

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, February 23, 2015

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association

Becton, Daniel – Deercreek HOA

Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4

Cornehl, Ernst – Deerwood Improvement Association

Dee, David – Lake Mandarin HOA

D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association

Heesch-Gilman, Karen – Briarwood Neighborhood Association

Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School

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

Rothstein, Marj – Villa San Jose Civic

Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowner Association

Shoaei, Taghie – Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association

Weise, Gary – Secret Cove Civic Association

Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community

Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association

Waddell, John – East Hampton Homeowners Association

Elected Officials:

None

Staff:

Crawford, Robert – Code Compliance

Glick, Aaron – Planning & Development Department

Green, Jim – FDOT

Meyerl, Keith - JaxParks

Santiago, Betzy – Mayor's Liaison

Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development Division

Guests:

Skule, Richard
Malmini, Jon – COAA
Pittman, JuCoby – Council Candidate
Sullivan, Michael – Jacksonville Public Library

Duke, Andrea
Clapp, Ann – GENA
Brown, Annett – Council Candidate

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 January 2015 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – no report
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Betzy Santiago – provided the CPAC with the following updates: CDC Update: Both the No More Homeless Pets and Church's Fried Chicken grants have been approved. They will now go before city council for final approval.
- **Charter Schools:** It has been determined that DCPS nor the Mayor's Office do not have any jurisdiction over charter schools. The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is the organization responsible for charter. If the CPAC would like to receive additional information or look for an entry point to voice their disapproval, a good place to start maybe the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice (IEPC). IEPC may be able to answer any questions regarding Florida School Choice Programs.
Toll-Free Information Hotline: 1-800-447-1636
Mailing Address: Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice
Turlington Building - Florida Department of Education
325 W. Gaines Street, Room 1044
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400
IEPC Charter School Director is Adam Emerson per the website.

The Jacksonville Children's Commission and New York Life Insurance have teamed up to ensure the safety of the children in our communities. Free I.D.'s are available to all children that are accompanied by a parent or a guardian. For more information call 630-7265.

The Jacksonville Public Library is proud to partner with the RealSense and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) TaxAide during the tax season each year to provide free tax preparation assistance at several library branches and at other sites throughout the city.

AARP TaxAide sites are serviced by IRS-certified volunteers that provide free tax counseling and preparation services to millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. There is no income or age limit for assistance at AARP TaxAide sites; however, AARP sites cannot assist rental property owners or small business owners.

Free tax preparation is available for individuals and families whose total household

income does not exceed \$52,000. All tax returns are prepared for free by IRS-certified volunteers. For all locations, hours of operations and what to bring, please visit www.realsensejax.org or call 632-0600.

Qualified Jacksonville veterans can receive free help with their tax preparation at City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, Suite 175. An IRS-certified volunteer income tax coach from MyFreeTaxes.com will be at City Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday to assist veterans in preparing their own income tax returns. The free service will be offered through June 20, 2015. Veterans must have made \$60,000 or less in 2014 to qualify for this free tax preparation service.

Mayor's Walk for Senior Wellness will be held on March 03, 2015 starting at 9 a.m. at Metropolitan Park, 1410 Gator Bowl Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32202. For more information, call (904) 630-7392 or email events@coj.net. All seniors aged 60 and over are welcomed to join the City of Jacksonville for a 1.5-mile walk around the Sports Complex area to promote active lifestyles for seniors. The approx. 1.5 mile route begins at Metropolitan Park, follows EverBank Field and the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville to end at Metropolitan Park.

Mayor Alvin Brown will host the 23rd Annual Mayor's Environmental Awards Luncheon, on Tuesday, March 12, 2015, which will highlight the accomplishments of local organizations, companies and individuals in environmental awareness and advocacy.

- **Duval County Public Schools** –not present
 - **JEA** – Jay Worley – not present
 - **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – informed the CPAC that FDOT is hosting a public meeting Thursday to reveal the latest proposed improvements to the Interstate 10 and 95 interchange area. This meeting incorporates public comments and requests gathered during meetings held since last year when the initial concepts were introduced.
 - **Planning and Development Department:**
 - Housing and Community Development Division** – Rosemary Wesolowski
Thanked all the members for continually working for and supporting their neighborhoods and the Southeast CPAC.
 - Planning** – Aaron Glick -no report, but available for questions.
 - **Environmental Quality Division (Code Compliance)** – Robert Crawford informed the CPAC that since October 1, 2014, his division has collected over 6000 illegal signs; 1200 of those signs were from the Southeast District. Mr. Crawford informed the CPAC that all of the political candidates attended a class to inform them on the appropriate places/locations to post a sign. After the election, candidates are given 7 days to collect the sign and dispose of them.
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl – informed the CPAC that the Southside Tennis Courts renovations have been completed. JaxParks is recruiting for Summer Camp Counselors. Applicants must be at least 18 years old or older or be a certified life guard. Visit JAXPARKS.com for complete details.
 - **Public Works** – Bill Joyce – not present
4. **Presentations – Ron Tittle, Public Information Office, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)**, reviewed a number of large FDOT projects in the Southeast District. There were a number of photos of the various projects throughout the district. Mr. Tittle touched on the challenging need to project what the roadway needs will be in the future. It was stated

that FDOT and NFTPO are planning for 6 million more Floridians by 2030, with nearly 100 million annual visitors; this makes Florida's transportation infrastructure quite a challenge. Specifically, how will Florida's transportation systems manage this growth and what impact will changes in transportation have on families, businesses and communities. Mr. Tittle stated that nearly every corridor of our district is under construction.

As a CPAC we had a significant discussion about the clear cutting of trees along I-295 in the area of phase 1 (Buckman Bridge to I-95) of the Express lanes. Quite a few CPAC members expressed their displeasure on the tree removal and expressed their concern about the construction of the sound walls that will be constructed soon.

Mr. Tittle Shared the following updates on FDOT projects:

University and Beach Blvd. Intersection Improvements

- Construction is to improve safety at the intersection
- Medians will be added and there will be some limits added to the types of left turns that can be made
- Cost approx. \$4.6 million
- Begin December 2016

I-295 Express Lanes – Phase 1 ~ I-95 to Buckman Bridge (San Jose area)

- Add two lanes for express; using SunPass
- Began Fall 2014; going full work in January
- End Fall 2016
- Cost approx. \$89 million
- Public meeting Oct. 23, 4:30-6:30p.m.; Mandarin Baptist Church, San Jose Blvd.

I-295 Express Lanes - J. Turner Butler to 9B

- Recently announced by Governor Scott
- Add lanes for express and reconstruct
- Tentative begin late 2015
- End should be around the time to help with traffic when 9B goes to I-95, summer 2016
- Cost approx. \$180 million
- Public meeting to review plans –Oct. 21, UNF

I-295 BuckmanBridge

- Cathodic protection
- Began January 2015
- End late 2016
- Cost approx. \$8 million
- Work mostly underneath: corrosion control, layered painting; work on pilings

I-95 at JTB

- **Began:** Fall 2014; getting into full work January 2015
- Cost: \$67 million
- Finish: mid-2017
- Public Construction Meeting on January 21, Best Western, 5-7 p.m

I-10/I-95 Operational Improvements

- Meeting in February 2014

- Plans proposed
- Received comments
- New proposals
- Aug. 28, 2014 -meeting at The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens
- Feb. 26, 2015, 4:30-6:30 p.m., meeting at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 1100 Stockton St.
- 10and95.com or nflroads.com

Overland Bridge Project

- Replaces I-95 Overland Bridge
- Began: January 2012
- Finish: summer 2016
- Cost: \$160 million
- i95overlandbridge.com or simply www.nflroads.com

Future Area Projects

- I-95 and I-295 Northside interchange improvements
- I-95 and Airport Road interchange area safety improvements

Upon request to Rosemary Wesolowski, a copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be obtained.

5. **Chairs report** – Chair Hill informed the CPAC that the 6 CPAC Chairs are being proactive and as a group, they have requested a meeting with all of the Mayoral Candidates. To date they have met with candidate/City Councilman Bill Bishop and Mayor Alvin Brown. They are still waiting to hear from the other candidates.

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 there was one application for a bikini bar at 3535 St. Johns Bluff Road, 32246 that raised some concern. The Planning and Development Department plans to deny the application, but the subcommittee plans to follow this application. No action was taken at this meeting.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair
Not present

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

JAXPORT approved an expanded, long-term lease with Crowley Liner Services. Under the agreement, Crowley will relocate its Puerto Rican service from its private terminal along Jacksonville's harbor to JAXPORT's Talleyrand marine terminal and expand its current leasehold in preparation for deployment of the company's two new LNG-powered Commitment-Class ships, the company said in a statement.

The new facilities lease agreement becomes effective on Jan. 1, 2017, for a term of 20 years plus two 10-year mutual renewal options, and calls for Crowley's current 12-acre Talleyrand leasehold to be expanded to 50 acres.

The Jacksonville Port Authority has pledged almost \$18 million in incentives for Volkswagen Group of America to import its vehicles through Jacksonville, according to the agreement

between the port and the company. To help with the project, the state has agreed to provide \$16 million for capital infrastructure improvements — including at least \$4 million in the 2015/16 fiscal year — "to directly support this new business and to build additional capacity to support Jaxport's growing business." Volkswagen expects to import about 568,000 VWs, Audis, Bentley, Bugattis, Lamborghinis and possibly Porsches during the five-year contract.

The Jacksonville Aviation Authority announced that Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) ranked Third in the Best Airport by Region: North America category of the Airports Council International's (ACI's) 2014 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards. 2014's 3rd place ranking is the best placement since the JAA began participating in the survey program in 2008.

As the industry's most comprehensive passenger service benchmarking tool, the ACI ASQ Survey has reliably captured passengers' immediate appraisal from check-in through departure at the gate at more than 300 airports worldwide. These awards represent passengers' views on 34 key service indicators and are an objective and accurate indicator of the top worldwide performing airports with regard to passenger service.

Education – George Banks / John Waddell

Co-Chair Banks read a report from School Board member Ashley Smith Juarez . A new GRASP program is underway for children with learning disabilities. In addition, she says a new pre-early college program will be implemented in several of the magnet schools. In addition, Eugene Butler and Stillwell Middle Schools will become dedicated magnet schools. Ashley says the School Board evaluation of the superintendent continues. Ashley will be out of town next month, but plans on attending the April SE CPAC meeting.

Government Affairs – Jim Akers

Not present

Membership – Debbie Johnson, Subcommittee Chair informed the CPAC that the subcommittee did not meet in February, but they are scheduling a date for the March meeting.

Transportation – Growth Management – Eric Lanier / George Bollinger

No report

Safety – Betty Wolfe, Subcommittee Chair

The next ShAdCo Meeting will be a joint ShAdCo meeting and the meeting will be held on March 19, 2015 University Christian Church. ShAdCo is looking to recruit new members. Ms. Wolfe stated that at the last ShAdCo meeting, JSO distributed a flyer that illustrated officer fatalities in the United States. In 2015, Florida ranked 4th on the country for officer fatalities. The rankings were: California – 14 fatalities, Texas – 11 fatalities, New York – 9 fatalities, Florida – 6 fatalities and Georgia – 5 fatalities.

Ad-Hoc:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Danny Becton Announced to the CPAC, that he will be resigning as the SE CPAC TRUE Commission representative due to his new role as City Council member. A motion was made by George Banks that nominated Ralph Hodges as the new SE CPAC TRUE Commission Chair; the motion was seconded by Ernst Cornehl. The CPAC voted unanimously to nominate Ralph Hodges as the new TRUE Commission representative.

Becton also informed the group that the TRUE Commission has been following a number of issues for the past year. The Commission has been particularly interested in the Northwest

Economic Development Trust Fund. This is a \$25 million fund that got into bad shape and was shut down. At the last meeting it became apparent that 2 grants have popped up related to this trust fund. One of the grants is 2015-14 for No More Homeless Pets for the amount of \$583,587; \$400 thousand was a loan and \$183 thousand was a grant. The TRUE Commission recommended denial. The other was for a Church's Chicken and the TRUE Commission did approve this grant. The TRUE Commission would like to have the person that is now responsible for this fund to come and speak to them and provide an update on the fund.

8. Unfinished Business – None

9. New Business – Chair Hill took the opportunity to present certificates of appreciation to all of the subcommittee chairs. Also, Chair Hill, Vice Chair Johnson and COJ Staff Rosemary Wesolowski purchased a cake to share with all of the CPAC members as a thank you to all of the CPAC members.

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

Ju'Coby Pittman introduced herself as a candidate for City Council at Large 5

Ramon Day introduced himself as a candidate for City Council District 4

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

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