

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 13, 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	State Attorney – Angela Corey
Camalot – Pierce Rumph	Florida Dept. Transportation – Scott Clem
Confederate Point Civic - Jim Nolting	Jacksonville Electric Authority – Nancy Kilgo
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer	Jacksonville Fire & Rescue (JFRD) - Chief Donald Powell
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. K.S. Goff
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Myers	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Assistant Chief Larry Gayle
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Lt. Jesse York
Watermill Masters HOA – Tom Martin	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Officer Kevin Jarrell
Excused	Military and Veterans – Ashley Rogan
Chair – Classic Realty of Jax – Abner Davis	Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Services Office– Mary Beth Riddeman
Charter Member – Don Ingram	Neighborhoods – Municipal Code – Dennis Steele
Charter Member – Chuck Mann	Neighborhoods – Consumer Affairs – Valerie Williams
Council District 10 – Kathy Budd	Parks, Recreation & Community Services – Keith Meyerl
Florida State College at Jacksonville – Paul McNamara	Planning & Development – Andy Hetzel
Springtree Village – Dewey Walker	Public Libraries – Jane Harris
Timuquana Manor North - Alice Turknnett	Public Works – Luis Flores
Absent	Staff Excused:
Saint Ives Townhomes – Sandra Tucker	JTA - Cheryl Riddick
Visitors	Mayor's Liaison – E. Denise Lee (attending GAB CPAC)
Lara Hipps – Hipps Group, representing JAA	
Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing	

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Acting Chair Len Burroughs called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Mary Beth Riddeman 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 May summary is not ready because the Neighborhood Services Office experienced an issue with the computer. The May summary will be submitted for approval at the August meeting.

3. **Presentations:**
 - State Attorney Angela Corey presented "Smart Justice". She discussed 15 diversion programs that prevent incarceration of non-violent, first time offenders. Program requirements include victims' restitution and reconciliation, without a court appearance. Diversion programs include Mental Health Court and Veterans' Treatment Court.
 - Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Lt. Kevin Goff and Consumer Affairs Manager Valerie Williams presented information on Jacksonville's Human Trafficking Ordinance, Chapter 150.413, which was enacted on May 10, 2016. The ordinance requires certain businesses, such as nude establishments, tattoo parlors and adult entertainment establishments, to register with the City. These businesses are required to post human trafficking public awareness signs inside of each business location. Jacksonville had 40 cases involving human trafficking last year. Many human trafficking victims are under 25 years of age.

4. **Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Council Member Jim Love reported:
 - The ½ cent sales tax extension will fund the currently unfunded liability of fire, police and City pensions. The extension is not a raise. It merely extends the existing ½ cent sales tax. Without the sales tax extension, it will be necessary to cut city services and personnel.
 - The Orlando shooting was a tragedy with 50 persons killed and 53 injured. Council Member Love talked with Steve Woodard, Director of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department Emergency (JFRD) Preparedness Office. JFRD has revised the procedure manual for active shooter incidents and JFRD often practices drills with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. He also spoke with Kurtis Wilson, Director of JFRD, and with Patrick Ivey, JSO Undersheriff. All three officials assured Council Member Love that JFRD and JSO are well-prepared to respond to active shooter incidents if they occur in Jacksonville.

- The Florida Supreme Court is discussing the authority of cities to legalize slot machines. The Jacksonville City Council will vote on legalizing slot machines at Best Bet, a casino located at 201 Monument Rd. If the issue of legalized slot machines is passed by the Florida Supreme Court and by the City Council, Jacksonville residents will have the opportunity to vote on the issue on November 8, 2016.
- Council Member Love is filing a bill to restrict bars in residential areas.
- Council Member Love is working with JSO to reduce violent crime.
- Mayor Curry will deliver the budget to City Council on July 18.
- Council Member Love may be contacted at 630-1380 or jimlove@coj.net.

5. Staff Reports:

- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. Jesse York and Assistant Chief Larry Gayle reported:
 - Lt. York introduced Officers Kevin Jarrell, Mike Fox and Chris Berry. He commended these officers for their parts in several important arrests, which he detailed during his report.
 - Assistant Chief Gayle commended Lt. York and officers on Lt. York's watch, as well as other officers working in Zone 4. He recently signed 20 commendations for service.
 - Assistant Chief Gayle reported in Zone 4, the number of robberies to individuals and robberies to businesses are down. Home invasions, auto theft and aggravated battery are also down. However, carjacking incidents are up.
 - Assistant Chief Gayle reminded residents to remove firearms, spare keys and other valuables from vehicles and to lock vehicles. He reported sometimes criminals break into one car and find the key to a second car or to the home.
 - JSO receives over 95,000 calls each year. Compared to other zones, Zone 4 is number 1 in property crime and number 2 in violent crime.
 - A new resource for JSO is Nextdoor.com (<https://nextdoor.com/>), a free, private social network for neighborhoods. This website is listed on the JSO and ShAdCo websites. Murray Hill has over 1000 registered members on Nextdoor.com. Nextdoor.com will allow JSO to share crime information and crime prevention tips with residents who do not attend CPAC, Neighborhood Watch or ShAdCo meetings.
 - JSO placed a traffic board on Hyde Grove Avenue, in response to neighborhood concerns about speeding vehicles.
 - 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) – Chief Donald Powell reported:
 - JFRD regularly assists other cities with mutual aid. JFRD recently assisted Orange Park by providing 20-25 fire trucks and personnel to fight a warehouse fire.
 - 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 – Ms. E. Denise Lee's absence was excused. She attended the Greater Arlington-Beaches CPAC meeting.
 - The Neighborhood Services Office asked residents to use the MyJAX app to report concerns in neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Services Office distributed MyJAX app fliers.
 - Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report concerns about private properties or city services.
 - Ms. Lee may be contacted at 630-1874 or edenisel@coj.net.
- Duval County School Board – Duval School Board Member Becki Couch' absence was excused.
 - The Honorable Becki Couch may be contacted at couchr@duvalschools.org.
- Neighborhoods - Municipal Code Compliance – Dennis Steele reported:
 - The division has made several staff changes and new employees are in training.
 - Zone 4 officers investigated 1445 new cases including 504 nuisance, 358 residential, 147 junk vehicles, and 170 zoning violations.
 - Dennis Steele may be contacted at 255-7041 or dsteele@coj.net.
 - Florida State College at Jacksonville - Paul McNamara's absence was excused. Ms. Ridderman distributed the report that he had prepared.
 - Paul McNamara may be contacted at 779-4030 or pmcnamar@fscj.edu.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Scott Clem reported:
 - The I-10 and Hammond Boulevard interchange opened. The former I-10/Marietta exit is permanently closed. Travelers may experience delays due to nighttime work to remove the Marietta exit ramps.
 - A pilot program began in Jacksonville to address cross walks and the use of pedestrian safety features. Pedestrians currently do not use existing cross walk signals to stop traffic and assist crossing at intersections. FDOT is installing instructions at 5 Westside crosswalks: Blanding Boulevard & Collins Road, Timuquana Avenue & Seaboard Avenue, and 3 crosswalks on 103rd Street near I-295.
 - Scott Clem may be contacted at (904)-360-5681 or scott.clem@dot.state.fl.us.
- Planning & Development - Current Planning – Andy Hetzel distributed a written report.

- Andy Hetzel may be contacted at 255-7821 or Ahetzal@coj.net.
- Parks, Recreation and Community Services - Keith Meyerl reported:
 - The Rec 'N Roll Program provides structured summer activities.
 - City pools are open 7 days each week. Many sites offer summer camp activities. Westside pools include Lee High School and Ed White High School.
 - The Parks Department, in partnership with the Public Defender's Office opened McGirts Creek Park for summer programs and after school activities.
 - The Summer Night Lights Program begins on June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center. The program is designed to reduce neighborhoods' summertime crime
- Len Burroughs reported broken glass and heavy litter along the Rails to Trails and S-Line Urban Greenway. He cannot enter CARE issues because the trails and S-Line lack sufficient address information. Parks, Recreation and Community Services staff reported staff members will investigate the described locations.
 - Mr. Meyerl may be contacted at 255-7936 or kmeyerl@coj.net.
- Public Works – Dennis Green reported he was available for questions.
 - Tom Martin reported clogged drainage structures along Argyle Forest Boulevard cause standing water and breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Mr. Green reported Public Works staff members will look into the issue.
 - Dennis Green may be contacted at 630-5431.
- JTA - Cheryl Riddick's absence was excused.
 - Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com.
- Military Affairs and Veterans – Harrison Conyers' absence was excused.
 - Mr. Conyers may be contacted at 630-3521 or hconyers@coj.net.
- Public Libraries – Jane Harris reported:
 - Summertime is a busy time at public libraries.
 - Summer Learning Programs offer activities and prizes for children, teens and adults.
 - Most libraries host the free summer lunch program for children up to 18 years of age.
 - The Main Library is hosting a Teen Job Fair on June 14, 2016 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.
 - Ms. Harris distributed the Epic Summer Program Guide.
 - Jane Harris may be contacted at 693-1448 or jharris@coj.net.
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) – Lara Hipps reported:
 - The Navy is behind schedule of returning air operations from Cecil Airport to the Naval Air Station Jacksonville.
 - Ms. Hipps may be contacted at 781-2654 or lara@hippsgroupinc.com.

6. 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 June 1, 2016.
 - NFTPO CAC members approved the Transportation Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2016/2017. Last month, FDOT provided a draft copy of the TIP to SW CPAC members.
 - NFTPO CAC members approved FDOT's request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2015/2016 through 2019/2020. Funding was included and approved for construction of the new I-10 and Highway 301 improvements.
 - NFTPO CAC members received a presentation from Brad Thoburn about the JTA Regional Transportation Center project.
 - NFTPO CAC members received a presentation by Karen Taulbee on FDOT funding categories and how they are applied to projects.
 - The NFTPO CAC members received a presentation by Jennifer Kennedy on the North Ponte Vedra traffic study.
 - The next NFTPO CAC meeting will be held on August 3, 2016 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at 980 N. Jefferson St.
- Sheriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Alice Turknett'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 had no report. JAA covered the Cecil information.
- Ad-Hoc
 - Taxation Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) – Abner Davis' absence was excused.

- 7. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
- The Neighborhoods Department Interim Director is Kimberly Scott. The Neighborhood Service Office City Planner Supervisor is Lisa Ransom.
 - The Town Center Program was transferred to the Neighborhood Services Office. Lisa Ransom is the contact person.
 - Please contact the Neighborhood Services Office (NSO) to request the assistance with neighborhood events or meetings.
 - The NSO has arranged two free training sessions:
 - Training for condominium associations will be held 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.
 - 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.
- 8. Chair's Report** – Acting Chair Len Burroughs reported he and his wife, Vickie, were featured in an article, "The Way We Were", in the June 2016 *Jacksonville Resident Community News*.
- 9. Unfinished Business** – none
- 10. New Business** – none
- 11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements**
- JEA – Nancy Kilgo reported she was available for questions.
 - Shirley Lowry thanked Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department for their participation in the May 11 Hibernia Baptist Church Community Event. Over 365 residents enjoyed community education, a water slide, petting zoo and refreshments. Ms. Lowry thanked the Neighborhood Services Office for arranging JFRD's and JSO's participation.
- 12. Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Martin. Bernice Gremer seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: August 8, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Building E Room 112F.

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