

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 12, 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/Acting Chair – Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs	City Council Member – Jim Love
Acting Vice Chair - Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson	City Council Assistant - Kevin Kuzel
Charter Member – Don Ingram	Duval County Public Schools – Michele Floyd-Hatcher
Camalot – Pierce Rumph	Florida Dept. Transportation – Scott Clem
Confederate Point Civic - Jim Nolting	Jacksonville Fire & Rescue (JFRD) – Fire 5 - Eric Courtis
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer	JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry	Military and Veterans – Harrison Conyers
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Myers	Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Services Office – Lisa Ransom
Watermill Masters HOA – Tom Martin	Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Services Office– Mary Beth Ridderman
Excused	Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Services Office – Shaun Rycroft
Chair – Classic Realty of Jax – Abner Davis	Neighborhoods – Municipal Code – Bruce Chauncey
Budget Automotive Repair – Linda Barrow	Parks, Recreation & Community Services – Keith Meyerl
Budget Automotive Repair – Darrell Barrow	Planning & Development – Andy Hetzel
Camalot – Pierce Rumph	Public Libraries – Jane Harris
Council District 10 – Kathy Budd	Public Works – Bob Upson
Springtree Village – Dewey Walker	Staff Excused:
Florida State College at Jacksonville – Paul McNamara	Duval County Public Schools - Sheree Cagle
Timuquana Manor North - Alice Turknnett	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Assistant Chief Larry Gayle
Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker	Visitors
Absent	Lara Hipps – Hipps Group, representing JAA
Saint Ives Townhomes – Sandra Tucker	Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing
	Richard Gordon – Public Defender's Office
	Kirk Gordon – Public Defender's Office
	Karen Smith
	William Brinton

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:** Tom Martin made a motion to approve the August summary. Don Ingram seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the August summary.
3. **Presentations:**
Richard Gordon, Public Defender's Office presented information about Community Violence and Solutions. Mr. Gordon discussed Problem Solving Court(s), such as Adult Drug Court, Veterans' Treatment Court, Mental Health Court and Juvenile Drug Court. The community effects of these solutions include reduced recidivism rates lower costs for incarcerations and. The effects for court participants include being part of the community, in the least-restrictive environment and the opportunity to avail themselves of community resources to improve their lives.
4. **Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Council Member Jim Love reported:
 - The John Gorrie Dog Park at Riverside will open on September 17 at 10 a.m.
 - The ½ cent sales tax extension passed. It will reduce the pension deficit. Mayor Curry will be renegotiating the pension plan to reduce the pension liability.
 - The Commander apartments will be renovated. Nearby commercial areas will be levels. Carriage houses and apartments will be added for a total of 228 units. A hidden parking garage will be added. A discussion was held about the possibility of improving the area with underground utilities.
 - The Murray Hill Centennial Celebration is September 17 from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. The 900 block of Edgewood Avenue will be closed to through traffic. Council Member Love is an event sponsor.
 - Boone Park improvements include 4 stations for adults and children's playground equipment.
 - Council Member Love expressed his concern about the number of armed robberies performed by one man in the Westside area, often on Saturday nights. He described the suspect as a

bearded black male, age 30-50 with a "lazy" eye. The suspect wears a fabric hat and drives an older model green 4-door Affinity. He carries a silver handgun.

- A visitor, Karen Smith, expressed her concern that a number of home and car burglaries occur, but residents no longer report them to JSO because JSO officers do not follow-up with the persons who report. A discussion was held. Council Member Love encouraged residents to report all incidents to JSO. Council Member Love announced JSO has assigned additional officers and authorized X-Ray units, which are dedicated to investigations. X-Ray units will not be diverted to work on other calls.
- Len Burroughs expressed a concern about traffic speeding on Hamilton Avenue and Murray Drive. A brief discussion was held about the benefits and drawbacks of installing speed bumps in neighborhoods. Council Member Love discussed the possibility of JSO installing temporary stealth cameras in the area.
- Kevin Kuzel and Bernice Gremer discussed a possible solution to speeding in neighborhoods. The Fishweir neighborhood arranged a community meeting to discuss lower speed limits. The meeting is Sept. 26 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Fishweir Elementary School, 3977 Herschel St, Jacksonville, FL 32205.
- Council Member Love may be contacted at 630-1380 or jimlove@coj.net.

5. Staff Reports:

- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – JSO's absence was excused.
 - 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, Eric Courtis, reported:
 - Citywide, JFRD has been busier this week with fire calls and emergency medical service (EMS) calls. Last week, JFRD responded to 2,326 EMS calls, 388 fires and 120 non-emergency calls.
 - The busiest station is Station 28 near Hogan's Road. The next busiest station is Station 31 near 103rd Street.
 - Fire safety tips include checking smoke detectors and creating an escape plan, especially for children. Fire escape plans should include a pre-planned meeting location.
 - Len Burroughs expressed his appreciation for JFRD. They responded within eight minutes to a cycling event participant who developed medical issues. The cyclists called from beside the highway and JFRD responded immediately.
 - 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 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.
- Duval County Public Schools - Sheree Cagle, Region Superintendent's absence was excused.
 - Sheree Cagle may be contacted at CAGLES2@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG
- Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) - Paul McNamara's absence was excused.
 - Paul McNamara may be contacted at 779-4030 or pmcnamar@fscj.edu.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Scott Clem reported:
 - The First Coast Expressway is behind schedule due to contractor's issues. The new scheduled completion date is in the spring of 2017.
 - The I-95 Overland Bridge project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2017.
 - The Baldwin 301 Interchange improvement project is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2019.
 - Currently, there are more construction projects than in history of the FDOT.
 - Scott Clem may be contacted at (904)-360-5681 or scott.clem@dot.state.fl.us.
- JAA – Lara Higgs was present. She had no report.
- JTA – Cheryl Riddick reported:
 - She provided flyers and magnets promoting the Gameday Xpress.
 - JTA, in partnership with the "I'm A Star Foundation", hosts a produce market at the Rosa Parks Station on Union Street. Each Friday, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., students sell fresh produce in an area which is considered to be a fresh food "desert".
 - Ms. Riddick provided copies of the Gameday Xpress flyer, the JTA Magazine, and the JTA Annual Report.
 - She announced she is available for presentations at neighborhood or civic meetings.
 - Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com.
- Military Affairs and Veterans – Harrison Conyers reported:
 - He provided a pamphlet "The City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department" and a flyer "City of Jacksonville Supports Military & Veterans".
 - The department served 6,000 persons, netting over \$25 million in benefits. Staff received 25,000 telephone calls and the website had over 25,000 hits.

- Career Counseling is offered the third Thursday of each month.
- The military is the largest economic engine for the city.
- Jacksonville has the largest Memorial Day Celebration in the United States.
- Jacksonville has the second-largest memorial wall, second only to Washington, D.C.
- Mr. Conyers may be contacted at 630-3521 or hconyers@coj.net.
- Neighborhoods - Municipal Code Compliance – Bruce Chauncey reported:
 - A Zone 4 officer was promoted to Zone 3.
 - Since the August meeting, Zone 4 officers investigated 1,422 new cases including 15 commercial, 70 junk cars, 4 unsafe structures and 662 nuisance calls.
 - Len Burroughs expressed his concern about the physical condition and appearance of the former Fat Cats night club at 1187 Edgewood Ave. S. The building's dilapidated appearance creates blight in the area. Residents are very concerned about a strong odor emitting from the building. Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor Bruce Chauncey said he will place the concern in CARE and assign an officer to check on the condition of the building.
 - Bruce Chauncey may be contacted at Brucecec@coj.net. Please call 630-CITY (2489) or send e-mail to 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 Ahetzal@coj.net.
- Parks, Recreation and Community Services - Keith Meyerl reported:
 - He distributed "JAXPARKS Directory & Activity Guide" and a flyer, "Baseball Legends Move Night".
 - Baseball Legends Movie Night will be held on September 16, at 7 p.m. at J.P. Small Memorial Park, 1701 Myrtle Ave.
 - On Sunday, September 18, from noon – 6 p.m., a Punt, Pass & Kick event will be held. Tim Tebow is expected as a guest.
 - Mr. Meyerl may be contacted at 255-7936 or kmeyerl@coj.net.
- Public Libraries – Jane Harris reported:
 - 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 Murray Hill neighborhood centennial celebration is September 17 from 5 – 9 p.m. The 900 block of Edgewood Avenue will be closed to traffic. The Murray Hill Library will be open for extended hours to provide full library services and restrooms for celebration attendees.
 - Jane Harris may be contacted at 693-1448 or jharris@coj.net.
- Public Works – Bob Upson was present. He had no report.
 - Bob Upson may be contacted at RUpson@coj.net

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 Sept. 7, 2016.
 - NFTPO CAC members approved the 2016 List of Priority Project (LOPP). The list included the widening of Old Middelburg Rad from Argyle Forest Boulevard to 103rd Street.
 - NFTPO CAC members approved 2017/2018 project funding recommendations for the Surface Transportation Program in Urban Areas.
 - NFTPO CAC members approved 2017//2018 project funding recommendations for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality.
 - NFTPO CAC members received a presentation about the Amelia Island Pedestrian Study.
 - The NFTPO CAC members received a presentation about the Orange Park Bicycle and pedestrian Sub-Area.
 - The next NFTPO CAC meeting will be held on Oct. 5, 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 was present. He did not present a report.
- Ad-Hoc
 - Taxation Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) – Abner Davis' absence was excused.

- 7. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
- Lisa Ransom is the Neighborhood Services Office Manager. She introduced Ms. Ransom.
 - Shaun Rycroft is a new Neighborhood Services Office employee. He is shadowing neighborhood coordinators. She introduced and welcomed Mr. Rycroft to the CPAC.
 - The Neighborhood Services Office will offer training for condominium associations on Sept. 27 at 1p.m. The location is the City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Exam Room 3, Mezzanine Level. Seventy-five residents are registered for the training.
 - The Neighborhood Services Office will offer training for homeowners and townhome associations on September 27 at 5:30 p.m. The location is in City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Exam Room 3, Mezzanine Level. Seventy-five residents are registered for the training. Over 172 residents are on the waiting list and more emails are waiting to be opened.
 - Mary Beth Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.
- 8. Chair's Report** – Acting Chair Len Burroughs reported:
- Murray Hill is celebrating their 100th year as a neighborhood. The event will be held 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/>.
 - He appointed members of the Nomination Subcommittee: Tom Martin, (Chair), Shirley Lowry, and Bernice Gremer. The subcommittee will present a slate of officers at the October meeting. The CPAC election of officers will be held on November 14.
- 9. Unfinished Business** – none
- 10. New Business** – none
- 11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements**
- Bill Brinton, a visitor, congratulated Murray Hill on the centennial celebration. He would like to return to the CPAC as a guest speaker. Mr. Brinton thanked Charter Member Don Ingram, Acting Chair Len Burroughs and Council Member Love for their leadership.
 - Lara Hipps announced the Hipps Group is working with a proposed assisted living facility and retail property. She requested a letter of support from the CPAC. Her request did not receive a motion.
 - Don Ingram stated he would like to advocate for the Skyway Express to expand into Murray Hill.
- 12. 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 8:27 p.m.

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