

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus

3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL

Monday, Feb. 14, 2011

MEETING SUMMARY

Members and Representatives	Media/Staff/Officials
Chair - Rosanne Vernon	Mayor's Liaison – Kenny Logsdon for Wight Greger
Vice Chair - Bruce Tyson	Housing & Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman
Charter Member – Don Ingram	JSO – Sgt. Hensley
Charter Member – Chuck Mann	Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel
Armstrong & Bosh – Opal Burgstiner	Recreation and Community – Shorty Robbins
Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter	Florida Dep't. Transportation – Jim Green
Confederate Point – James Nolting	STAFF EXCUSED
Crystal Springs HOA - Marilyn Lehman	Municipal Code Compliance – Maria Buchwalter
FL State College at Jax Cecil North – Paul McNamara	GUESTS
Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly	Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs	Tracey Arpen
Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker	Greg Hollea Rachal, Candidate
Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknett	Doyle Carter, Candidate
Tree Top Estates – Russell Carlson	Andrew Nemeth
Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin	Peggy Myers
West Jacksonville Civic – Ric Dill	Ethel Nolting
Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller	David Lowry
ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE	Shirley Lowry
Armstrong & Bosh – Bruce Burgstiner	Tom Patton, Candidate
Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker	Sandi Newman
MEMBERS EXCUSED	
The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer	
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley	
ABSENT	
Charter Member - Jerry Spinks	
Family Investment - Robert Smith	
N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch	
RAP – Jean Grimsley	
Westwood – Jim Ross	

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Rosanne Vernon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department. She wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day and invited everyone to have refreshments provided by the Chair, Vice Chair, Coordinator and Shirley Lowry. Chair Vernon acknowledged guests David Lowry and Peggy Meyers for helping arrange the surprise Valentine refreshment table. She reminded everyone to take a flower when they leave the meeting.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

The January summary was approved.

JSO Report: Sgt. Hensley, Zone 4, reported

- Lt. Charles Wall retired.
- Mike Eason is the new Zone 4 Lieutenant and he is willing to work with the community.
- JSO had a crimes meeting today. There is a rapid decline in crime.
- ShAdCo J-1 had a spike in the numbers of burglaries. Please lock doors, and windows. If you go out of town, call 630-0500 to arrange for a JSO Sheriff's Watch.
- Numerous car crashes occurred during the past last two days – with no rain. There were multiple car crashes on I-295 and a motorcycle rider's death on SR 17.
- One abduction occurred when a mother left a four year old child in the car when she went into a convenience store and two men took the car with the baby still in it. When they discovered the child in the back seat, the men stopped and blew the horn and stayed with the baby until JSO arrived to arrest them. They admitted to car theft, but apologized profusely for taking the baby.
- An inquiry was made about the robbery at gun point of CPAC Member, The Village Salon, in Ortega area and a concern expressed about illegal sales of prescription drugs in the Ortega parking lot of recently relocated Park & King Drug Store now at Oxford and Corinthian, near The Village Salon. Officer Hensley said he was not aware of that incident. ShAdCo Alice Turknett reported that JSO has arranged a community meeting with businesses near the Village Salon.
- A concern was raised about access to accident reports in order to recover damages to COJ property. Landscaping along Argyle Forest Boulevard is frequently damaged or destroyed by vehicular accidents. Area residents who maintain the right of way are often unaware of the actual accident date, and have been unable to obtain police reports. It would be a savings if JSO would include the COJ property in their list of property damage and notify the COJ of the damage in a timely manner, so reimbursement could be obtained from the drivers' insurance company. Officer Hensley referred Mr. Martin to Ashley Leddy at the Zone 4 office, 573-3165.
- Chair Vernon thanked Sgt. Hensley for his report.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Vernon welcomed everyone to the meeting. She acknowledged Alberta Hipps and other guests by name and thanked them for attending.

- **Presentation:** Chair Vernon announced that Mary Beth Ridderman had scheduled a speaker from the Dalton Agency, representing Clear Channel, to present information about Animated Signs and Message Boards (Ordinance 2010-900). The speaker did not show up or call to reschedule. Chair Vernon introduced Tracey Arpen. Tracey Arpen presented a Power Point presentation discussing Ordinance 2010-900 and Restrictions for Electric Signs. A question and answer session followed. The CPAC Chair asked if the CPAC wanted to vote to support or oppose Ordinance 2010-900. A motion was made and seconded. The Chair was asked to read the resolution (she did). A brief discussion was held. The CPAC voted to oppose Ordinance 2010-900 in its present form, support the Planning Commission's two amendments to Ordinance Number 2010-900 that (1) prohibit scrolling signs, and (2) establish the hold time for a changing message board as 3 minutes rather than 8 seconds; support an amendment to Ordinance Number 2010-900 that would prohibit digital billboard faces and urge Mayor Peyton to veto Ordinance 2010-900 should these amendments not be incorporated into the

Public Comments:

- Jim Kelly announced
 - March 12, the Parrot Heads In Natural Settings are hosting a gumbo cook-off at the Landing and all proceeds will benefit Gleaners Dispatch.
 - May 20 is the Westside Business Leaders golf tournament.
 - June 18 is the Parrot Heads In Natural Settings 2011 Annual PHINS Open Golf Tournament.
 - For more information contact Jim Kelly at 742-4903.
- Sandi Newman announced:
 - The Argyle Community Garden is partnering with the Duval County Extension Office to present a free training on growing potatoes, Tuesday, Feb. 15 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at the Argyle Community Garden. To register, please call 527-1590.
 - The Duval County Extension Office is hosting a seed swap on March 19 from 10 a.m. – 2p.m. at 2554 Philips Highway.
- Alberta Hipps thanked everyone that has been attending the Cecil Airport Advisory Committee meetings. The next meeting is May 2. Everyone is welcome. A question was raised about the status of the Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Hipps reported a settlement agreement was reached between St. Vincent's and Memorial Hospital. Memorial will break ground in 2013 and open in 2015-2016. She said she does not know the exact location, but it will be in the 32221 zip code.
- Doyle Carter announced that he is a Candidate for District 12.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- Mayor's Liaison: Kenny Logsdon reported for Wight Greger. :
 - The dates for the Mayor's budget meetings are posted in Mary Beth Ridderman's report. The meeting in this district is Saturday, April 16, 2011, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Cecil Recreation Complex, 13611 Normandy Blvd. Please call (904) 630-CITY (2489) to request a seat. He encouraged residents to attend a budget meeting to give your input into the next budget.
 - The ribbon cutting is scheduled for March 8, 2 p.m. at the Venetia Town Center to unveil the refurbished Blue Star Highway marker.
 - Work is underway at the 103rd Street Town Center. Design and lighting have been added. A bus shelter and bike rack are planned. Although the project is not complete, the equestrian decorations on the fence have been vandalized. The issue is being addressed.
 - The Stockton Street Town Center project has begun. A median, new sidewalks and lighting will be added from Post to Phyllis Street.
 - Please call 255-8200 with questions for Mr. Logsdon or Ms. Greger.
- Council Members' Reports: No representative. No report.
- Duval County School Board – No representative. No Report.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel reported:
 - Jacksonville City Council's vote on Ordinance 2010-900 has been deferred in order to obtain public comments.
 - Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-255-8721 or AHetzel@coj.net
- Municipal Code Compliance – Maria Buchwalter's absence was excused.
 - To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489) or contact Officer Buchwalter at 255-7011 or maria@coj.net.
- Recreation and Community Services – Shorty Robbins reported for John Kelly.
 - She provided flyers with information about the Mayor's Budget Workshops.

- o Quick Start Tennis is being offered at Boone Park for ages ten and under. The Quick Start Tennis Jamboree is March 5, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- o JaxParks is working with partner to take 200 children to the Gymnastics Cup and dinner.
- o A question was raised about the Murray Hill Art Center. Ms. Robbins replied a staff person is being trained to work with clay. Before a permanent position is filled, the position must be approved.
- o John Kelly may be contacted at 904- 255-7918 or jkelly@coj.net.
- Florida State College at Jacksonville, Cecil North – Paul McNamara reported:
 - o The grand opening and dedication of the Aircraft Educational Facility was Feb. 1. The project opened on time and under budget. Flightstar has painted three aircraft. Nine students are enrolled in the program.
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – Alberta Hipps announced the next meeting of the Cecil Aircraft Advisory Committee is May 2, 7 p.m. at the Cecil Community Center.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Jim Green introduced Doreen Joyner-Howard.
 - o Pavement restoration is planned for U.S. 17 from Woodmere to I-10. The project will create a sidewalk under the overpass.
 - o San Juan will be resurfaced from Lane to Cassatt.
 - o Normandy Boulevard will be four-laned from Maxville to near Cecil. The project should begin soon.
 - o Normandy Boulevard will be resurfaced up to the Lamplighter.
 - o Mr. Green may be reached at 360-5684.
- Housing and Neighborhoods Department – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
 - o Shorty Robbins already mentioned the Mayor's Budget Workshops.
 - o Two candidate forums are planned: Feb. 17 and March, 6 p.m. at FSCJ Kent, Room F-128.
 - o The SW CPAC bus tour is March 25. Please contact Mary Beth for reserved seats.
 - o A detailed written report was provided.
 - o Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

Subcommittee Reports and Announcements

- o Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann reported Duval Schools are having problems with funding cuts.
 - o The KIPP School is operational and offers good educational opportunities.
 - o Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported the following major items were discussed at the Feb. 3 meeting of the TRUE Commission:
 - o Presentation by John Keane, Director, Police and Fire Pension Fund, concerning pension fund issues.
 - o Performance Committee: Reviewed areas of study for past two years: Shand-Jacksonville indigent care contract, Performance measurement software acquisition, Jacksonville Budget web-site improvements, and FAMIS accounting system. The FAMIS system is outdated and is difficult for users to get timely data. Money has been budgeted for a consultant to find a vendor to study the city's needs.
 - o Banking Fund Committee: Commission members had received a draft written report prior to the meeting and the committee is awaiting feedback.
 - o Internal Service Fund Committee: the committee is looking for more Commission members to join the committee and choose one or more Internal Service fund areas to study.

- Received a list of recent availability of following reports from the Council Auditor's Office: Audit Report 694: Supervisor of Elections' audit: Audit Report 695: Report on Statement of County Funded Court-Related Functions.
 - Moved to combine the Performance and Internal Service Fund Committees.
 - The next meeting will be Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 4 p.m.
 - Mr. Martin may be reached at 778-2265.
- Economic Development – Jim Kelly reported:
 - Home prices in Jacksonville have fallen harder than other areas of the nation.
 - He provided a detailed written report.
 - Mr. Kelly may be reached at 742-4903.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter had no report. Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett reported:
 - The biggest issue is the Carter Pharmacy in Ortega. It was closed at the Park and King location and moved to Ortega. She believes illegal sales of prescription drugs in the parking lot are related to the robbery at the Village Salon where two operators and three customers were robbed at gunpoint. JSO is working with the neighborhood and businesses. She said Ortega residents are very upset about the robbery in their neighborhood.
 - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church.
 - ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center.
 - ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Maxville Community Center.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Russell Carlson reported:
 - An application was made for a low impact 160' cell tower which will be camouflaged. The installation site is near Chafee Road and Cherry Ridge Road.
 - He thanked Andy Hetzel for his help in providing education and support to the LUZ Subcommittee.
 - More volunteers are needed. The subcommittee will meet at 6:20 on March 14, at FSCJ Kent, Room E-112F.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon welcomed guests and invited them to join the CPAC. She encouraged members to apply for their CPAC I.d. badge. She will obtain more CPAC brochures to distribute to prospective members. Ms. Vernon may be reached at 477-5187.
- Safety – The Bruce Tyson announced the SW CPAC Bus Tour is March 25. Westside Business Leaders, JAA, JEDC and FSCJ have partnered with the SW CPAC to present this event at no costs to participants. The breakfast will be catered by the Edgewood Bakery. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Please contact him, Rosanne Vernon or Mary Beth Ridderman to reserve a seat. A brief discussion followed Mr. Tyson's report with residents stating the importance of letting everyone know about the growth at the Cecil Commerce Center/Cecil Airport.
- Chair's Report – Chair Vernon reported:
 - Russell Carlson helped the ShAdCo K arrange for neighborhood watch signs for installation on private property, for example, at residents' driveways or near the front doors. The cost of the sign will be about \$8 per sign, depending on the number ordered overall. Let Rosanne Vernon know if you are interested in purchasing a sign.
 - The Executive Committee met for the first time this year. Please let Chair Vernon know if you are interested in serving on this committee. The Executive Committee will meet on March 14 at 6:40 p.m., FSCJ Kent, Room E-112F.

Old Business/ New Business:

- Alberta Hipps announced she is taking registrations for the March 25, 2011 Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour. Seating is limited. To register, call 781-2654.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The vote: all in favor. Chair Vernon adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 14 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-128.

For more information, please contact Rosanne Vernon at 477-5187 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260. CPAC meetings and subcommittee meetings are open to the public.

The following provision is required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes: If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.

HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS
Southwest CPAC
Neighborhood Coordinator's Report
March 2011

Early Voting is March 7 to 20, 2011. Vote at the polls on March 22, 2011

The Mayor's Budget Meetings:

- Wednesday, **March 23**, 2011 – 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Jacksonville Beach Community Center, 2508 S Beach Parkway
- Saturday, **April 9**, 2011 – 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Clanzel T. Brown Community Center, 4545 Moncrief Road
- Saturday, **April 16**, 2011 – 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Cecil Recreation Complex, 13611 Normandy Blvd.

Please go to www.myjaxbudget.com or call (904) 630-CITY (2489) to request a seat at an upcoming budget workshop. Pre-registration is required as seats are limited and important workshop information will be disseminated to registrants in advance.

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- Neighborhood Initiatives Team: Free training opportunities:
 - March 26, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.. Homeowner Associations Training - Becker & Poliakoff's *35th Annual Community Association Leadership Conference* March 26, Jacksonville Marriott, 4670 Salisbury Rd. Jacksonville, 32256. To register or for information contact: *Lindsay Coover*, (407) 875-0955 or lcoover@becker-poliakoff.com
 - April 7, 6-9 p.m., Condominium Board Members Certification Training, 214 N. Hogan St., Room 110, Jacksonville 32202. Seating is limited. For more information, contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 904-255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net
 - May 26, 6 p.m., Running Effective Meetings – Roberts Rules of Order, 214 N. Hogan St. Room 110, [32202] To register, please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.
- Stay Home Program - If someone you know is worried about losing their home, call 255-8200 or 630-2489 and ask to register for a free foreclosure prevention program. To learn more, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program- redevelops abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information call 255-8200 or 398-HOME or website www.nspjax.com
- The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (NWJEDF) has public funds used to provide capital for project development. The prospective applicant must be a business located within the Northwest Jacksonville area or a business that is expanding its operations into this targeted area.

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 8th floor, Conference Room 851. Contact: Michelle Innes at 630-1273

Recreation and Community Services – Parks

- Friday, March 18, Deutch Bank Presents *Arts on the Go* 6-8 p.m. at the Balis Center, 1513 LaSalle St. Fun art projects the whole family can enjoy.
- Saturday, March 26-Sunday, March 27, Great Outdoor Adventure's 3rd Annual Great Jacksonville Campout.
Check-in begins 3 p.m. Saturday. Event concludes 9 a.m. Sunday. Experience camping with the family. Learn camping skills, play games, enjoy S'mores and sing around the campfire.
- Monday, March 28 - Friday, April 1 Spring Break Camp - - This camp for ages 6-12 is offered during Duval County Public Schools' spring break week. See detailed information at www.jaxparks.com Fees apply.
- Saturday, April 2 - The 7th Annual *JaxParks ... Get Out There!* Festival - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Hanna Park, 500 Wonderwood Drive. Participate in the nation's longest running kite festival, enjoy a bike tour, take a nature walk, learn to fish, study the stars and watch a movie in the park... all during this one-day festival. All activities are free. Entry to the park is free for the first 2,000 cars.

Seniors

- Tuesday, March 8 ~ 10:30 a.m. Mayor John Peyton's M.O.B. Meeting at Metropolitan Park. M.O.B. members celebrate Mayor John Peyton at his final meeting for seniors. Lunch and cupcakes will be served. For reservations events@coj.net
- Saturday, March 26 ~ 9 a.m. Mayor's Walk for Senior Wellness, at Metropolitan Park. Mayor John Peyton invites all seniors to walk for wellness! This is a 1.5-2 mile walk around Metropolitan Park. After the walk, stay for lunch, door prizes and more!
- Wednesday, March 30, 10 a.m. Mayor's Fish-A-Thon, at Hanna Park. Seniors can enjoy a fishing tournament, games and a delicious fried fish lunch. For reservations and info call 630-3690 or events@coj.net

Downtown

- Wednesday, April 6, 2011 April Art Walk — Held each month from 5-9 p.m. -- **rain or shine** -- Art Walk spans a 15-block radius within the Downtown core. For info call 630-3690 or email events@coj.net
- Downtown Vision, Inc. presents the fourth installment of JaxParks Movies in the Park at Treaty Oak. Bring your picnic blankets and camp chairs to 1123 Prudential Drive on Downtown's beautiful Southbank for these feature films: Friday, April 8, *Cars* (rated G) ~Friday, April 15, *The Neverending Story* (rated PG) ~ Friday, April 29, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (rated G) ~ Friday, May 6, *The Wizard of Oz* (rated G). Please note there will not be a movie on Friday, April 22 due to the holiday weekend. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.) Well-behaved pets are welcome, alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Free parking is available next to the park in the Suddath garage, located on Flagler Street. For more information visit downtownjacksonville.org.

Riverside Arts Market – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/> **Riverside Avondale is named one of Ten Great Neighborhoods in America** by the American Planning Association (APA) as one of the country's 10 Great Neighborhoods under the APA's Great Places in America program.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events

- Friday, **March 25** ~ 11 a.m. Vendor Fair. Mayor's Environmental Luncheon, "Take Me To The River". Noon Luncheon at Jacksonville Public Library – Main Branch, 303 N. Laura St. The 20th annual Mayor's Environmental Luncheon will honor companies, groups and individuals who have made positive impacts on Northeast Florida's environment. This year's theme is "Take Me to the River" with emphasis on local river access. reservations and info call 630-3690 or events@coj.net

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 call 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St * Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or www.jaxpubliclibrary.org
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com