growth industry.

Carroll also spoke with the JAX Chamber trustees Monday afternoon at Epping Forest.

She said the space tourism industry attracts global customers who travel to an area with their families for months at a time for training and spend money.

Carroll said that requires investment in attractive infrastructure and she asked chamber members to support development within the community.

"Now is the time for Northeast Florida to get on the map," she said of the industry's growth.

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Saft's Jacksonville factory delivers first Intensium MAX 20 container

Saft, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of high-tech industrial batteries, is announcing that it has shipped its first Intensium MAX 20 container from its new Jacksonville, Florida facility – the world's most advanced automated lithium-ion battery factory. The delivery marks a milestone for the plant, inaugurated in September 2011.

The container – shipped to a Philadelphia customer is composed of several thousand large Li-ion cells and it was fully manufactured at the Jacksonville location, including everything from the cells and modules to the container assembly. Further, the plant has several additional containers currently in production to be shipped to California and Hawaii.

"This benchmark first delivery marks a successful start to this plant's promising future," said Dan Miller, Jacksonville operations manager. "All operations are running smoothly and efficiently – orders are coming in, and cells are rolling off the production lines and out of the door. We're excited to continue ramping up production being able to meet our customers demand for high performance, complex lithium-ion battery systems"

The 235,000-square-foot Jacksonville facility utilizes unique technical innovation, including using the latest laser-welding techniques, operating flexible production lines capable of building multiple Li-ion battery systems and yielding one megawatt of solar power from Florida's largest rooftop photovoltaic system. It is LEED Silver certified.

The submarine sandwich chain expects to open two more this year in the late summer or fall, one of which is expected to be in the San Marco area. Hoyt said he expects to open three to four additional stores in the Jacksonville area each year for five years.

Jersey Mike's operates 532 restaurants in 32 states. The first Jacksonville location opened March 28 at 4261 Roosevelt Blvd. on the Westside.

The New Jersey-based chain has an aggressive growth strategy. In 2011, the company experienced 15 percent unit growth over the previous year, opening 69 new restaurants throughout the country.

FI Living to 100: How to keep the nest egg from cracking

Fifty years ago, only about 3,300 Americans had made it to 100 years old. Now, Florida alone has more centenarians than that collecting Social Security checks. Financial advisers say more clients should plan for their money to last 30 years or more in retirement and many South Floridians may need to rethink how long their savings will to last. "We just had a client who died at 108," said Boca Raton financial planner Alan Galinsky. "If we don't plan long enough for our clients, their assets will exceed their life expectancy. What do we say then? Oops! Sorry!" [Source: South Florida Sun-Sentinel]

[Miami Herald]

Money experts say teaching kids to save has more benefits than a heavier piggy bank. "The biggest thing is that it teaches self-control. In today's world, with all of the immediate gratification that video games, technology and the like bring, learning self-control is significant for long-term success," said Laura Fisher, executive director of the American Banking Association Education Foundation

Florida Blue, formerly known as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Inc., has 6,000 employees statewide and 5,000 in Jacksonville at headquarters and satellite offices. The company announced the name change Monday.

Florida's Economic Yearbook 2012 By all economic indicators, Florida is bouncing back. Visitor counts are up from the Panhandle to Miami. The supply of homes for sale is approaching more typical levels — home sales in Miami hit a record last year. Companies are hiring, expanding and relocating throughout the state. Consumer bankruptcies are down — in most regions by double digits. Manufacturing is getting stronger in the Southwest and Southeast and in other regions as well. But the nascent recovery is fragile. Read **more about Florida's economy** at http://www.floridatrend.com/wide_article.asp?aID=56609 and see the first Economic Yearbook installment:

Swoope: State 'more aggressive' in economic development

Jax Business Journal by David Chapman, Staff Writer

Florida economic development officials will continue to combat high unemployment rates with aggressive job and business recruitment, according to state Secretary of Commerce Gray Swoope.

That means strong competition with Florida's neighboring states in the Southeast, he said.

"We have to be just as aggressive in our state," said Swoope, who also is president and CEO of Enterprise Florida Inc.

Swoope briefed attendees of Thursday's First Coast Real Estate Economic Outlook Conference at the Osborn Center about the culture change under way in economic development.

Mixed economic reports for Florida's major metro regions

The Brookings Institute has been tracking the nation's largest 100 metropolitan areas for economic performance. Brookings looks at four categories when they rank metro regions: employment change; unemployment rate change; gross metropolitan product change; and housing price index change. Below are the eight metro regions in Florida that Brookings tracks, with their overall rating and links to each report (in PDF form.)

- » **Cape Coral - Fort Myers** (Among the strongest 20 metros nationally)
- » **North Port - Bradenton - Sarasota** (Second strongest 20 metros)
- » **Miami - Fort Lauderdale - Pompano** (Middle 20 metros)
- » **Orlando - Kissimmee** (Middle 20 metros):
- » **Tampa - St. Petersburg - Clearwater** (Second weakest 20 metros):
- » **Jacksonville** (Weakest 20 metros):
- » **Lakeland - Winter Haven** (Weakest 20 metros):
- » **Palm Bay - Melbourne - Titusville** (Weakest 20 metros):

JOBS - National Outlook

More workers are expecting a raise this year, than those that aren't. - JBJ Michael Clinton

Job confidence and optimism appears to be coming out of a four-year malaise, the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal reports.

For the first time since the banking crisis of 2008 shook the economy, job review website Glassdoor.com says there are more workers who expect raises in the next year (43 percent) than those who don't think one is coming (38 percent).

And with unemployment coming down, the number of people without jobs who think they will land work in the next six months is also at a four-year high (36 percent).

On the other hand, nervousness appears to be growing among those who have jobs, with one in five worried that they will lose their employment. That number rises to one in three when asked if they are worried that a co-worker will lose their job.

JOBS - State Outlook

On the state level, nearly 40 percent of Florida's small business owners said they plan on hiring more employees in the next six months, according to the latest survey results from the Florida Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council.

Small-business survey shows improving job outlook, yet most are still cautious

Jacksonville Business Journal by Michael Clinton

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 1:54pm EDT

According to a new Florida Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council survey, nearly 40 percent of small business owners are planning to hire in the next six months. But 45 percent say that economic uncertainty is preventing them from hiring new employee.

The results from the Florida Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council survey show the overall business health in Florida is improving, as nearly 40 percent of small-business owners are planning to hire in the next six months.

"When four out of five jobs are created by small businesses, this is excellent news," said Tim Giuliani, Small Business Council staff director for the Florida Chamber. "But the fact remains that many small businesses still face economic uncertainty forcing downward pressure on their ability to create more jobs."

Although 34 percent of respondents believe their business is better off today than six months ago, 45 percent surveyed say that economic uncertainty is preventing them from hiring new employees and point to a number of things that drive that uncertainty, including:

- Access to capital: 29 percent surveyed said they were able to obtain capital, up from 24 percent in July 2011.
- Government regulations: 68 percent surveyed are worried or very worried that regulations, restriction and taxes will negatively impact their ability to do business.
- Health care
- Workforce issues

Local small-business owners share that sentiment, as 43 percent of 100 small-business owners in Northeast Florida, surveyed in the TD Bank Florida Small Business Survey, said they were neutral or optimistic about the U.S. economy. In that survey, 39 percent said their business met or exceeded their revenue projections in the fourth quarter of 2011.

STATE

Florida not producing enough college graduates to meet demand

Florida is not producing enough college graduates to meet the projected job market needs by 2018, according to a new report from the Lumina Foundation. The report projects 59 percent of jobs will require a college degree by 2018, but Florida will fall far short of that mark at its current pace. [Source: State Impact] To see degree graph go to:

<http://www.luminafoundation.org/state/florida/> Duval Stat: 35.44 PERCENTAGE OF FLORIDA ADULTS (AGES 25-64) WITH AT LEAST AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE in Jacksonville

General Economic Development

JBJ Cristian Conte The Jersey Mike's that opened in Jacksonville last week is the first of 12-15 expected to open over the next five years, according to Jersey Mike's President Hoyt Jones.



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Outpatient Veterinary Clinic

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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SATURDAY- 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M./ SUNDAY- 12 P.M. to 5 P.M.

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 Walk Ins Welcome!

PROVIDING SERVICES SUCH AS:

- Physical Examinations
- Nail Trims
- Heartworm Test
- Deworming
- Vaccinations
- Minor Wound Care
- Microchipping
- Routine Dental Cleanings
- Heartworm Treatment
- Eye and Ear Diagnostics
- Non-Emergency Treatment
- Minor Surgical Procedures

Dogs (save with packages)

Basic Dog Package - \$60

- Physical Exam (\$25)
- Rabies Vaccine (\$14)
- DHLPP Vaccine (\$16)
(Distemper/Parvo/Lepto)
- Fecal Test (\$15)
- Bordetella \$14

***MANDATORY \$20 PET REGISTRATION TAG FOR DUVAL COUNTY NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE FEES.**

Advanced Dog Package - \$67

- Physical Exam (\$25)
- Rabies Vaccine (\$14)
- DHLPP Vaccine (\$16)
(Distemper/Parvo/Lepto)
- Heartworm Test (\$22)
- Fecal Test (\$15)
- ADD ON- Bordetella for \$10

***MANDATORY \$20 PET REGISTRATION TAG FOR DUVAL COUNTY NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE FEES.**

Puppy Package - \$57

- (2- 3 months old)
- Physical Exam (\$25)
 - DHPP or DHLPP Vaccine (\$16)
(Distemper/Parvo/Lepto)
 - Fecal Test (\$15)
 - Deworming (\$12)
 - Bordetella (\$14)

4 month and up are old enough for Rabies vaccine.

Cats

Basic Cat Package - \$55

- Physical Exam (\$25)
- Rabies Vaccine (\$14)
- FVRCP Vaccine (\$14)
(Distemper Combo)
- Fecal Test (\$15)

ADD ON- Fel/Fiv Test for \$20

***MANDATORY \$20 PET REGISTRATION TAG FOR DUVAL COUNTY NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE FEES.**

Kitten Package - \$45

- (2-3 months old)
- Physical Exam (\$25)
 - FVRCP Vaccine (\$14)
(Distemper Combo)
 - Fecal Test (\$15)
 - Deworming (\$12)

ADD ON- Fel/Fiv Test for \$20

4 month and up are old enough for Rabies vaccine.

****ADD ANY ADDITIONAL VACCINE TO A PACKAGE FOR ONLY \$10 MORE!!****

****MANDATORY \$20 PET REGISTRATION TAG FOR DUVAL COUNTY NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE FEES. THIS IS MANDATORY WITH RABIES VACCINE.****

****\$12 ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR ALL 4 MONTH OLD AND UP PETS THAT ARE NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED.****

INDIVIDUAL VETERINARY CLINIC SERVICES

A \$25 PHYSICAL EXAM IS REQUIRED FOR ALL WELLNESS SERVICES

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|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|---------------|------|
| • Anal Gland Expression | \$12 | • Feline Leukemia Vaccine | \$14 | • Parvo Test | \$20 |
| • Bordetella Vaccine | \$14 | • Feline Leukemia/Aids Test | \$25 | • Fecal Test | \$15 |
| • Distemper/Parvo | \$16 | • Heartworm Test | \$22 | • Urinalysis | \$20 |
| • Ear Cleaning | \$7 | • Nail Trim | \$10 | • Skin Scrape | \$12 |
| • Ear Cytology | \$12 | • Rabies Vaccine | \$14 | • Microchip | \$25 |
| • Eye Exam and Testing | \$19 | • Distemper/Parvo/Lepto | \$16 | • Euthanasia | \$25 |

SPAY/NEUTER DOGS			
Neuter Only (Males)		Spay Only (Females)	
Less than 30 lbs.	\$75.00	Less than 30 lbs.	\$90.00
31 – 99 lbs.	\$95.00	31 – 99 lbs.	\$105.00
Over 100 lbs.	\$120.00	Over 100 lbs.	\$125.00

SPAY/NEUTER CATS			
Neuter Only (Males)		Spay Only (Females)	
Pet	\$40.00	Pet	\$60.00
Feral	\$30.00	**Feral**	\$30.00

CALL FOR SPECIALS ON CATS!

Rabies Vaccine with Surgery - \$12.00 | ****Post spay/neuter surgery take home pain meds (3 day supply) \$5.00****

LOW COST FLEA & HEARTWORM PREVENTION AVAILABLE AT CLINIC OR ONLINE!

ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS REQUIRE A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Dog Flea Products

Advantage Dog	
Topical treatment to kill fleas. Use once monthly.	
	<u>6 month supply</u>
Up to 10 lbs.	\$66.00
11 to 20 lbs.	\$71.00
21 to 55 lbs.	\$73.00
Over 55 lbs.	\$76.00

Frontline Dog	
Topical treatment to kill fleas & ticks. Use once monthly.	
	<u>3 month supply</u>
0 to 22 lbs.	\$38.00
23 to 44 lbs.	\$43.00
45 to 88 lbs.	\$47.00
89 to 132 lbs.	\$51.00

Comfortis	
Chewable medication to kill fleas. <i>*Patient/doctor relationship Required.</i>	
	<u>6 month supply</u>
5 to 10 lbs.	\$80.00
10 to 20 lbs.	\$82.00
21 to 40 lbs.	\$84.00
41 to 60 lbs.	\$86.00
61 to 120 lbs.	\$88.00

Dog Heartworm Prevention Products

Tri-Heart	
Chewable medication to prevent heartworms & treat hookworms. Use once monthly. <i>*Prescription Required</i>	
	<u>6 month supply</u>
0 to 25 lbs.	\$20.00
26 to 50 lbs.	\$30.00
51 to 100 lbs.	\$40.00

Pro Heart	
Injection to prevent heartworms & treat hookworms. Injection lasts 6 months. <i>*Prescription Required & must be administered by the veterinarian.</i>	
	<u>1 Dose</u>
0 to 25 lbs.	\$21.00
26 to 50 lbs.	\$31.00
51 to 100 lbs.	\$41.00

Dog Combination Flea & Heartworm Prevention Products

Advantage Multi	
Topical treatment to kill fleas, hookworms, whipworms & prevent heartworms. Use once monthly. <i>*Prescription Required</i>	
	<u>6 month supply</u>
3 to 9 lbs.	\$79.00
9 to 20 lbs.	\$85.00
20 to 55 lbs.	\$90.00
55 to 88 lbs.	\$95.00
88 to 110 lbs.	\$101.00

Trifexis	
Chewable medication to kill fleas, hookworms, roundworms & prevent heartworms. Use once monthly. <i>*Prescription Required.</i>	
	<u>6 month supply</u>
5 to 10 lbs.	\$85.00
10 to 20 lbs.	\$87.00
20 to 40 lbs.	\$89.00
40 to 60 lbs.	\$91.00
60 to 120 lbs.	\$94.00

Cat Products

Advantage Cat	
Topical treatment to kill fleas. Use once monthly.	
	<u>6 month supply</u>
Up to 9 lbs.	\$65.00
Over 9 lbs.	\$68.00

Frontline Cat	
Topical treatment to kill fleas & ticks. Use once monthly.	
	<u>3 month supply</u>
One Size	\$38.00

Advantage Multi Cat	
Topical treatment to kill fleas, ear mites, some intestinal parasites & prevent heartworms. Use once monthly. <i>*Prescription Required.</i>	
	<u>6 month supply</u>
2 to 5 lbs.	\$77.00
5 to 9 lbs.	\$82.00
9 to 18 lbs.	\$84.00

All prices are subject to change without notice.



Donation Wish List

Our clinic and the Mandarin Adoption Center, sponsored by Best Friends Animal Society, works primarily with volunteers and donations, we need both!

Any monetary donations can be made on line at www.fcnmhp.org or mail a check to:
First Coast No More Homeless Pets
6817 Norwood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32208

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact volunteer@fcnmp.org

If you are interested in making an item donation you can bring your donation directly to the clinic located at 6817 Norwood Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32208 OR Best Friends Adoption Center in Mandarin at 10503-19 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32257 Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wish List

- Dry and wet Dog and Cat Food
- Kong or Durable Dog Chew Toys
- Cat Toys
- Pet Beds or Kuranda Beds
- Towels
- Blankets (no stuffing)
- Fleece Blankets or Material
- Sheets and pillow cases
- Paper Towels
- Disposable pee pads
- Clay Cat Litter
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Cotton Balls and Q-Tips
- Newspaper
- Store Gift Cards (Target, Office Supply, Walmart etc..)
- Stainless Steel Food & Water Bowls (small & large)
- Small plastic double cat food dishes
- Oster Clipper Blades, A5 #40
- Pens
- Black Sharpie Markers
- Highlighters
- Standard 3 Tab Manila File Folders
- White Copy Paper
- Regular #10 envelopes
- Self-Adhesive Address Labels (Avery 5160)
- Toner for printers
- Rubber/Latex Gloves
- Bleach
- Rubbing Alcohol & Hydrogen Peroxide
- Small Portable Heaters
- Large Portable Fans
- Small Sandwich Paper Plates

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Southwest CPAC Meeting Report
April 9, 2012

Summer Camp Information

- Camp Vouchers, May 8
- On-line Camp Registration – May 15
- Includes Cecil Community Center

For times, fee schedules and more information go to www.jaxparks.com or call Eleanor Robinson at 255-7920.

Aquatics Information

- Currently accepting swim lesson registrations and Hanna Ocean Camp registration
- Outdoor Pools opening day is May 26 (Weekends only)
- Swim Team registration begins May 26 at all pool sites

For additional hours of operation, fees and more information go to www.jaxparks.com or call Tara Totman at 745-9630.

Cecil Aquatic Center

- Accepting swim lesson registrations and Junior Lifeguard Camp registration beginning May 7
- Swim Team registration May 7 from 4-6 p.m. Note: Swim test required
- Aquatic Center is open seven days a week.

For additional hours of operation, fees and more information go to www.jaxparks.com or call Dawn Williams at 573-8994.

Cecil Recreation Complex

- Accepting summer sports camp registrations beginning May 7
- 2012 Sports Camps – Volleyball, Basketball and Soccer
- All sports camps are Monday - Friday for one week from 9 a.m. – 12 noon

For additional hours of operation, fees and more information go to www.jaxparks.com or call Belinda Totman at 573-3157.

Department Name

Please note our new name is **Department of Parks and Recreation**

Project Status Report

- Current park projects
- If you have any questions please see John Kelly after the meeting or call him at 255-7918

Questions regarding Department of Parks and Recreation programs or facilities

- Please see John Kelly after the meeting or call him at 255-7918

Southwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report - April 9, 2012

Type*	Hearing Date	Planning Dist.	Council Dist.	Application**	Development/Location	Owner/Agent	Request	Status / Companion Application
PC	1/26/12	4	11	E 11-071	5110 U.S. Highway 301	Bill Joyce, P.E. COJ	Borrow Pit (Trail Ridge Landfill)	Approved
		5	9	E 11-075	Mc Duff Avenue	Wyman Duggan	Kipp School	Approved
		4	9	E 11-077	5017 Timothy Lane	Michael J. Bueme, P.E.	Outside Sales and Service	Approved
		4	14	E 11-080	5391 Collins Road	Frank Andrews	Private Club	Approved
		4	12	P 12-0020	Yellow Water	Jerry Ramsey	allow M/F	Approved
PC	2/16/12	4	11	MM MM-11-14	Argyle Village	Staci Rewis	Land swap / Semi-annual	Approved
		4	11	V 12-001	8630 Walden Road	Lance Logan	Accessory structure exceed 50% of primary structure	Approved
AD	2/24/12	4	14	AD AD-11-74	5150 Arapahoe Ave.	Richard Guertin	inc. height 4' to 7' and red. WPL from 20' to 4'	Approved
LUZ	2/22/12	4	11	WRF 12-017	12740 Old Plank Road	JoAnn Capps	reduce road frontage from 80' to 0'	Approved
PC	3/1/12	4	12	P 12-0057	Chaffee Rd/Edinburgh Village	Ken LaPointe	Allow office and personal self storage uses	Approved
		4	12	CTW-12-01	10500 103rd Street	Laura Bellflower	150 ft camouflaged south of Bishop Snyder H.S.	Approved
AD	3/9/12	4	14	AD AD-12-05	4291 Roosevelt Blvd.	Al Lopez/Edwards Eng	Increase parking spaces and reduce landscaping	Approved
PC	3/15/12	4	12	P Shaw 103rd Street	Shaw 103rd Street	Justin Hart	Awaiting Ord. no. Request is to allow go-cart track	Approved
PC	3/29/12	4	12	WLD 12-006	1522 Kings Street	Robert Kapuschansky	Reduce distance from 500' to 72'	Approved - E-12-006
		4	11	E 12-011	5110 U.S. 301 Highway	Paul Harden	Trail Ridge-Solid Waste Management Facility	Approved
		4	12	P 12-0136	Shaw 103rd Street	Justin Hart	allow go-cart track	PC Approved/LUZ pending
		4	12	E 12-006	1522 Kings Street	Robert Kapuschansky	4COP	Approved - WLD-12-06
LUZ	4/3/12	4	12	WRF-11-17	2891&2893 Stratton Road	Lonnie Mouton	Reduce Road frontage from 80' to 15' for 2 lots	LUZ Approved
PC	4/12/12	4	12	P 12-0168	Cell Tower Ordinance	Charles Mann	allow flags on all towers - still pending	See Ord. 2012-0168
		4	12	P 12-0063	Taylor PUD/R&R Auto	Charles Mann	allow junkyard/existing use - deferred item	2011C-017
AD	4/20/12	4	12	AD AD-12-12	103rd St./7900 103rd St.	Ryan Peterson	For new Waffle House @ Hickman and 103rd St	
		4	14	AD AD-12-13	4271 Roosevelt Blvd	Robert White, Agent	Increase parking from 22 to 40 for new Waffle House	
PC	5/10/12	4	14	P 12-0219	St Marks Episcopal	Paige Johnston	Revise sign regulations and add property	PUD 00-0503
		4	14	MM 133	Keith Pierson Toyota	Robert Jammer	modify signs - waiting for revised development plan	
PC	5/24/12	4	12	P 142	Rampart Road Commercial	Charles Mann	Allow for RV Sales and repair and RV/boat storage	2012C-003

* AD = Administrative Deviation; PC = Planning Commission; LUZ = Land Use & Zoning Comm.

** P = Planned Unit Development Rezoning; C = Conventional Rezoning, E = Exception; V = Variance; AD = Admin. Deviation; CTW = Cell Tower

JP&DD Contacts:	Andy Hetzel	255-7818
	Folks Huxford	255-7821
Rezoning/Exceptions	Andy Hetzel	630-7033
Variances/Waivers:	Bruce Lewis	255-7821
		255-7820
PUD Rezoning and	Bruce Lewis	255-7820
Minor Mod.:	Andy Hetzel	255-7821
Cell Towers:	Ken Avery	255-7818
Admin. Deviations:	Mike Sands	255-8575
Site Plan Review:	Mike Koerner	255-7819

**Summary of Land Use Amendment 2012-0255
and PUD Ordinance 2012-0256
The Rampart Road Commercial PUD**

The proposed Small Scale Land Use Amendment Ordinance 2012-0255 (2012C-003) proposes to amend approximately 9.90 acres of property from the Medium Density Residential ("MDR") category to the Community General Commercial (CGC) land use category to permit commercial development.

Companion application for Planned Unit Development 2012-0256 proposes to rezone approximately 9.9 acres of land located on the east side of Rampart Road, south of Morse Avenue and north of Gray Fox Lane, from Residential Medium Density-D ("RMD-D") to Planned Unit Development ("PUD"). The PUD zoning district is proposed to permit the commercial development of the subject property.

These companion applications are being filed to permit the commercial development of the subject property to be used for the sale, service/repair, and storage of new and used recreational vehicles to include but not limited to motor homes, travel trailers, and 5th wheels. In addition, automobiles, boats, trucks less one and a half ton may be sold. Storage of vehicles for the public will also be allowed on the site.

In the surrounding area, there is a commercial mode at the intersection of Rampart Road and Morse Avenue. To the north of the property there is a JEA substation; and to the west is a single family development; to the south of the site is property zoned for multi-family. The subject property is owned by 8657 N Vince Drive LLC, and the agent is L. Charles Mann; 165 Arlington Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211; 904-721-1546.