

## Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**August 8, 2016 Meeting Summary**

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

### Attendance

Organizations – Representatives	Staff and Officials
Vice Chair – Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs	City Council Member – Jim Love
Budget Automotive Repair – Linda Barrow	City Council Assistant - Kevin Kuzel
Budget Automotive Repair – Darrell Barrow	Duval County Public Schools – Michele Floyd-Hatcher
Camalot – Pierce Rumph	JAA – Cecil Airport – Rusty Chandler
Confederate Point Civic - Jim Nolting	Jacksonville Electric Authority – Nancy Kilgo
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Assistant Chief Larry Gayle
Florida State College at Jacksonville – Paul McNamara	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Lt. Stephen Spates
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry	JTA – Aleizha Batson
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Myers	Mosquito Control – Richard Smith
Saint Ives Townhomes – Sandra Tucker	Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Services Office– Mary Beth Ridderman
Saint Ives Townhomes – Vennetta Lewis	Neighborhoods – Municipal Code – Bruce Chauncey
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson	Parks, Recreation & Community Services – Keith Meyerl
Watermill Masters HOA – Tom Martin	Planning & Development – Andy Hetzel
<b>Excused</b>	Public Libraries – Jane Harris
Chair – Classic Realty of Jax – Abner Davis	Public Works – Roy Birbal
Charter Member – Don Ingram	<b>Staff Excused:</b>
Charter Member – Chuck Mann	Florida Dept. Transportation – Scott Clem
Council District 10 – Kathy Budd	Jacksonville Fire & Rescue (JFRD) – Fire 5
Springtree Village – Dewey Walker	Military and Veterans – Harrison Conyers
Timuquana Manor North - Alice Turknett	<b>Visitors</b>
Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker	Lara Hipps – Hipps Group, representing JAA
<b>Absent</b>	Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing
	Annette Brown – Blue Lakes Estates
	Bill Klimn – Fishweir Crime Watch
	Andrea Hepburn – Orange Park Medical Center

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Acting Chair Len Burroughs called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum. Acting Chair Burroughs explained Chair Davis' absence was due to an ongoing medical issue.
  
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** Acting Chair Len Burroughs announced the CPAC did not meet in July. The May summary was not ready for the June meeting because the Neighborhood Services Office experienced a computer issue. Both summaries were recently electronically distributed and copies were available at the meeting. Tom Martin made a motion to approve the May summary. Pierce Rumph seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the May summary. Tom Martin made a motion to approve the June summary. Shirley Lowry seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the June summary.
  
3. **Presentations:**
  - The Cecil Airport Manager, Rusty Chandler, presented information on recent Cecil Airport hangar construction projects, proposed hangar designs, new airport tenants, and the airport's future plans.
    - Over 300 new employees were recently added due to operation expansion by airport tenants: the U.S. Coast Guard, LSI, Boeing, Flightstar, and the Flight Readiness Center. Approximately 4,000 individuals are employed at Cecil Airport.
    - Cecil Airport joined social media sites, such as Facebook and Instagram. Great videos of airport operations are available on Instagram.
    - The Spaceport is certified for the Y and Z types of space vehicles. JAA submitted an application to the Federal Aviation Authority for certification for the third type, type X. Mr. Chandler explained some residents are concerned about noise from the type x vehicles' sonic booms and shock waves. In Duval County, the sound levels will be about the same as those from the Navy jets.
    - The Navy flight operations returned to Naval Air Station Jacksonville from their temporary assignment at Cecil Airport. However, on weekends, the Navy's T-45 planes will return to Cecil for flight exercises.

- Fire Station 56 will move to a new location near Aviation Lane and 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. The station is planned to have six-bays, the largest fire station in Jacksonville. The station will serve the airport as well as the surrounding community. Cecil Airport is sponsoring a grant for one-half of the funding needed for the new fire station's construction.
- Please call 573-1611 to arrange a Cecil Airport tour.
- Richard Smith, Mosquito Control Division Superintendent, presented information about the Zika Virus, a mosquito-borne virus which causes illnesses in humans.
  - Researchers have learned that the virus may also be spread by sexual contact.
  - Symptoms are similar to the flu (fever, rash, and red eyes). However, the virus is more serious for pregnant women, because it can cause microcephaly (birth defects) in newborn babies whose mothers were infected with the virus.
  - He discussed the type of mosquito that transmits the disease, its' habitat and habits. Zika-bearing mosquitoes prefer containers of standing water, near human habitats. They fly and bite in the daytime and rest at night, so traditional evening spraying is ineffective. He asked residents to empty and clean or remove containers that may contain standing water, such as bird baths, tires, or children's toys.
  - Mr. Smith suggested residents use insect repellent sprays with DEET (Cutter, Off!). Residents who are sensitive to DEET may use Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus or oil of lemon eucalyptus (Repel).
  - Please call 630-City (2489) to report standing water in publicly-owned ditches.

#### 4. Elected Officials' Reports:

- Council Member Jim Love reported:
  - Council Members passed Bill 2016-0405. The bill authorizes Animal Control officers to issue citations based upon the officer's observation of a recorded video or photographic evidence and the sworn affidavit from one witness. The officer is authorized to modify the noise-permitted time limits from 30 minutes to 15 minutes.
  - Council Member Love is working with JSO Assistant Chief Larry Gayle on a bill to make landlords more responsible for crimes occurring in rental properties.
  - The John Gorrie Dog Park at Riverside will open on September 17 at 10 a.m. The park is located in the northwest corner of Riverside Park, adjacent to College Street. Approximately one-third of the property is located under the Interstate 95 overpass. That portion of the property is being re-purposed from the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) storage lot to become a permanent part of the dog park.
  - The JAXREADY app will help residents monitor weather threats and plan for evacuation in the event of a natural disaster.
  - The ½ cent sales tax extension will be voted on this month. The sales tax can only be used to reduce the pension deficit.
  - He filed a resolution asking Governor Scott to review the type and amount of chemicals allowed to be released into the river.
  - He asked residents to pray for the SW CPAC Chair, Abner Davis, who is having health issues.
  - The City Council will fund construction of a playground at the Four-Corners Park in Murray Hill.
  - Council Member Love may be contacted at 630-1380 or [jimlove@coj.net](mailto:jimlove@coj.net).

#### 5. Staff Reports:

- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. Stephen Spates and Assistant Chief Larry Gayle reported:
  - Lt. Spates distributed a flier with two subjects: "Ways to Connect with JSO" and "Citizen Involvement Opportunities".
  - Lt. Spates distributed a flier "JSO Wants You to Practice TLC" (Take out valuables, Lock your vehicle and Close your windows).
  - Assistant Chief Gayle reported a rise in the number of robberies to individuals, robberies to businesses, auto burglaries and carjacking. He reported a decrease in the number of property crimes.
  - Assistant Chief Gayle discussed the importance of the vote for a sales tax extension. Assistant Chief Gayle explained if the sales tax extension is not approved by voter, funding for JSO officers will be cut.
  - A question was raised about the recent shooting incident at Eureka Gardens. JSO explained 7 persons were shot and JSO is looking for multiple shooters. At this time, no motive for the shooting is known.
  - The JSO Zone 4 Office may be contacted at 513-3165. The JSO non-emergency number is 630-0500. Please visit JSO's website at <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/patrol-division/zone-4.aspx>.
- Jacksonville Fire & Rescue (JFRD) – Fire 5's absence was excused.
  - The JFRD non-emergency number is 630-0434. Please visit JFRD's website at <http://www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue.aspx>.

- Mayor's Liaison – a new liaison will be assigned.
- Duval County School Board – Duval School Board Member Becki Couch' absence was excused.
  - The Honorable Becki Couch may be contacted at [couchr@duvalschools.org](mailto:couchr@duvalschools.org).
- Duval County Public Schools - Michelle Floyd Hatcher reported for Sheree Cagle, Region Superintendent:
  - Teachers returned to schools today. Students return to school on Monday, August 15.
  - Enrollment is in progress. Encourage parents to register children this week, especially for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten classes. Some schools now offer programs for children who are three years old.
  - Please check the website (<http://www.duvalschools.org/>) to identify schools that are hurricane shelters.
  - Principals and Vice Principals train with JSO and JFRD personnel on the Emergency Management Plan.
  - Sheree Cagle may be contacted at [CAGLES2@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:CAGLES2@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG)
- Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) - Paul McNamara reported:
  - The Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program is over nine years old. Until this year, FSCJ had only used trucks and trailers. This year, FSCJ purchased a new Kenworth tractor and a new trailer for the training program. FSCJ is offering CDL classes at night this fall, and the classes are almost at capacity.
  - The FSCJ fall term begins soon. Staff members expect increased numbers of students.
  - FSCJ offers credit and non-credit courses in unmanned aerial systems (UAS), better known as drones. The course will cover the Federal Aviation Authority's rules for drone operations.
  - Paul McNamara may be contacted at 779-4030 or [pmcnamar@fscj.edu](mailto:pmcnamar@fscj.edu).
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Scott Clem's absence was excused.
  - Scott Clem may be contacted at (904)-360-5681 or [scott.clem@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.clem@dot.state.fl.us).
- JAA – Lara Hipps reported:
  - The JAA information was covered during Rusty Chandler's presentation.
  - She will ask Mr. Chandler to discuss drone operation at a future CPAC meeting.
- JTA – Aleizha Batson reported for Cheryl Riddick:
  - On August 20 and 28, shuttles will operate for the Jaguars' preseason games, No pre-season service is available to the Mandarin and the Beaches lot.
  - JTA publishes a Hurricane Evacuation Guide (<http://www.jtafla.com/pdf/Hurricane/HurricaneEvacuationGuide.pdf>) to inform riders about what services are available during hurricanes and following evacuation orders.
  - The Rosa Parks Station hosts a farmer's market every Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - The Beaches Trolley is available for riders.
  - Tom Martin asked when construction will begin on the JTAMobilityWorks project at Collins Road. Cheryl Riddick provided the answer by email. Design is scheduled for April–December 2016. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2017.
  - Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at 632-5522 or [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com).
- Military Affairs and Veterans – Harrison Conyers' absence was excused.
  - Mr. Conyers may be contacted at 630-3521 or [hconyers@coj.net](mailto:hconyers@coj.net).
- Neighborhoods - Municipal Code Compliance – Bruce Chauncey reported:
  - Since the June meeting, Zone 4 officers investigated 2551 new cases including 1101 nuisance cases, 621 residential cases, 105 trees, 78 unsafe structures, and other cases.
  - Bruce Chauncey may be contacted at [Brucec@coj.net](mailto:Brucec@coj.net). Please call 630-CITY (2489) or send e-mail to [630City@coj.net](mailto:630City@coj.net) to report suspected code violations.
- Planning & Development - Current Planning – Andy Hetzel distributed a written report.
  - Andy Hetzel may be contacted at 255-7821 or [Ahetzel@coj.net](mailto:Ahetzel@coj.net).
- Parks, Recreation and Community Services - Keith Meyerl reported:
  - The department is installing fencing around the John Gorrie Dog Park at Riverside in preparation for the September 17 grand opening.
  - The Boone Park Playground construction begins on September 22.
  - Outdoor pools are open through September 5.
  - After school programs begin on August 15 at the Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center and the Julian Barrs Community Center.
  - The Cecil Gym has been renovated and will reopen on September 1.
  - Mr. Meyerl may be contacted at 255-7936 or [kmeyerl@coj.net](mailto:kmeyerl@coj.net).
- Public Libraries – Jane Harris reported:
  - Early voting begins on August 15. Libraries will be open for early voting Aug. 15- 28, 2016.
  - Libraries partnered with Duval County Public Schools to provide a virtual library card for every child who is registered with Duval County Public Schools. Educator cards are available for teachers. The educator cards allow teachers to check out more items and keep them longer, without late fees.
  - The Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library book sale is Aug. 26-28 at 3435 University Blvd. N. Ms. Harris distributed book marks printed with the book sale information.

- Ms. Harris distributed the following fliers: "Computer & Technology Classes" and "Brainfuse".
- Len Burroughs complimented the libraries on their excellent computer classes.
- Jane Harris may be contacted at 693-1448 or [jharris@coj.net](mailto:jharris@coj.net).
- Public Works – Roy Birbal reported he was available for questions.
  - Tom Martin asked about clogged drainage structures along Argyle Forest Boulevard. Mr. Birbal explained ditches are cleaned by inmate crews and ditch-digging machines. He asked Mr. Martin to report the exact addressees to 630-CITY.
  - Roy Birbal may be contacted at 630-5431.

### 3. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- Membership and Public Relations – Abner Davis' absence was excused.
- Transportation – Tom Martin reported:
  - The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Aug. 3, 2016.
  - NFTPO CAC members approved the FDOT's request to amend the Transportation Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2016/2017 through 2020/2021.
  - NFTPO CAC members approved FDOT's request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2015/2016 through 2019/2020. Funds were included for the Fort Matanzas Ferry Boat capital purchase.
  - NFTPO CAC members received a presentation on a proposed 2016 List of Priority Projects. On the list is the widening of Old Middleburg Road from Argyle Forest Boulevard to 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. CAC members will vote on the list at the September meeting.
  - NFTPO CAC members received a presentation on the project recommendations for the 2017/2018 funding of the Surface Transportation Program in Urban Areas (SU). CAC members will vote on the recommendations at the September meeting.
  - The NFTPO CAC members received a presentation from FDOT about the I-10/US 301 Interchange Improvement Project.
  - The next NFTPO CAC meeting will be held on Sept. 7, 2016 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at 980 N. Jefferson St.
- Sheriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Alice Turknnett's absence was excused.
  - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Ortega United Methodist Church, 4807 Roosevelt Blvd.
  - ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd.
  - ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Cecil Recreation Center, 13611 Normandy Blvd.
- Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson reported the Cecil information was covered during Rusty Chandler's presentation.
- Ad-Hoc
  - Taxation Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) – Abner Davis' absence was excused.

### 6. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:

- The Neighborhoods Office moved from the third to the fifth floor in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St.
- The Neighborhoods Office will offer training for condominium associations on Sept. 27 at 1p.m. The location is the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. in Room 110. Fliers will be distributed electronically.
- The Neighborhoods Office will offer training for homeowners and townhome associations will be held on September 27 at 5:30 p.m. The location is the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. in Room 110. Fliers will be distributed electronically.
- Mary Beth Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).

### 7. Chair's Report – Acting Chair Len Burroughs reported Murray Hill is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year as a neighborhood. On Sept. 17, from 5- 9 p.m. in the 900 block of Edgewood Avenue, near the Murray Hill Theatre. Parking is free. Tickets are \$2. For more information, please visit <http://www.murrayhilljax.com/event/murray-hills-centennial-celebration/>.

### 8. Unfinished Business – none

### 9. New Business – none

### 10. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements

- Annette Brown, a resident of Blue Lake Estates, expressed her neighborhood's concerns for the safety of drivers and pedestrians at the Blue Lake Estates entrance. A stop sign or stop light is needed at the intersection of Sherman Hills Parkway and Samaritan Way. This intersection handles a large volume of cut-through traffic from State Road 23. Vehicles exiting State Road 23 appear to travel above the posted speed limit, making it dangerous for neighborhood children to reach their bus stop across the

street. It is also difficult for drivers to safely exit the neighborhood. Council Member Love's office will connect Ms. Brown the Council Member Carter's office. The Neighborhood Services Office followed up by reporting the speeding concerns to JSO Assistant Chief Larry Gayle.

- Annette Brown, a resident of Blue Lake Estates, expressed her neighborhood's concerns that the State Road 23 sound barrier wall has not been completed. Council Member Love's office will connect Ms. Brown the Council Member Carter's office to discuss her concern with the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Christian Benz, a CPAC visitor who resides at 6930 Wiley Road, expressed his concerns about the Ability Housing Villages of Wiley.
  - The construction plans were approved and the final inspections were made for the Ability Housing Villages of Wiley. He hired Jeff Tyer, an engineer, to inspect the plans and the property and found the Villages of Wiley were not constructed according to specifications. The units are built higher much higher than nearby properties which causes flooding on his property. Erosion has become a problem and the ditches are now full of silt and standing water. A Villages of Wiley representative, Jenna Emmons, explained the project is still under warranty and Ability Housing is working with the contractor and the architect to address the neighborhood's concerns.
  - The planned sidewalk was never finished. Residents need a crosswalk to cross safely to the opposite side of Wiley Road, where the sidewalk is finished. The Neighborhood Services Office contacted Public Works. Nelson Caparas was assigned to follow-up with Mr. Benz' request.
  - Residents bring shopping carts to the neighborhood and dump them in neighborhood ditches. He contacted Villages of Wiley staff and JSO. The Neighborhood Services Office followed up by reporting the theft of carts to JSO Assistant Chief Larry Gayle. Chief Gayle suggested calling the carts' owners. The Neighborhood Services Office contacted Mr. Benz with the Wal-Mart Market Manager's contact information. The Neighborhood Services Office followed up with a Villages of Wiley staff member, Jenna Emmons, who explained residents were given fliers explaining if they are arrested for shopping cart theft. They will be evicted.

**12. Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Martin. Bruce Tyson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9.07 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** September 12, 2016, 7 p.m. Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Building E Room 112F.

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