

## Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

### May 9, 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 – Kevin Kuzel for Council Member Jim Love
Budget Automotive Repair – Linda Barrow	Florida Dept. Transportation – Scott Clem
Budget Automotive Repair – Darrell Barrow	Jacksonville Fire & Rescue (JFRD) - Chief Brady Rigdon
Camalot – Pierce Rumph	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. Stephen Spates
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Assistant Chief Larry Gayle
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Detective G.E. Daniels
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Myers	JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Saint Ives Townhomes – Sandra Tucker	Mayor's Office Liaison – Kendra Mervin for E. Denise Lee
Timuquana Manor North - Alice Turknnett	Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Services Office– Mary Beth Ridderman
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson	Neighborhoods – Municipal Code – Dennis Steele
Watermill Masters HOA – Tom Martin	Parks, Recreation & Community Services – Keith Meyer
<b>Excused</b>	Planning & Development – Andy Hetzel
Chair – Classic Realty of Jax – Abner Davis	Public Libraries – Jane Harris
Charter Member – Don Ingram	Public Works – Luis Flores
Charter Member – Chuck Mann	<b>Visitors</b>
Confederate Point Civic - Jim Nolting	Lara Hipps – Hipps Group, representing JAA
Council District 10 – Kathy Budd	Janefer Rockwell - UNF
Florida State College at Jacksonville – Paul McNamara	Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing
Springtree Village – Dewey Walker	
<b>Absent</b>	

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's absence was due to a medical issue.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** Tom Martin made a motion to approve the previous meeting summary. Bernice Gremer seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the summary.
3. **Presentation:**
  - Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Detective G.E. Daniels provided a PowerPoint presentation, The Effects of Legalized Marijuana on Communities.
    - JSO officers visited Denver, Colorado to study the effects of legalized marijuana on the Denver community.
    - After marijuana was legalized in Denver, tourism and bus traffic increased. Numbers of traffic-related deaths increased because of driving under the influence of drugs (D.U.I.D.). Rates of homelessness, crime, sex-trafficking, and unemployment increased.
    - Marijuana dispensaries outnumber the combined number of CVS, Walgreens and other traditional pharmacies.
    - Each Colorado dispensary receives a certain amount of legal marijuana for dispensation, approximately 75 pounds per day. The demand is higher than the legal supply which results in illegal drug trade between the dispensaries and major drug cartels.
    - Dispensaries sell marijuana in many forms including cigarettes, root beer, and candy. Candies resemble gummy bears, jelly beans, and chocolates. Only adults may legally purchase the products, but children's emergency room visits and deaths increased because children often ingest toxic amounts of the marijuana candy.
    - Currently in Florida, medical marijuana is legal in the form of a product called Charlotte's Web. Charlotte's Web effectively treats pain and seizures, but it does not provide the euphoria or "high" usually associated with marijuana use. The lack of a "high" makes Charlotte's Web marketable only for the intended medical uses.
    - A local legal firm is lobbying to pass an amendment to allow the expansion of legalized medical marijuana in Florida. In anticipation of the amendment's passage, the firm purchased the rights to 45 Florida commercial dispensaries.
    - On November 8, 2016, Florida residents will vote on The Florida Right to Medical Marijuana Initiative, Amendment 2.

#### 4. Elected Officials' Reports:

- Kevin Kuzel, Executive Assistant to Council Member Jim Love, reported:
  - Council Member Love is attending a Land Use and Zoning meeting to discuss the Roost Planned Unit Development in the Riverside-Avondale area.
  - Council Member Love, Assistant Chief Gayle, and the Office of General Counsel are working on an ordinance to create a rental property registry.
  - Council Member Love is working with the Planning and Development Department on an initiative to improve the transparency process in land use and zoning applications, administrative deviations and exceptions.
  - 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) – Assistant Chief Larry Gayle and Lt. Steven Spates reported:
  - The Murray Hill Sheriff's Walk was successful.
  - Zone 4 receives 95,000 calls for service annually. Compared to other zones, Zone 4 is number 1 in property crime and number 2 in violent crime.
  - In the past month, Zone 4 experienced an increase in robberies to individuals, "smash and grab" burglaries and auto burglaries.
  - A new outreach program, Coffee with a Cop, begins on June 7. The hours are 7:00 – 10 a.m. at the Chick-fil-A restaurant, 4495 Roosevelt Blvd.
  - JSO will include Nextdoor.com (<https://nextdoor.com/>), a free, private social network for neighborhoods, on the JSO website and in ShAdCo activities. 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.
  - A new training class for JSO recruits begins in July.
  - Officer Norton handles citywide blight, panhandling and homeless abatement.
  - JSO, the Office of General Counsel and City Council Members are crafting an ordinance to establish a mandatory rental property registry. The registry's intended purpose is to reduce neighborhood blight.
  - Lt. Spates distributed brochures: *Take Out Valuables, Lock Your Vehicle, and Close Your Windows Guide*.
  - 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 Brady Rigdon reported:
  - He cautioned residents to be careful during the dry weather season. To prevent forest fires during this or other dry seasons, residents should carefully hand-trim conservation area trees and bushes away from homes and outbuildings.
  - 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 – Kendra Mervin reported for E. Denise Lee:
  - Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report concerns about private properties or city services.
  - JFRD teams and City Council Members are working together on an outreach program. The teams install or check smoke detectors in targeted neighborhoods. Following each JFRD outreach event, Municipal Code Enforcement officers conduct systematic blight inspections.
  - Mary Beth Ridderman distributed Fight Blight fliers.
  - Ms. Lee may be contacted at 630-1874 or [edenisel@coj.net](mailto:edenisel@coj.net).
- Duval County School Board – Duval School Board Member Becki Couch was involved in another meeting. She submitted a report electronically and asked to have it read during the CPAC meeting. Acting Chair Len Burroughs read her report:
  - The latest school boundary changes are complete. West Jacksonville Elementary School will become a school for overage students attending middle school. West Jacksonville Elementary students in kindergarten through the second grade (K-2) will transfer to S.P. Livingston Elementary. West Jacksonville Elementary students attending third, fourth and fifth grades (3-5) will transfer to Susie Tolbert Elementary School. Susie Tolbert Elementary will no longer be a magnet for gifted students. R.V. Daniels Elementary will be converted from a pre-K-2 school to a dedicated gifted and talented magnet school for kindergarten through the fifth grade (K-5) students.
  - The legislature passed a bill that enables students to attend any school, state wide, if the school has room available. Students can attend school in a different county than the county where they live. The student can stay, even if the school utilization grows to above capacity. Schools districts will experience difficulty in planning for growth.
  - The Honorable Becki Couch may be contacted at [couchr@duvalschools.org](mailto:couchr@duvalschools.org).

- Neighborhoods - Municipal Code Compliance – Dennis Steele reported:
  - Zone 4 officers investigated 1,614 new cases, including 213 junk vehicles, 643 nuisance properties and 46 board-ups.
  - The Municipal Code Compliance Task Force works occasional weekends to cite illegal signs.
  - The Tire and Sign Buyback event was very successful.
  - Dennis Steele may be contacted at 255-7041 or [dsteeler@coj.net](mailto:dsteeler@coj.net).
- Florida State College at Jacksonville - Paul McNamara's absence was excused.
  - Paul McNamara may be contacted at 779-4030 or [pnmcnamar@fscj.edu](mailto:pnmcnamar@fscj.edu).
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Scott Clem reported:
  - He distributed handouts on the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
  - The NFTPO scheduled a public meeting to review the TIP on May 25 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at 980 N. Jefferson St.
  - The NFTPO scheduled the Annual TIP Approval meeting on June 9 at 10 a.m. at 980 N. Jefferson St.
  - Tom Martin represents the SW CPAC at NFTPO Citizens Advisory Committee meetings.
  - Scott Clem may be contacted at (904)-360-5681 or [scott.clem@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.clem@dot.state.fl.us).
- Planning & Development - Current Planning – Andy Hetzel reported:
  - He distributed a written report at the meeting.
  - One Application for Zoning Variance 16-04 is pending to reduce lot area from 6,000 to 5,200 square feet; and the lot width requirement from 60' to 50' at 4563 Alpha Ave.
  - 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 Senior Expo will be held May 18, 19 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Prime Osborne Convention Center. He distributed Senior Expo fliers.
  - Summer Camp registration begins online on May 10 at noon.
  - The Rec 'N Roll Program is hiring summer staff members to provide structured summer activities.
  - City pools open on Memorial Day. School pools will open after the school term ends.
  - The Summer Night Lights Program begins on June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center.
  - The Cecil Gym and Fitness Center is temporarily closed for renovations. Reopening is scheduled for June 2016.
  - Mr. Meyerl may be contacted at 255-7936 or [kmeyerl@coj.net](mailto:kmeyerl@coj.net).
- Public Works – Luis Flores reported:
  - Public Works Traffic Engineering and FDOT staff members are addressing the signal light and other traffic issues at Collins Road and I-295.
  - Luis Flores may be contacted at 630-5431 or [lflores@coj.net](mailto:lflores@coj.net).
- JTA - Cheryl Riddick reported:
  - JTA scheduled a public hearing to discuss service changes on May 11 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Florida State College at Jacksonville, Downtown Campus.
  - JTA scheduled a public hearing to discuss the First Coast Flyer on May 26 from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. The hearing will take place at the Early Learning Coalition.
  - The Skyway is free during the Jazz Fest/Memorial Day weekend.
  - The Beaches Trolley runs Friday and Saturday evenings 7:00 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. The trolley also runs on holidays.
  - 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).
- Public Libraries – Jane Harris reported:
  - The *Hoopla* app provides free access to movies, television, music and audio books.
  - The Brainfuse program offers free online tutoring for children in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Brainfuse provides a writing lab, suggests changes to children's school papers and offers free practice tests.
  - Brainfuse offers a resume lab, a resume template and coaching for job interviews for people of all ages.
  - She distributed fliers for *Hoopla*, *Brainfuse*, and *Computer & Technology Classes*.
  - Jane Harris may be contacted at 693-1448 or [jharris@coj.net](mailto:jharris@coj.net).
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) – Lara Hipps reported:
  - A new hangar is under construction at Cecil Airport. The hangar was leased before construction began.
  - The JFRD Station 56 is moving to a 6-bay station near 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.
  - The new Cecil Jetport addition is in progress.
  - The Boeing Company has begun work on the F/A-18 Hornet modification contract.
  - Ms. Hipps may be contacted at 781-2654 or [lara@hippsgroupinc.com](mailto: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 May 4.
  - NFTPO CAC members approved the Unified Planning Work Program.
  - NFTPO CAC members approved JTA's request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
  - NFTPO CAC members received staff presentations on TIP.
  - NFTPO CAC members received the 2016-2017 SunTrail priorities list.
  - The NFTPO website is being updated.
  - The next NFTPO CAC meeting will be held on June 1, 2016 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at 980 N. Jefferson St.
- Sheriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Alice Turknett reported:
  - Neighborhood Watch groups should remain intact instead of following through with JSO's idea to merge neighborhood watch meetings with ShAdCo Sector meetings. ShAdCo Sector K's neighborhood meeting had a fair turnout, but the only attendees at ShAdCo Sector J's neighborhood meeting were JSO staff and Alice.
  - 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:
  - GE Oil & Gas (GE), located at Alliance Florida Cecil Commerce Center, has been in production for over one year, although all areas of the building were not fully completed. The entire building is nearing completion.
  - He attended SW CPAC Member Charles Kelley's funeral. In 2009, Mr. Kelley was recognized by the City Council for his contributions to the community. Mr. Kelley received a resolution and ceremony dedicating the Charles Kelley Pavilion.
- Ad-Hoc
  - Taxation Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) – Abner Davis' absence was excused.

**7. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:**

- She distributed invitations to the May 12, 2016 Annual Preservation Awards ceremony.
- She had a large color photo of Mr. Kelley printed and framed from the CPAC, in lieu of flowers. The family displayed the photo at the funeral.
- Mary Beth requested a volunteer work day from Parks, Recreation and Community Services staff members to address the Kelley family's concerns about the condition of the Charles Kelley Pavilion flower beds.
- The Neighborhood Services Office will discuss plans to partner with the North Florida Equestrian Society and the Parks Recreation and Community Services to arrange an annual Charles Kelley memorial community event.
- Mary Beth Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).

**8. Chair's Report – Acting Chair Len Burroughs reported:**

- He and Charter Member Chuck Mann attended CPAC Member Charles Kelley's funeral.
- He participated in the JSO Sheriff's Walk in Murray Hill.
- He will participate in the annual Bike to Work Day on May 20, 2016.
- He will participate in the Annual Ride of Silence, scheduled for May 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. The ride will begin at Lakeshore Bicycles, 2108 Blanding Blvd. and will end at Hemming Plaza. Helmets are required. Rides of Silence honor bicyclists hurt or killed on bikes.
- FDOT is constructing a pedestrian and bike trail across the St. Johns River. The trail is parallel to the Fuller Warren Bridge, but separate and protected from vehicles traveling the bridge.
- He asked members to invite guests to CPAC meetings.

**9. Unfinished Business – none**

**10. New Business – none**

**11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements**

- Alice Turknett announced the ShAdCo Zone 2 Safety Fair is scheduled on May 21 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Regency Square, 9501 Arlington Rd.
- The entrance to City Hall is temporarily closed during the construction of ADA access improvements.

- Len Burroughs announced that broken glass shards along the Rails to Trails present safety issues for bicyclists and pedestrians. Addresses to the trail locations cannot be provided, so CARE issues could not be entered. Len Burroughs will provide Keith Meyerl, Parks, Recreation and Community Services, with the exact locations.
- Len Burroughs announced Jacksonville is listed as the third most dangerous city for bicyclists in the United States.

**12. Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Martin. Shirley Lowry seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** June 13, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Building E Room 112F.

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