

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: Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Barry, Nancy - Brierwood
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 HOA
Herrin, Donna – Oxford Chase HOA
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association
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
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association
Romano, Matthew – James Island Homeowners Association
Rothstein, Marj – Villa San Jose Civic
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowner Association
Weise, Gary – Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
Heesch-Gilman, Karen – Briarwood Neighborhood Association
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association
Rogers, Henry – Rose Creek Condo Association
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Elected Officials:

Dan McDonald – City Council District 11 Aide

Staff:

Glick, Aaron – Planning & Development Department
Lacayo, Rosario – Planning & Development
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development Division

Guests:

White, Robert

Brown, Justin- JSO

Miller, Mike – JTA

Caldwell, Nathan

Kitchen, LT. Larry – JSO

Riddick, Cheryl – JTA

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 6:35 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. Kathleen Perera made a motion to approve the meeting summary and David Dee seconded the motion. The July 2015 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Assistant Chief Mat Nemeth is the guest speaker
 - **Mayor's Liaison** – not present
 - **Duval County Public Schools** –not present -
 - **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – not present
 - **JTA** – Cheryl Riddick and Mike Miller – Ms. Riddick informed the CPAC that JTA is working on a Transportation Charrette for the Mandarin Area. At this time the dates and times are preliminary, but JTA is trying to get something in place for September 21, 2015. This date has moved a couple of times. Mr. Miller informed the CPAC that with the Jaguars football season underway, please remember that JTA offer a great shuttle service; details are available on their website: www.JTAFLA.com. Also, JTA has just launched a commuter benefits tax program. There is a Federal IRS program that allows ones employer to deduct the 31 day JTA bus pass pretax from the public transit riders pay check. This is a great program, but it has to be done through your employer. By using the tax program, a rider can save up to 3 months of fees. Mr. Miller left handouts on the back table for all that are interested in the program.
 - **Planning and Development Department:**
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Rosemary Wesolowski – reminded the CPAC that we need to form a membership subcommittee. The SE CPAC is required by our Executive Order/By-Laws to hold our annual Chair and Vice Chair for 2016 by the month of November. The temporary subcommittee needs 3 members. A request for volunteers was made. It was announced that the SE CPAC has a new location to call home for the monthly meetings. Starting September 2015, the SE CPAC meetings will be held at the NEFAR Headquarters located at 7801 Deercreek Club Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and the LUZ will begin at 5:45 pm. A map and detailed directions will be sent via email.
 - **Planning** – Aaron Glick – informed the CPAC that this will be his last SE CPAC meeting. Some of the duties in the Planning and Development Department have been shifted around. Aaron then introduced the SE CPAC to the Rosario Lacayo. Rosario will be supporting the SE CPAC going forward. If you would like to reach Rosario, please contact her at RLacayo@coj.net.
 - **Environmental Quality Division (Code Compliance)** – Robert Crawford – not present.
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl – Not present

- **4. Presentations – Mat Nemeth, Assistant Chief, Zone 3-** Assistant Chief Nemeth stated that he started his new duties in July and Zone 3 was quickly involved with the Lonzie Barton case. This case has really kept JSO busy, but it is important to know that JSO is also actively

working on all of their other day to day activities. Assistant Chief Nemeth went on to say that he has worked in this zone in the past and also lives in the zone. Nemeth stated that he looks forward to working with everyone in the community and opened the floor for questions.

One of the CPAC members asked Assistant Chief Nemeth to share with Sheriff Williams that they would like to see national Night Out moved back to a cooler month. Assistant Chief Nemeth stated that he and JSO has discussed this quite a bit, it was moved back to align the event with the rest of the nation. Nemeth stated that he would share the concern with the Sheriff.

5. Chairs report – Chair Hill stated that former Chair Pat Corrado was recently released from the hospital, please reach out to him with your well wishes.

6. Elected Officials Reports –

None present

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

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

A motion was made to send an opposition letter for LUZ application E-15-063.

CPAC representatives from Deerwood and James Island communities stated that the proposed LUZ application for the borrow pit at 10770 Burnt Mill Road would significantly impact the wetlands/water tables in the area, impact their community and further stress their communities/roadways with large equipment and traffic. Both Deerwood and James Island communities plan to attend the Planning Commission meeting on September 3, 2015 to voice their concerns.

The CPAC voted unanimously to send an opposition letter for LUZ application E-15-063.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Cardell informed the CPAC that he lives in the Lakewood area and that that community is blessed with many mature trees. Even if the trees appear healthy, it was recommended that the tree owner have the trees inspected periodically. Recently a healthy looking tree fell down and upon inspection the interior of the tree was rotten.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair –

The completed study on the Shipyards site was release and the findings determined that the site is contaminated beyond acceptable levels. Much of the contamination is to be expected. The Shipyards was previously used for industrial purposes, which exposed it to chemicals like lead and arsenic. The contamination is, however, beyond what officials were expecting. The study is calling for a cleanup plan to be developed and implemented. The city has \$13 million reserved for dealing with the costs. The Shipyards have been the subject of significant speculation, especially since the city entered negotiations with Khan in April. How and if the study will impact the DIA's negotiations with Khan is unknown.

International investment firm announces big move to Jacksonville. Macquarie Group, an investment bank and fund manager based in Sydney is launching its new Southeast office in Jacksonville and providing 123 "highly skilled" jobs by the end of this year, the city announced in a press conference on Thursday. Jacksonville was one of 20 locations the Australian group was considering. Its new office will handle financial support functions and will remedy problems with travel difficulties. The city revealing the identity of the group behind "Project Post" follows the City Council approving incentives for the long-anticipated plan on Tuesday.

The city was keeping the identity under wraps due to state law. Jacksonville joins Macquarie's other centers in Philadelphia, New York and Houston. The Americas are the biggest income area for the group. Macquarie has not settled on a location for its new office yet, and is looking at prospective locations in Downtown. Paperwork filed with the city in June only specified that a "large international banking and finance company" was looking to make \$3.1 million in capital improvements. The city will provide \$1.77 million in state and city incentives, along with \$738,000 in tax refunds, which the city and state will split. In addition, training grants of up to \$528,000 will be provided by the state and the city, with the city providing \$246,000 of those funds. That breaks down to \$2,300 per new employee. The jobs will provide an average salary of \$64,000, and hiring will start in the fall. The first employees will come on board early next year.

An international research team led by Mayo Clinic oncologists has found a new way to identify and possibly stop the progression of many late-stage cancers. Dr. Konstantinos Lazaridis, the associate director at the Mayo Clinic Center for Individualized Medicine, said the new approach can turn off the genes that prevent cancer from growing. Lazaridis said the test and a potential treatment are based on an emerging discipline of medical research called epigenomics. That is the complex biological process through which individual cells read their genetic blueprints and then determine what type of tissue to become. It is hoped that doctors will be able to screen people earlier with new methods that can prevent the development of cancer if it is known what predisposes them to development disease. Meanwhile, anyone interested in the experimental treatment should visit <http://mayoresearch.mayo.edu/center-for-individualized-medicine/>

Education – George Banks, Subcommittee Chair – not present

Government Affairs – Jim Akers, Subcommittee Chair - not present

Membership – Debbie Johnson, Subcommittee Chair informed the CPAC that the Membership Subcommittee met on August 13th. The subcommittee looked at identifying new members and has drafted a standardize email letter to send to non-active and former members. The subcommittee is looking to identify values or benefits to help encourage communities to get involved with CPAC. The subcommittee has also worked on developing communication tools to help inform the community about CPAC's. Lastly, the subcommittee discussed establishing a mentor program for new CPAC members.

Transportation – Growth Management – Eric Lanier / George Bollinger

Co-Chair Bollinger informed the CPAC that restoration work is complete on a historic Florida steam locomotive at the Prime Osborn Convention Center downtown. The North Florida Chapter NRHS has received \$20,000 from Trains Magazine and CSX Corp. to fund the cosmetic restoration of Atlantic Coast Line No. 1504, a 1919-built steam locomotive. The magazine selected the NRHS chapter for its annual \$10,000 Preservation Award, which was doubled by a matching grant from CSX. Displayed at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, ACL 1504 has been outdoors for more than 50 years and is rapidly deteriorating due to exposure from the harsh Florida sun and salt air. Widely considered one of the Southeast's most important symbols of railroad history, Engine 1504 is the last remaining original U.S. Railway Administration locomotive in essentially as-built condition. The 4-6-2 Pacific was built by Alco Locomotive Company for USRA during World War I; however, the war ended before 1504's completion and the engine went into service for the Atlantic Coast Line (ACL) railroad, powering premier passenger trains in and out of Florida. Co-Chair Bollinger wanted to thank the CPAC for their role in the restoration. According to Bollinger, because of the SE CPAC, Bollinger was able to make the right connections to help get this restoration project underway.

Safety – Betty Wolfe, Subcommittee Chair – not present

Ad-Hoc:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ralph Hodges- not present

8. Unfinished Business – None

9. New Business –

Member Stephens inquired if we could get an update on the status of redeveloping the Neighborhoods department? The Neighborhoods Services Division provided the support and services that the various Neighborhood and Homeowner Associations needed.

Chair Hill stated that it has been a part of the discussion of the transition team; Chair Hill stated that he sat in on a few of those meetings. Maybe after the budget is approved and funding is in place we may see the revitalization of the Neighborhoods Department. We should see a re-organization and changes made. The 6 CPAC Chairs have been lobbying for the reinstatement of this department. The members of the CPAC were encouraged to reach out to their City Council members and City Officials.

Member Howard Murphy stated that she would like to have information on zoning within the Duval County Schools. DCPS is constantly moving the school boundaries and it would nice to know the process and the frequency that the boundaries changed. Please have someone provide this information.

Member Cornehl stated construction on the 295 Express lanes has begun putting up sound walls. This should help with construction. Member Howard Murphy stated that the sound walls are only for residential. There will not be a sound wall near Twin Lakes Elementary and Middle School. This is a problem and FDOT should address it with this CPAC.

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

Gloria Stephens made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by David Dee.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, September 28, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: NEFAR (Northeast Florida Association of Realtors) Office
7801 Deercreek Club Road
Jacksonville, FL 32256