

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, April 27, 2015

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
Becton, Daniel – Deercreek HOA
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community
Cornehl, Ernst – Deerwood Improvement Association
Dee, David – Lake Mandarin HOA
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association
Francesconi, Carey – James Island Homeowners Association
Heesch-Gilman, Karen – Briarwood Neighborhood Association
Herrin, Donna – Oxford Chase HOA
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Howard-Murphy, Abby – Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA
Johnson, Debbie – The Gables HOA
Kirkman, Chris – The Villages of Bartram Springs Owners Association
Laner, Eric- East Hampton HOA
McKay, Elizabeth – Alumni Civic Association
Rogers, Henry – Rose Creek Condo Association
Romano, Matthew – James Island Homeowners Association
Rothstein, Marj – Villa San Jose Civic
Shoaei, Taghie – Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowner Association
Waddell, John – City Council District 13
Weise, Gary – Secret Cove Civic Association
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association

Elected Officials:

Staff:

Almonte, Donny – JSO
Garcia, Jorge – Code Compliance

Glick, Aaron – Planning & Development Department
Green, Jim – FDOT
Kitchens, Lt. – JSO
Muirhead, Brad - JSO
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development Division
Williams, Valerie – Regulatory Compliance Department, Consumer Affairs Division
Wilson, Scott – City Council Aide, District 4

Guests:

Skule, Richard
Havlik, Joy – Heritage Deerwood Association

Riddick, Cheryl – JTA

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 Ernst Cornehl seconded the motion. The March 2015 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lt. Kitchens informed the CPAC that there has been a slight uptick in violent crime and an increase in property crime YTD in Zone 3. Most of the property crimes can be attributed to automobile theft; most of the thefts were committed on unlocked vehicles. It was asked of Lt. Kitchens if there were any known gangs in the SE District (Zone 3)? Lt. Kitchens stated that there are no known gangs in the SE district at this time. A member of the CPAC expressed their concern for the safety of the children that attend magnet schools in other parts of the city that may be impacted by gang activity.
Lt. Kitchens introduced officers Brad Muirhead and Donny Almonte to the CPAC and asked if the officers wanted to share anything with the CPAC. Officer Almonte informed the CPAC that residential burglaries are up 7.8%. Officer Almonte also reminded the CPAC to keep track of the garage door openers. Often garage door openers are stolen out of unlocked vehicles and days later the thieves come back and use the garage door openers to enter the homes to commit a burglary.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not present, but shared the following report:
MAYOR BROWN'S LEARN2EARN - Learn2Earn is one of Mayor Alvin Brown's Education initiatives designed to inspire Jacksonville high school students and increase our city's college completion rates. Learn2Earn hosts rising high school sophomores and juniors for a weeklong residential college immersion experience. The program increases students' knowledge and understanding of college life through a series of workshops, lectures, and tours of Florida colleges and universities. Students from public, private, and home school environments have successfully participated in the program. The program is funded at no cost to students or taxpayers through generous support of corporate sponsors. Apply today at www.coj.net/learn2earn

Week 1 One Campus - June 14-19, 2015 - Live and learn while boarding on the campus of the University of North Florida. Experience what it's like to be a college student and participate in workshops and seminars to learn what you can do now in high school to make your college dreams come true.

Week 2 College Road Trip - June 22-26, 2015 - Take to the road with Mayor Brown's College Road Trip. You'll return home each night and spend your days traveling and touring some of the Sunshine State's best universities and colleges.

NEW CITY OF JACKSONVILLE WEB SITE

The new City of Jacksonville Website went live at the close of business Friday, May 1, 2015. This website provides a more modern, streamline, user-friendly interface for users.

JAXPARKS YOUTH CAMPS HEAT UP FOR SUMMER FUN! - JaxParks makes summer time the best time for youth with a bevy of camp experiences packed with sports, arts, adventure and friends. From surfing the Atlantic Ocean to ... it's all about creating special memories that will make your summer the best.

JaxParks camps are for ages 4 - 17. Most camps are offered in three two-week sessions, from June 22 through July 31. Fees, registration information and hours of operation vary by camp. Select links below to go to specific program and information categories:
Aqua Camp / Day-Enrichment Camps / Kids Camp / Tennis Camp / Ocean Camp

JaxParks also offers Teen Power for age 13 to 17. Space is limited. Interview selection process applies. Contact the camp director at the specific location in which you are interested. Registration will be downtown only and based on approval. Locations are same a Day-Enrichment Camps. Financial vouchers are available for qualified applicants for Day-Enrichment camps on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call 904-630-2489

POLICE MEMORIAL DAY - Friday, May 8, 2015 -Non-Profit Roundtable - Mayor Brown invites you to join him at a special briefing for Jacksonville's Non-Profits with the City's Office of Grants and Compliance and the Housing and Community Development Division on the status of City Grant Opportunities and the Application Processes. Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., St. James Building, 117 W. Duval Street, 1st Floor – Lynwood Roberts Room

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Gala, Saturday May 16, 2015, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Downtown Main Library, www.coj.net/maaab

Jacksonville Bike to Work Day, TU Center to Hemming Park, Friday May 15, 2015 - Ongoing advocacy for bike-ped safety and access in Jacksonville- NFBC-Billboards and radio spots around Jacksonville promoting bicycle safety. Bike to Work information provided by the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization

RIDE START WEST: Meet at Lakeshore Bicycles, (2108 Blanding Blvd.) at 7:00 AM, Pick up riders at Open Road Bicycles (3544 St. Johns Ave.) at 7:15 AM and City Cycle (2740 Park St.) at 7:30 AM. This group will meet the eastside riders at the Times-Union Center (300 Water St.) at 8:00 AM. Both groups will proceed together to arrive at Hemming Park by 8:30 AM.

RIDE START EAST: Meet at Open Road Bicycles (4460 Hendricks Ave.) and depart at 7:30 AM. This group will join the westside riders at the Times-Union Center (300 Water St.) at 8:00 AM. Both groups will proceed together to arrive at Hemming Park by 8:30 AM. Refreshments provided by the North Florida MS Society. For more details and to sign up, visit www.nfbc.us

General Election - Duval County, May 19th

Jacksonville Jazz Festival, 5/21/2015 - 5/24/2015, Downtown Jacksonville, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202,

Buy Tickets, <http://jaxhappenings.com/Events/Jacksonville-Jazz-Festival-05-28.aspx>

Free Career Counseling for Veterans, May 21, 2015, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., City Hall at St. James, 117 W. Duval St., Suite 120

The City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department (MAV), in coordination with the Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition, will host its free monthly career and employment counseling seminar for veterans and transitioning military members, and their families. Veterans, transitioning military members, National Guard and Reserve members and their family members who are interested in career counseling, résumé writing help, interview preparation, translation of military skills to civilian jobs and overall assistance in preparing for a successful post-

military career. This event is supported by Hero 2 Hired, a Department of Defense employment initiative.

For more information, please call 630-CITY (2489) or visit the COJ Military Affairs and Veterans Department website at www.coj.net/MilitaryAffairs

Starry Nights at Metropolitan Park, May 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Metropolitan Park, 4110 Gator Bowl Drive, Jacksonville Symphony Ticket Office, (904) 354-5547 - What better way to kick off your summer fun than with the quintessential American Band, the Beach Boys, headlining the Jacksonville Symphony's Starry Nights on Saturday, May 16. Join in with lead singer Mike Love and keyboardist Bruce Johnston as the band plays all your surf music favorites with the Jacksonville Symphony. Gates open at 6 pm. Concert begins at 8:15 pm. Tickets go on sale Monday, March 30. For tickets, call (904) 354-5547, purchase online at JaxSymphony.org, or visit the Symphony Ticket Office at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts (hours are 10 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday).

- **Duval County Public Schools** – Ashley Smith-Juarez – monthly guest speaker
 - **JEA** – Jay Worley – not present
 - **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – not present
 - **Planning and Development Department:**
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Rosemary Wesolowski
Informed the CPAC that an RFP has gone out to the public, the Housing and Community Development Division is looking for a trainer for the upcoming CommUniverCity training program. Details about the training classes will be provided as they develop.
 - **Planning** – Aaron Glick – no report, but available for questions.
 - **Environmental Quality Division (Code Compliance)** – Jorge Garcia was in attendance on behalf of Robert Crawford. Mr. Garcia stated that he did not have a report, but is available for questions.
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl – not present
 - **Public Works** – Bill Joyce – not present

 - **Regulatory Compliance Department, Consumer Affairs Division** – Valerie Williams informed the CPAC about the Regulatory Compliance Department Office of Consumer Affairs and their responsibility to enforce Chapter 250- Miscellaneous Business, Chapter 696 -Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices, Chapter 804-Charitable Solicitations' on the Right of Way. Ms. Williams also touched on Issuance of Permits, Mobile Dispensing Unit Vendor and education/outreach.
- 4. Presentations – Ashley Smith-Juarez, Duval County School Board Member**, informed the CPAC that in a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, 12 schools from Duval County Public Schools made the top 100 schools in the nation. The criteria for this list is: graduation rates, college preparedness and level of curriculum. The top 4 schools in Jacksonville are Stanton Prep School, Paxon High School, Darnell Cookman High School and Douglas Anderson School of Arts.

Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) is the current testing system for Duval County and most of the students (except a few 5th graders) have completed the testing. Beginning in 2015, all students in Florida switched and will take the Florida Standards Assessments instead of the FCAT.

The Florida Standards Assessments is a suite of reading, writing and math tests designed to measure student performance. The test is tied to Florida's Common Core-based standards, which outline what students should know at the end of each grade.

The federal government has promoted Common Core — and that has people concerned. In 2013, Florida Republican lawmakers and Gov. Rick Scott objected to the use of two federally funded tests being designed by multi-state groups. Florida sought new testing firms and eventually chose the American Institutes For Research.

After seeking proposals for the new test, the Florida Department of Education chose the American Institutes for Research. AIR is known for high-profile education research, but the non-profit has expanded its testing business. AIR has testing contracts with 15 states, including the Common Core-based exams in Arizona, Florida and Utah.

Students will take a reading test each year in grades 3 through 10. The test still has some traditional multiple choice questions, but many take advantage of computer-based testing to include multimedia and interactivity. Students will find audio questions on the Florida Standards Assessments reading test. Ms. Smith-Juarez clarified the audio questioning by giving the example that stating that students will to listen to a science podcast and then they will answer questions from the information they obtained on the podcast.

The new testing will be a bit different than our testing in the past. Students taking the Florida Standards Assessments will see new types of questions, especially on the reading and math exams. Some of the questions ask students to perform tasks. The new test also repackages the traditional multiple-choice question. These reading test questions ask students to correct — or not — the highlighted text from a drop-down menu of choices. Questions ask students to complete several steps before arriving at the answer. Like many questions on the new exam, test-makers include more possible choices than needed to answer the question. A handful of tests will still be taken with paper and pencil. Third and fourth graders will take math, reading and writing exams the old-fashioned way this year. And all writing tests through seventh grade will be pencil and paper this year.

Ms. Smith-Juarez also provided a brief update on education legislation. It was stated that CS/HB 7069 - Education Accountability is waiting to be signed by the Governor at this time. The Education Accountability Bill will address: *Revising a requirement for the uniform opening date of public schools; revising the purpose of the student assessment program to include providing instructional personnel with certain information when available; authorizing a school district to use district employees to administer and proctor specified assessments; revising reporting requirements relating to school district personnel evaluation systems, etc.*

Also, Florida State Senate Bill 736 will be fully implemented. This bill addresses Education Personnel and *cites this act as the "Student Success Act."* *Revises provisions relating to the evaluation of instructional personnel and school administrators. Requires the Department of Education to approve each school district's instructional personnel and school administrator evaluation systems. Requires the Commissioner of Education to approve or select and the State Board of Education to adopt formulas for school districts to use in measuring student learning growth. Requires school districts to administer assessments for each course offered in the district, etc.*

- 5. Chairs report** – Chair Hill informed the CPAC that the 6 CPAC Chairs are meeting monthly. Their next scheduled meeting will take place on May 5th. While all of the CPAC areas have different concerns and challenges, all of the districts do have some common problems. One of those problems is communication about Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) issues. The 6 CPAC Chairs has made a request to the Mayor to have 1 representative on the Planning Commission to represent the CPACs. The Chairs are waiting to hear back from the Mayor in regard to their requests.

Chair Hill reminded the CPAC that the May CPAC meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday of May (May 18, 2015) due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Chair also asked all the Subcommittee Chairs to meet with him after the meeting so they could look at a possible date for a Subcommittee Chairs meeting.

6. Elected Officials Reports –

No report

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

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

A number of applications were reviewed and a motion was made on 2015-222 to support this application. After some serious discussion, the CPAC voted 10-9 to support the letter. 3 CPAC members abstained from voting.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Cardell recognized the revitalized railroad engine that is in the parking lot at the Prime Osborn Convention Center and stated how good the engine looks. Mr. Cardell reminded the CPAC that a tornado impacted a 3.45 miles of the SE District on Saturday. JEA worked diligently to get power restored to the area and the community worked together to clean up the area and clear the roads. Numerous homes/businesses were damaged and numerous trees were down.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

A contract for the Mile Point Training Wall Reconfiguration was granted to Manson Construction Co. out of Seattle for \$39.5 million on Friday. On the St. Johns River near Mayport, the Mile Point project will help improve navigation on the St. Johns River by constructing 4,000 feet of a new west leg stone training wall and 2,100 feet of a new east leg training wall, which will reduce cross-currents at the convergence of the St. Johns River and the Intracoastal Waterway. Presently, the cross-current limits vessel access during ebb tide, which prohibits commercial opportunities available. Not only will the project promote traffic efficiency, but it will reduce hazards in that section of the river.

Following a meeting with representatives from Nestle USA, Governor Rick Scott announced that the company will shift a majority of their US to Puerto Rico shipments from the Port of New York and New Jersey to JAXPORT. Nestle USA's volume to Puerto Rico is expected to grow by at least 400 percent over the course of the next six months, making it the fourth highest volume export for Nestle.

Sales activity continues to rise in Nocatee, with homebuilders picking up a substantial number of lots this month in the master-planned community's newest neighborhood, Twenty Mile Village. The PARC Group, Nocatee's master developer, sold 41 home lots in Twenty Mile Village to David Weekley Homes for \$2.98 million; 40 lots to Providence Homes for \$2.93 million; 22 lots to Standard Pacific of Florida for \$2.78 million; and 39 lots to Mattamy for \$2.57 million, according to county records. Home sales in the new neighborhood are also heating up, with 15 transactions having been recorded since March 8.

Twenty Mile Village, located just west of the Intracoastal Waterway in St. Johns County, will include two areas: Village Park, which features a variety of sites for homes up to 2,900 square feet; and Village Grove, which has larger sites for homes up to 3,700 square feet. Three of the four builders — David Weekley Homes, Providence Homes and Mattamy — are actively selling homes in the 259-lot neighborhood, where prices range from the mid-\$200,000s to mid-\$400,000s.

The first tenants of the new 220 Riverside apartment complex will begin moving in next month, with construction on remaining units expected to wrap up by late fall. 220 Riverside, which features three on-site restaurants and an amphitheater, is part of the longtime vision of Alex

Coley — principal at NAI Hallmark Partners — to create a social gathering place for Riverside residents.

Education – George Banks / John Waddell

Co-Chair Banks stated that he did not have a report, but would follow up with Ashley Smith-Juarez as to what happened to the high school that planned to participate with the SE CPAC.

Government Affairs – Jim Akers stated that there are 2 new referendums on the ballot and he deferred to current T.R.U.E. Commission representative Danny Becton to provide the update.

Membership – Debbie Johnson, Subcommittee Chair introduced the following new CPAC members:

Alumni Civic Association	Elizabeth "Beth" Mc Kay	Alternate
Deercreek Owners Association	James Giancola	Primary
James Island HOA	Matt Romano	Primary
James Island HOA	Carey Francesconi	Alternate
Oxford Chase HOA	Donna Herrin	Primary

The CPAC welcomed the new members.

Ms. Johnson informed the CPAC that the Membership Subcommittee met last week and they have established a plan of action for the next couple of months. The subcommittee will reach out to the former CPAC members to encourage their return or for their community to appoint a new member(s). There is also a plan to try to identify communities that have is not active in the CPAC.

Transportation – Growth Management – Eric Lanier / George Bollinger

No report

Safety – Betty Wolfe, Subcommittee Chair

The ShAdCo Meeting it was announced that there is a new Assistant Chief for Zone 3, his name is Joe Cowan, but at this time he is deployed in the military.

Ad-Hoc:

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

There are 2 new referendums on the ballot that came of Consolidated Task Force Recommendations. City Council Aide Scott Wilson assisted Mr. Becton with information on the referendums. The referendums are:

Proposed General Counsel Amendment

Ballot Summary: Shall the Jacksonville Charter be amended to provide for a General Counsel qualification review committee; Clarify the term and qualifications of the General Counsel; allow for removal of the General Counsel by City Council for cause by super majority vote?

The Task Force recognized that the existing Charter language is not clear with regard to the timing of appointment and confirmation of the General Counsel and that the selection committee was not functioning as originally intended. This amendment clarifies the timing of the appointment by making clear that a General Counsel appointed for a particular term of office must be confirmed by the City Council elected for that same term. The amendment also replaces the selection committee with a qualification review committee, comprised of the Jacksonville Bar president, two former general counsels and others, to review the qualifications of the candidates submitted by the Mayor. Finally, the Task Force also recognized that the independence of the General Counsel is critical to the proper representation of the City, its many branches of government, and the citizens. Currently, only the Mayor can initiate removal of the General Counsel. To further strengthen the independence of the General Counsel, the amendment also allows the City Council to initiate removal, but only in certain circumstances and only with a super-majority vote.

Proposed Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer Amendment

Ballot Summary: Shall Ordinance 2015-51-E which amends the Jacksonville Charter to (1) require the Mayor to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Finance; (2) define the duties, responsibilities and authority of such positions; and (3) require Mayor to appoint City department directors within 60 days of a director's position becoming vacant, become effective?

While both the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) positions currently exist in practice, the Charter contains no educational or experience requirements or job descriptions for either. Both positions are appointed by the Mayor and the qualifications and job responsibilities for each may vary from one mayoral administration to another. The Task Force recognized the increased size and complexity of our City operations and finances and the need for professional expertise to efficiently run City government. The Task Force rejected the concept of a City manager and acknowledged the benefits of retaining a Mayor to provide leadership, but concluded that appropriate qualifications and defined job responsibilities in these positions would improve City operations. While the Mayor will still appoint the individuals who will serve in these roles, the amendment establishes qualifications for these two positions and clarifies the CAO's responsibility for running the city's day to day operations and the CFO's responsibility for the financial health and operation of the city. The amendment also establishes a time frame for filling vacancies so that positions important to the operation of the city cannot remain open indefinitely.

Announced to the CPAC, that the paperwork has been submitted for Ralph Hodges and we are currently waiting for the appointment process to be completed.

Mr. Becton announced that this will be his last T.R.U.E. Commission report; Ralph Hodges appointment goes before the Rules Committee and will be appointed soon.

8. Unfinished Business – None

9. New Business –

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

Scott Wilson, Candidate for City Council District 4 introduced himself

Cheryl Riddick, JTA, informed the CPAC, that as of December 1, 2014 JTA has reorganized and they are involved with more than buses. JTA has created JTAMobilityWorks. MobilityWorks is a program designed to complete former Better Jacksonville Roadway projects with funds from the extension of the Local Option Gas Tax. Leveraging that future funding, JTA has issued bonds to cover the cost of the projects. With the \$100 million dollars generated through the bond issue, JTA will complete 13 roadway projects and projects in 14 mobility corridors in all areas of Jacksonville over the next five years. The project list was generated by the Jacksonville City Council and will not be altered without their approval.

JTA is also reviewing transit, pedestrian and bicycling movements within each mobility corridor. Community involvement and feedback will help determine what projects will be most beneficial to the neighborhood now and in the future. This input will be gathered through a series of charrettes focused on each corridor. Projects may include items such as sidewalks, bike paths, transit accessibility improvements, lighting, bus shelters, landscaping and more.

George Banks made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Jim Akers.

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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