

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus

3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL

Monday, January 10, 2011

MEETING SUMMARY

Members and Representatives	Members and Representatives
Chair - Rosanne Vernon	SMG Equestrian Center – Jean Ellen DeSpain
Vice Chair - Bruce Tyson	Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker
Charter Member – Don Ingram	Tree Top Estates – Russell Carlson
Crystal Springs HOA - Marilyn Lehman	Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin
FL State College at Jax Cecil North – Paul McNamara	West Jacksonville Civic – Ric Dill
Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly	Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs	

Media/Staff/Officials	Excused
Mayor's Liaison – Wight Greger	Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Housing & Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman	Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter
JSO --Lt. Claude Ayoub	Confederate Point – James Nolting
Municipal Code Compliance – Maria Buchwalter	Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker
Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel	Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknnett
Recreation and Community – John Kelly	The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer
	Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
Guests	Florida Dep't. Transportation – Jim Green
Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group	
Opal Burgstiner, Armstrong and Bosh, Inc.	Absent
Bruce Burgstiner, Armstrong and Bosh, Inc.	Charter Member - Jerry Spinks
Greg Hollea Rachal, Candidate	Family Investment - Robert Smith
Judy Klein	N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch
Doyle Carter, Candidate	RAP – Jean Grimsley
Tom Dumas, Argyle Area Community Garden	Westwood – Jim Ross
Patti Moss, Murray Hill Art Center	
Nancy Floyd, Murray Hill Art Center	
Nirvana Scott, Murray Hill Art Center	
Curtis McCorlsey, , Murray Hill Art Center	
Jeff Cooke, , Murray Hill Art Center	
Desiree Kantrim, Murray Hill Art Center	
Andrew Nemeth	

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Rosanne Vernon called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

The December summary was approved.

JSO Report: Lt. Claude Ayoub, Zone 4, reported

- Sheriff Rutherford's 2010 goal was to reduce crime. The following crimes were reduced: murder, forcible sex crimes, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, vehicle theft, and arson. The numbers of incidents of rape increased.

- The current issue is vehicle theft. One problem is residents leaving their cars unlocked and running on cold mornings. On one morning, seven cars were stolen in the 103rd Street area. The perpetrators were kids who were arrested and released. On the Normandy corridor, several auto burglaries have occurred. Most of the cars were unlocked.
- Please remove valuables and lock cars.
- On 103rd Street, robberies to businesses have occurred.
- Two murders occurred on 103rd Street. Both incidents appear to be drug-related. An arrest was made in the murder that was committed in the parking lot of the 103rd Street Advance Auto Parts store. Good leads have surfaced in the murder that occurred across from the 103rd Street Wal-Mart.
- Chair Vernon thanked Lt. Ayoub for his report.

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

Presentation:

- The speaker was injured. The presentation will be rescheduled.

Public Comments:

- Greg Hollea Rachal announced he is a candidate for District and he is an active volunteer at the SW CPAC. He has cards available.
- Opal Burgstiner announced Jim Kelly was installed as the new president of the Westside Business Leaders Association (WSBLA). She invited everyone to the WSBLA meetings, the second Thursday of each month at the Holiday Inn at Commonwealth and I-295. Meetings begin at noon and end at 1 p.m. A buffet luncheon is available at a cost of \$11 at 11:30 a.m.
- Tom Dumas announced he has been working on obtaining a Collins Road and I-295 interchange for over 11 years. He owns road frontage on Collins Road, and per the SW Vision Plan, intends to build a town center. He requested input from residents about what types of stores, restaurants, entertainment, etc. they would like to see in a new town center. Mr. Dumas said he is happy to work with the CPAC to help improved the Westside, for example, Blanding and Collins needs landscaping.
- Patti Moss announced she is one of several people who are concerned about the Murray Hill Art Center, which has been closed. The center offered lots of community involvement, including adult clay classes and home schooling. She and others offered to volunteer to staff the center.
- John Kelly, from Recreation and Community Services explained to the Murray Hill Art Center group that there is currently a staff shortage, but the center will reopen. Currently, it is undergoing needed repairs and renovations.
- Tom Dumas announced that Sandi Newman was unable to attend the meeting tonight. The Argyle Community Garden currently has 20 gardeners. Sandi is a Master Gardener. If anyone is interested in obtaining garden space or learning more about gardening, please visit. The garden entrance is located on the North side of Collins Road, the second driveway to the right, going west from I-295 overpass.
- Len Burroughs announced a new community garden is being planned in Murray Hill.
- Wight Greger announced that her child previously attended the Murray Hill Art Center for summer camp and had a plot in the Murray Hill Community Garden.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- Mayor's Liaison: Wight Greger announced:
 - As of today's date, two candidates qualified for the mayor's race: Audrey Moran and Mike Hogan. The primary is March 22.
 - Mayor John Peyton is very committed to carrying on the last six months and having a smooth transition. The department heads have mixed feelings, Mayor Peyton has been a wonderful mayor but they are looking forward to the new administration.
 - When the new administration is elected, they will have approximately a \$61 million deficit in the budget. Department heads are looking for ways to cut the budget.
 - There is a new and growing interest in community gardens. A local resource is Anything with Plants. The owner, Ron Jackson, will provide technical assistance and help with plants, seeds and compost. Mr. Jackson's dream is for community gardens to become economic stimulators.
 - Please call 255-8200 with questions for Ms. Greger.
- Council Members' Reports: Council Member Ray Holt was available for questions.
- Duval County School Board – no representative. No Report.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel reported:
 - One exception was filed for a retention pond on highway 301.
 - The ICI Villages at Normandy want to add 1800 acres.
 - Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-255-8721 or AHetzel@coj.net
- Municipal Code Compliance –Maria Buchwalter announced:
 - Mary Beth Ridderman asked her to discuss political signs. It is unlawful to place political signs on public property, including parks, right of way, light poles and schools. Sizes are limited: residential signs - 4 square feet or 2 feet by 2 feet; all other zoning districts – 24 square feet of 6 feet by 4 feet. Permits for larger signs may be obtained for commercial areas. Per ordinance code 741, political signs on public property may be removed by any one. Signs may be attached to buildings or free-standing. Signs may not be located with 25 feet of any intersection. All signs must be removed within 7 days of the election.
 - 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 – John Kelly announced:
 - The new *Winter -Spring Activity Guides* are available. He also brought flyers for the Road to Olustee, the Jacksonville Baldwin Trail and the Cecil Complex.
 - Quick Start Tennis is being offered at Boone Park for ages ten and under. Quick Start Tennis is one of the fastest growing activities in the U.S.
 - Quick Start Jamboree is March 5, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
 - John Kelly may be contacted at 904- 255-7918 or jkelly@coj.net.
- Florida State College at Jacksonville, Cecil North – Paul McNamara reported:
 - The monument sign is completed and operational at the intersection of Normandy Boulevard and New World Avenue.
 - Spring term began today. The campus is buzzing and the parking lot is full. FSCJ Cecil offers day and evening classes.
 - Construction broke ground on the Commercial Driver (CDL) Facility in November. Land is being cleared and graded. Phase One will involve 2 skills pads and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of track around the facility. Phase Two is the education building – funding is needed.
 - Today, the aircraft services building offered its first classes in aviation refinishing. Nine students are enrolled. FSCJ, JAA and Flightstar created a

partnership Job opportunities exist here and throughout the Southeast for trained technicians.

- The electricity project has been completed updating parking lot lighting and other items.
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – no report.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Jim Green's absence is excused. He plans to attend every other SW CPAC meeting, alternating his duties with the Greater Arlington Beaches CPAC. Mr. Green may be reached at 360-5684.
- Housing and Neighborhoods Department – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
 - The SW CPAC, Urban Core CPAC and NW CPAC are hosting candidate forums for educational purposes. The City Council Member and City Council At Large forum is Feb. 17, 6 p.m. at FSCJ Kent F-128. The Mayor, Sheriff, Tax Collector and Property Appraiser candidate forum is March 3, 6 p.m. at FSCJ Kent F-128.
 - Free classes will be offered on the following topics: Running Effective Meetings/Roberts Rules of Order, Homeowner Associations and Condo Associations. Other topics are being considered. Class information will be distributed by e-mail and by coordinator's report.
 - A detailed written report was provided.
 - Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

Subcommittee Reports and Announcements

- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann's absence was excused.
 - 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 last meeting of the Commission on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011:
 - Received written committee reports from the Legislative Tracking Committee and the Banking Fund Committee.
 - Received a list of recent availability of following reports from the Council Auditor's Office: Audit Report 691: JAA Accounts Payable Audit, Audit report 692: Quarterly Summary for the Twelve Months Ended Sept. 30, 2010, and Audit Report 693: Shands Indigent Care Audit
 - The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 2, 2011 at 4 p.m.
 - Mr. Martin may be reached at 778-2265.
- Economic Development – Jim Kelly reported:
 - A contract was received by NAS Jax and Cecil for the repair of aircraft components.
 - He provided a detailed written report.
 - Mr. Kelly may be reached at 742-4903.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter's absence was excused. Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett's absence was excused. Rosanne Vernon reported:
 - A Sheriff's Walk is scheduled for Jan. 22. The group will meet at the Jiffy Lube on Blanding at Cedar Hills.
 - 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 – Rosanne Vernon appointed Russell Carlson as chair of the LUZ Subcommittee. More volunteers are needed. The subcommittee will meet at 6:45 on Feb. 14 and will meet monthly, before the CPAC meeting.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon announced her goal is to get more businesses as CPAC members. Ms. Vernon may be reached at 477-5187.
- Safety – Bruce Tyson was present but he had no report.
- Chair's Report – Chair Vernon reported:
 - The CPAC has two additional meetings on February 17 and March 3 for the Candidate Forums. She suggested opening discussion to cancel the Feb. 14 meeting or the March 14 meeting. A motion and second were received. The vote: to discuss. A motion was made and seconded to keep the Feb. 14 meeting. The vote: all in favor. The meeting will be held on Feb. 14. Members were encouraged to attend the candidate forums.
 - Chair Vernon asked for names of persons who are interested in serving on the Executive Subcommittee. No one spoke up. The following persons were appointed: Bruce Tyson, Jean-Ellen DeSpain, and Russell Carlson. Please let her know if you are interested in serving on the Executive Subcommittee.
 - The Cecil Area Subcommittee will look into matters in the Cecil area, including, but not exclusive to, the possible relocation of the Jacksonville Fairgrounds and the possible move of the Cecil MIA and POW Memorial. Bruce Tyson and Jim Kelly were appointed. Please talk to Bruce Tyson or Rosanne Vernon if you are interested in serving on this committee.
 - Subcommittee break-out sessions will begin in the Spring.
 - Bruce Tyson will continue to work on the SW CPAC Bus Tour Committee. The Chair asked Mr. Tyson to report on the bus tour. The SW CPAC, Westside Business Leaders, FSCJ, COJ, and JAA are partners for the Cecil Behind the Scenes Tour, March 25. The event will be catered by the Edgewood Bakery. The tour is free. Seating is limited. The CPAC has 33 seats and members will have the first opportunity for seating. One bus is being paid for with funds from the 2007 SW CPAC Bus Tour. Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman, at 255-8260 or Marybeth@coj.net to reserve a seat.

Old Business/ New Business:

- Alberta Hipps announced The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra will showcase a Westside home in the Spring. The estate home is on Coxwell Lane in Chandler Oaks, off of Crystal Springs road. This event is a fund-raiser for the Jacksonville Symphony and the first time it has been done in the Westside.
- Wight Greger provided an update on the Town Center Program, which is supervised by Kenny Logsdon, in the Housing and Neighborhood Department. The Avondale Town Center had its ribbon cutting in December. The groundbreaking for Stockton Street Town Center is Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. at the corner of Stockton and Myra.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The vote: all in favor. Chair Vernon adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 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 Coordinator's Report January 2011

Housing and Neighborhoods:

- Neighborhood Initiatives Team
 - The Southwest CPAC, Westside Business Leaders, JAA Cecil Airport, JEDC and Hipps Group are planning a bus tour, Cecil Behind the Scenes, March 25, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. There is no cost for the tour, but seating is very limited. The SW CPAC has a few seats designated for CPAC members and other dignitaries. Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8200 or Marybeth@coj.net to reserve your seat.
 - The Southwest CPAC, Urban Core CPAC and Northwest CPAC are hosting two candidate forums for educational purposes. Candidate forums are not for political purposes.
 - City Council Members' and At Large Candidate Forum, in partnership with the League of Women Voters, Feb. 17, 6 p.m., FSCJ Kent F-128.
 - Mayoral, Sheriff, Tax Collector and Property Appraiser Candidates Forum, March 3, 6 p.m., FSCJ Kent F-128.
- Community Development Division
 - Community Development Block Grant Technical Assistance Workshops:
 - Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 – 6 p.m. Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., 1st Floor Training Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202
 - Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011 – 3 p.m., Housing and Neighborhoods Department 214 N. Hogan St., 1st Floor Training Room
 - Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 – 6 p.m., Jacksonville, FL 32202
Community Rehabilitation Center (CRC) Institute
5308 N. Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32208
 - Community Development Block Grant Budget Workshop:
 - Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011 – 3 p.m. Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., 1st Floor Training Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202
 - For more information please call Shanee Ealey at 255-8241.
- Stay Home Program - If someone you know is worried about losing their home, call 255-8200 or 630-2489 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>.
- Additional federal funding has been received by the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) to redevelop abandoned and foreclosed properties and increase the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. To learn more, please call Dayatra Coles at 255-8200.
- 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. To learn more, please call James Richardson at 255-8200
- Legislative Forum for Seniors: Members of the Duval Delegation have been invited to hear issues and concerns facing senior citizens. Issues that will be discussed include community care for the elderly and statewide services for seniors. Thursday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m., Jacksonville Main Library multi-purpose room, 303 N. Laura St., conference level. This event is free, but reservations must be made in advance. For reservations, questions or more information call (904) 630-3690 or visit www.MakeASceneDowntown.com.

- Save the dates:
 - March 10-11, 9 a.m. at the UF Learning Resource Center, 653-1 W. 8th St. Jacksonville, 32208. The University of Florida (UF) is hosting an educational opportunity in Jacksonville regarding the medical aspects of child physical and sexual abuse, to provide an understanding of the mechanisms by which injuries are inflicted and the scientific basis for medical determinations as to whether abuse has or has not occurred. The cost is \$100. To register or for more information, please call 386-462-1551 or e-mail slloyd@srahec.org.
- March 26, 8:30 a.m. 35th annual Leadership Conference hosted by Becker and Poliakoff. The conference will address legislative changes affecting Florida communities. To pre-register for this free conference, visit www.becker-poliakoff.com/events/ca/.
- April 7, 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street. The Housing and Neighborhoods Department presents training to certify Condominium Board Members. Training will be provided by Becker and Poliakoff at no cost to residents or to the COJ.

Closures: Most city government offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Residential garbage, yard waste and recycling will be collected as usual on Monday, Jan. 17. Appliances will not be collected on Monday, Jan. 17. The Trail Ridge Landfill, 5110 U.S. Highway 301, will maintain normal operating hours.

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
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office) [Http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu)
- Elder Source is the State Designated Aging Resource Center for NE Florida. Elder Helpline – 1- 888-242-4464 or myeldersource.org.
- 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
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- JOBS - WorkSource Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 www.employflorida.com

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