

District # 3

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Debbie Johnson

Vice Chair: Marj Rothstein

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: NEFAR Office
7801 Deercreek Club Road
Jacksonville, FL 32256
Date: Monday, February 22, 2016

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community
Dee, David – Lake Mandarin HOA
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association
Herrin, Donna – Oxford Chase HOA
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Howard-Murphy, Abby – Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA
Johnson, Debbie – The Gables HOA
Laner, Eric- East Hampton HOA
Malmind, Jon – Oak View Corner Oaks Homeowners Association
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association
Rothstein, Marj – Villa San Jose Civic
Rowe, Karen – Mandarin Community Club
Shoaei, Taghie – Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association
Weise, Gary – Secret Cove
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Heesch-Gilman, Karen – Briarwood Neighborhood Association
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowner Association

Elected Officials:

Danny Becton, City Council District 11
Lori Boyer, City Council District 5

Staff:

Cobb, Ed – JFRD
Hahn, David – Public Works
Florio, Barbara – Planning & Development
Gaffney, Johnny – Mayor's Liaison
Green, James – FDOT
Haywood, Margretta – Code Compliance
Lacayo, Rosario – Planning & Development

Meyerl, Keith – JaxParks

Nemeth, Mat – JSO, Assistant Chief Zone 3

Rogan, Ashley – Military Affairs

Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development Division

Guests:

Riddick, Cheryl – JTA

Cockrell, Josh - IGS

Duke, Brian – Wawa

Kohn, Rick – SMPS

Clapp, Ann – GENA

Gray, Reion - GENA

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- Chair Johnson welcomed the members, staff and guests to the SE CPAC. Chair Johnson inquired if everyone had the opportunity to read the meeting summary and if there were any corrections, deletions or additions; there were none. Marj Rothstein made a motion to approve the meeting summary and George Banks seconded the motion. The January 2016 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

- 3. Presentation(s) Christie Holechek, Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, Art in Public Places**, provided some background history on the 1997 Art Ordinance that allowed funding through the Better Jacksonville Plan to be set aside for art to be created, placed and maintained in public places throughout the City. In 2006, legislation authorized the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville to administer the Art in Public Places program on behalf of the City of Jacksonville.

Ms. Holechek stated public art comes in many forms and is intended to be accessible to all. Public art can take the form of a painting, photograph, mural, graffiti, and sculpture or be a performing art. It was stated research shows that today's vibrant cities integrate artists into urban planning as a tool for invigorating neighborhood activity and identity. Therefore, the livability, walkability and desirability of neighborhoods/cities with public art are uniquely enhanced.

Ms. Holechek showed a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted some of the Art in Public Places in Jacksonville. The CPAC was informed that there is a local public art app for smartphones and mobile devices called "Jacksonville Public Art"; check your app store for a free download. The app showcases public art in and around Jacksonville. Using GPS mapping, the mobile app can detect the closest artwork to a user's location.

Currently in the Southeast CPAC District, Art in Public Places can be found at the San Marco Branch Library, Mandarin Branch Library, Southeast Branch Library and the South Mandarin Branch Library. Ms. Holechek announced that there would be art projects created outside the urban core area. In the Southeast District, a public art project will be added at Cuba Hunter Park. A public art project will also be added in the Greater Arlington Beaches District will on Winton Drive.

For more information contact: Art in Public Places – 904-358-3600, app@culturalcouncil.org or www.culturalcouncil.org/app

4. Elected Officials Report –

Councilmember Boyer informed the CPAC that a PUD application has been filed for the new

MD Anderson Cancer Clinic. The clinic will be located in San Marco near Baptist Hospital; just south of I-95. The clinic will quite large and will bring a large variety of jobs.

Councilmember Becton provided a couple of updates. Prior to the next CPAC (possibly March 17, 2016) Councilmember Becton will host a Community Meeting to discuss the Hines Mixed Use, Master Plan Development. The Hines Real Estate firm project will include a retail component as well as offices and residential (apartments, townhomes and single-family houses); will be built on a 105-acre parcel near the intersection of I-295 and J. Turner Butler Boulevard. Councilmember Becton announced that he will be introducing legislation in the next week or two in effort to have the basketball courts at 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park named after John Waddell. Councilmember Becton will keep the CPAC informed on when the ceremony will be held for the basketball court dedication ceremony.

5. Staff Reports:

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Assistant Chief Mat Nemeth informed the CPAC that in the past 30 days in Zone 3, violent crime is down, property crime is up 13%, auto burglary is up. Nemeth stated that 70% of the auto burglaries were on vehicles that were unlocked; it was advised that everyone should keep their vehicles locked at all times. Assistant Chief Nemeth informed the CPAC he is working with Councilmember Wilson to have a Community Walk in the Bowden Circle community; this is where JSO found a person buried in a yard. The owner of the home was incarcerated at the time the body was found and will remain incarcerated. Assistant Chief stated there have been 42 pedestrians killed citywide, 5 were killed on Beach Blvd. JSO will be increasing patrol and presence on Beach Blvd. In Zone 3 there is a growing problem with aggressive panhandling. JSO, the Mayor's Office and City Council are working on this problem together. Assistant Chief Nemeth stated many of the panhandlers are not homeless, can provide an address and most have quite a bit of money on them. JSO does not arrest most of the panhandlers, but writes them a citation for a notice to appear; this is a cost saving measure implemented by JSO.
- **JFRD** – Chief Braddock – introduced himself, but did not have a report. There was a question from the CPAC inquiring if JFRD had plans to build a fire station in the high growth area near Baymeadows Road and 295? Chief Braddock informed the CPAC that JFRD is currently working on their 5 year plan, to identify areas that need a station. Once completed, the 5 year plan will go before City Council for approval. Chief Braddock announced that JFRD has an average response time of 6-8 minutes per call and that JFRD has an ISO rating of 1. Braddock elaborated that is an excellent rating and that the homeowners in Duval County should point this out to their homeowners insurance to receive a savings on their policy.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Dr. Johnny Gaffney introduced himself and announced that he was filling in for the Mayor's Liaison, Denise Lee. Dr. Gaffney announced that all departments have been very busy with the re-organization. Dr. Gaffney stated he would be happy to share and concerns or questions with the Mayor.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – no representation
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green stated the express lanes in Mandarin area are under construction. Later in the year, construction will begin for the express lanes on 295 by JTB. On March 10, 2016, FDOT will hold a Public Hearing at the World Golf Village to discuss adding express lane from the World Golf Village north to 295. The open house portion of the meeting will start at 4:30 pm and end at 6:30 pm. The floor will be open for discussion at 6:30 pm. For this project, FDOT is proposing 2 lanes in each direction for the project on I-95.
- **Jacksonville Public Library** – no representation
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority** – Cheryl Riddick informed the CPAC that

Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) has completed the series of Mobility Works Community Workshops/ Charrettes. Ms. Riddick provided handouts that summarized the charrettes and the workshops. It was announced that will hold their final Mobility Works Community Workshop. The workshop will be held at Southside Assembly of God, 2118 Kings Ave, 32207 on February 22, 2016 4-7 p.m. The focus of the workshop is to address transit, pedestrian and bicycle movement along Philips Highway (from San Marco to south of the Avenues Mall). The CPAC members were encouraged to attend the Community Meeting. One of the early Mobility Works projects is nearing completion; the project will add right turn lanes at Old St. Augustine Road and Greenland Road.

- **Planning and Development Department** - Rosario Lacayo – announced that there has been some discussion about a new Neighborhoods Department being created. Ms. Lacayo stated that she did not have the complete details yet, but she will share the details once they become available.
- **Environmental Quality Division (Code Compliance)** – Margretta Haywood – no report, but available for questions.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl – announced that this weekend the 10th Annual First Coast Air Potato Round-up will be held at a number of locations from 9:00 am to 12 pm; flyers with complete details were provided. On Saturday, March 19, 2016, the City of Jacksonville and Keep Jacksonville Beautiful in partnership with the St. Johns Riverkeeper will present the St. Johns River Celebration 21st Annual Cleanup from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; a flyer with complete details was provided. A team from the Northeast Florida Regional Council, University of North Florida and Jacksonville University has been hired to collect information about water access facilities and the needs and desires of the community. This information will serve as a plan to guide JaxParks to better maintain facilities, plan for unmet needs and ensure that the important role that water access plays in our economy and our quality of life remains strong for the long term. The CPAC members were encouraged to take an online survey. The survey is available online at www.JaxBoatPlan.com.
- **Public Works** – Dave Hahn – no report, but available for questions.
- **Military Affairs** – Ashley Rogan – informed the CPAC that there are 6 full time employees staffed and ready to assist veterans in our area. The Office of Military Affairs has a variety of services that they can provide. Please contact to learn more about their services at 630-1212.

6. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports** -

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning) – Debbie Johnson on behalf of Jim Hill, Subcommittee Chair, The LUZ Subcommittee met and reviewed a number of the applications. The LUZ subcommittee made a motion to send an opposition letter in regard to application 2016-111 to the full CPAC. This application is to increase the size of an illuminated sign from 84 feet to 105 feet located in the Hodges Blvd/Beach Blvd. area. After some discussion, the CPAC voted unanimously to send the opposition letter.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Cardell stated JEA was trimming trees that are located under powerlines in his neighborhood last week. Mr. Cardell encouraged the members to take into consideration the size of the tree once it reaches maturity when planting under powerlines. Mr. Cardell acknowledged the importance of staying on top of the air potatoes; he recognized that they are an intrusive plant and encouraged the CPAC to stay on top of them.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair – not in attendance

Education – George Banks, Subcommittee Chair – no report, but will reach out to School Board Member Ashley Smith-Juarez

Government Affairs – Jim Akers, Subcommittee Chair – not in attendance

Membership – Marj Rothstein, Subcommittee Chair – informed the CPAC the Membership Subcommittee has a meeting scheduled with Councilmember Becton in effort to identify neighborhoods within his City Council District that are not involved with CPAC. The Membership Subcommittee plans to meet with each of the City Councilmembers in the Southeast District.

Transportation – Growth Management – Eric Lanier / George Bollinger

George Bollinger stated that the Sunset Limited Inspection Train came through this past Friday. Many dignitaries and officials were in attendance. This inspection train was an evaluation tool and if it was deemed a success, we can hope that passenger rail service between Jacksonville and New Orleans will be restored.

Safety – Betty Wolfe, Subcommittee Chair – announced that the next ShAdCo meeting will be a joint meeting at University Christian Church located at 5520 University Blvd W. from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Ad-Hoc:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ralph Hodges stated that there seems to be a movement to try and disband the TRUE commission. One of the Councilmembers has stated that the commission is useless and not needed.

7. **Neighborhood Coordinator Report**- Rosemary Wesolowski - announced the Housing and Community Development Division has hired a new Division Chief that will join the team in March 2016. It was confirmed that it has been announced that a new Neighborhoods Department will be formed and there will be a Neighborhood Services Division; hopefully some of the previous programs will be reinstated. Operations Manager, Barbara Florio announced the new Chief will start on March 7, 2016 and her name is Diana Seydlorsky. Ms. Florio stated the Housing and Community Development Division is deep in preparation for the CDBG 5 year Plan and the Universal Application process/community meetings.

8. **Chair's Report** – Debbie Johnson stated that she is open to suggestions for a topic or recommended guest speakers.

9. **Unfinished Business**-

10. **New Business** –

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

Brian Duke, Wawa Food Stores introduced himself and informed the CPAC that his company is expanding into the Jacksonville area. Wawa currently have 85 stores in Florida, primarily in the Orlando and Tampa areas. Wawa is a high end gas/convenience store. In Jacksonville they hope to open 20 to 25 stores. Each store is expected to generate 40 permanent positions. Mr. Duke provided a brief overview of the 200 year history of Wawa Food Stores and stated that he would like to come back as a guest speaker at a future meeting.

12. **Motion to adjourn** - George Banks made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Ralph Hodges.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 28, 2016 ~ 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: NEFAR (Northeast Florida Association of Realtors) Office
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