

District # 3

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Jim Hill

Vice Chair: Debbie Johnson

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: St. Vincent's Southside

Main Hospital, Auditorium C

4201 Belfort Road

Jacksonville, FL 32216

Date: Monday, July 28, 2014

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community
Cornehl, Ernst – Deerwood Improvement Association
Dee, David – Lake Mandarin HOA
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association
Heesch-Gilman, Karen – Briewood Neighborhood Association
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
Johnson, Debbie – The gables HOA
Laner, Eric- East Hampton HOA
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association
Rothstein, Marj – Villa San Jose Civic
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowner Association
Wieger, Glen – San Marco Preservation Society
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Becton, Daniel – Deercreek HOA
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Howard-Murphy, Abby – Hampton Glen at Deerwood
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
Waddell, John – East Hampton Homeowners Association

Elected Officials:

Lori Boyer, Council District 5

Staff:

Crawford, Robert – Code Compliance, COJ
Glick, Aaron – Planning & Development Department
Green, James – FDOT
Meyerl, Keith - JaxParks
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development Division

Guests:

Clapp, Ann – G.E.N.A.

Skule, Richard

Sullivan, Michael – Jax Public Library

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

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

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- Chair Hill inquired if everyone had the opportunity to read the meeting summary and if there were any corrections, deletions or additions; there were none. George Banks made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Jim Akers seconded the motion. The June 2014 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – not present**

- **Mayor's Liaison – Betzy Santiago**

Ms. Santiago sent the following report:

1. JSEB – will host a program workshop on Small Businesses on July 31, 2014 ~ 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Ed Ball Building on the 8th Floor.

2. The Jacksonville Public Library is offering e-instructions at all the libraries. The Main Library will offer a class on July 31, 2014 from 1-4 pm. Contact your local branch for additional details.

3. The Mayor's Senior Prom (for those 60+ years old) on August 1 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center On July 5th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. The theme this year will be the Great Gatsby. Tickets are on sale at the Mary Singleton Senior Center and at City Hall for \$10 person.

4. Eat Up Downtown will be held August 11 – 24. For complete details visit www.eatupdowntown.com.

5. Jaguar Paw Prints – Join the JAX Chamber Downtown Council for the annual Painting of the Paw Prints on Bay Street from the Main Street Bridge to EverBank Field on August 2, 2014 from 8:00 am - 11:00 am – meet at the Shipyards

6. The City of Jacksonville will host another NBA Pre-season Game between the New Orleans Pelicans and the Washington Wizards on October 8, 2014 Tickets go on sale this Friday.

- **Duval County Public Schools – no report**

- **JEA – Jay Worley – not present**

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – informed the CPAC that he has received complaints involving a portion of Beach Boulevard (across from the Walmart that is located at Beach Blvd. & Southside Blvd.) in regard to a homeless camp. The FDOT maintenance team routinely cleans that area out and they are scheduled for another clean out this week. There have also been complaints about panhandling at Walmart; hopefully this next clean out will resolve the issues. All other projects are continuing and are on schedule.**

- **Planning and Development Department:**

- **Housing and Community Development Division – Rosemary Wesolowski**

Ms. Wesolowski announced that a new Neighborhood Coordinator has been hired and he will work in the Urban Core and Northwest Districts. The Mayor has signed a new

Executive Order and By-Laws for the CPAC. The documents were not changed much, but one change that was made was to extend the term limit for CPAC Chairs from 2 to 3 years. Most of the other changes were in regard to language correction; the Neighborhoods Department no longer exists, CPAC's now fall under the Planning and Development Department. The CPAC will also need to form a Nomination Subcommittee for the November CPAC Chair and Vice Chair elections.

o **Planning** – Aaron Glick

The Grace Farms PUD project (Plummer Grant Road) will go before the Planning Commission on August 7, 2014. There is a Town Hall Meeting hosted by Councilmember Schellenberg for the community to weigh in on this LUZ application; the meeting will be held on July 30, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Mandarin Library on Kori Road.

- **Environmental Quality Division (Code Compliance)** – Robert Crawford

Mr. Crawford informed the CPAC that they have conducted 6 interviews; he was uncertain as to the number that will be hired, but stated that they need the help and hope the new hires are onboard soon. Code Compliance now staffs 2 part-time team members that focus on the litter signs. Since January 2014, between the 6 CPAC's over 12,000 signs have been collected.

- **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl

Mr. Meyerl provided a number of updates:

The Baymeadows/9A Regional Park is under design for Phase 2 for that park. County Dock current plans are at 100% to improve the dock and parking. The Beach Blvd. Boat Launch plans are also at 100% for improved lighting. Southside Tennis Courts are scheduled for construction to begin in August. At the Walter Jones Park the boardwalk will be cleaned and Losco Park the cutting of the trails has been put out for bid.

- **Public Works** – not present

4. Presentations – Guy Parola, Downtown Investment Authority

Chair Hill informed the CPAC that our scheduled guest speaker cancelled his presentation at 9:30 am this morning; there will not be a speaker this morning.

5. Chairs report – Chair Hill stated that the new CPAC Executive Order and By-Laws were sent to him last month; approximately 1 week after our last meeting. Most of the content of both documents remains unchanged. As previously mentioned, there was a lot of clean up to the document such as updating the Department names.

6. Elected Officials Reports –

Lori Boyer, City Council District 5 – informed the CPAC that she has been actively working in the Larsen area to bring City water to the area. A number of homes in the Larsen area are dealing with dried up and/or contaminated wells. Builders Care came forward and they are donating labor and materials. This donation is significant; the cost to put in the water lines without the donation would run \$1.2 million. With the donation it should only cost \$400,000. Councilmember Boyer encouraged everyone to update their neighborhood contact information with Rosemary. Rosemary will email everyone another form; Councilmember Boyer again encouraged everyone to fill it out and return it to Rosemary.

Bill Bishop, City Council District 2 – informed the CPAC that he is a Candidate in the Mayoral race and is currently serving on City Council representing District 2.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning) - Jim Hill, Subcommittee Chair

A number of applications were reviewed. One application that they discussed 2014-424 ~ 4201 Belfort Road. Behind the hospital there is a large parcel that they want to develop as an apartment community. There may be some opposition on it. This application goes to the Planning Commission on August 7, 2014; to City Council for 1st reading on August 12, 2014 and Land Use and Zoning on August 19, 2014.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Cardell shared with the group that last week he attended a convention in Greenville South Carolina and he was impressed with beautification projects. Greenville used to be a mill town, but almost all the mills have closed up. The city has converted a lot of their old buildings and mills into restaurants, apartments, hotels and entertainment spots. Their Main Street has over 100 restaurants; most having indoor and outdoor dining capabilities. The downtown streets have trees planted in the center of them and the outdoor areas are filled with blooming flower pots. There are ample parking garages and trolleys available. The landscaping is beautiful. Mr. Cardell stated that he would like Jacksonville to make some of the same improvements in our downtown area.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

Frontier Airlines are adding flights into St. Augustine Airport. Less than two weeks after starting commercial flights out of St. Augustine to Trenton New Jersey, Frontier Airlines is already adding more destinations. Frontier said it will offer nonstop service between Washington Dulles International Airport and St. Augustine's Northeast Florida Regional Airport.

Forbes Magazines printed an article titled the *10 Best Cities for Finding Employment Right Now*. The criteria for the article is based on employment rates, diversity of industries that are hiring, cost of living, range of size of companies offering employment and education levels. Jacksonville was ranked #3 nationwide; Bethesda Maryland was ranked #1.

WJCT news reported that there is a Building boom in Jacksonville and it is bringing jobs to Jacksonville. Building permits issued in NE Florida (Duval, Nassau, Clay and St. Johns Counties) has made a slow but steady climb. There were approximately 3000 building permits in 2011 and that number nearly doubled in 2013.

Nocatee is one of the bestselling planned communities in nation. It is ranked #3 in the Master Planned category. They have sold over 500 homes in the first half of this year alone and there are 9 new communities coming to the area.

Forbes Magazine had another article that declared Jacksonville Ranked in the Top Ten Cities Attracting College Graduates; Jacksonville ranked #10. This ranking was based on 51 cities that has at least 1 million people in population, job growth and cost of living.

In the Jacksonville Business Journal it was reported that Jacksonville is the Best City to Start a Small Business. The article stated that Jacksonville had the highest 5 year success rate in the country for up start small business.

This past Saturday, Everbank Field held an event to showcase the improvements to the stadium and thank the season ticket holders. The new improvements (the world's largest scoreboard and swimming pools) could also prove to be an economic boost to the community. Everbank Field can be used as a venue for a large variety of events that could attract tourist.

Education – George Banks / John Waddell

Co-Chair Banks – Banks shared that he spoke to John Waddell before the meeting and his health continues to be a challenge. John is uncertain as to when he will be able to rejoin the CPAC. Banks also shared an email from School Board Member Ashley Smith-Juarez. The email stated: We are ramping up for back to school. Staff has been working hard for a flawless opening. The Board is updated weekly and I anticipate that teachers and needed materials will be in schools on day 1. Teachers will report to Teaching Academy and other in-service professional development in August 11 and school will resume August 19.

The Board is still working through the budget process. This year the state expanded its mandate for additional reading instruction in the lowest performing elementary schools from being required in the lowest 100 schools in 2013-14 to the lowest 300 statewide in 2014-15. This is an opportunity to implement a research-supported practice of additional instructional time, but the school district will receive no additional funds to do it. We have set aside roll-forward funds from last year (1-time money) to provide these services in the required schools and an additional 11 elementary schools that have struggled in the last couple of years. Additional instruction will be tailored to the learning needs of each child.

I will be hosting a community meeting with the Superintendent and Principal Tammy Haberman at Holiday Hill Elementary (one of the additional 11 schools) tomorrow, Tuesday 7/29 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposal. All are welcome to attend.

The Policy Review subcommittee (myself, Becki Couch, Paula Wright and Connie Hall) continues its comprehensive review of our board policies. Finance, academics, school police and materials are well underway and many policies with recommended changes will be brought to the full board for our September meeting. At our September subcommittee meeting we will take up procurement, reporting and other topics. All meetings are noticed on the duvalschools.org website.

I look forward to re-engaging students in CPAC as school gets underway.

Government Affairs – Jim Akers

Akers shared that there is some concern in regard to Jacksonville Ordinance Code Chapter 518 Jacksonville Property Safety Code. There is a change that states that any building that has been boarded up with no water or electricity for 2 years will/can be considered for demolition. This typically is not an issue in the SE District, but some of our historic areas this is a major concern. The question is even though it is boarded up is it structurally sound and available to be rehabbed.

Membership – Vacant

Transportation – Growth Management – Eric Lanier / George Bollinger

Mr. Lanier informed the CPAC that JTA is still working on their community outreach on the route and commuter lines information/realignment; they are looking for feedback. SR 210 has been straightened out and currently there is no road signage on 210 in the Nocatee area.

Safety – Betty Wolfe, Subcommittee Chair

ShAdCo will hold their Safety Fair on August 9, 2014 at the Avenues Mall from 10 am to 2:00 pm. There will be many services available at this event.

Ad-Hoc:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Danny Becton

No report

8. Unfinished Business – None

9. New Business –

The group had a brief discussion on the budget that was submitted.

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

George Banks made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Ernst Cornehl ks

NEXT MEETING: August 25, 2014 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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