

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 27, 2015

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association
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
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
Perera, Kathleen – 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
Weise, Gary – Secret Cove Civic Association
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

Excused:

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association

Elected Officials:

Lori Boyer – City Council District 5
Danny Becton – City Council District 11
Terrance Freeman – City Council District 3 Aide

Staff:

Gaffney, Johnny – Mayors Liaison
Glick, Aaron – Planning & Development Department

Green, Jim - FDOT
Meyerl, Keith – JaxParks
Steele, Dennis – Code Compliance
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development Division

Guests:

Skule, Richard	Malmimi, Jon – COAA
Clapp, Ann – GENA	Reddick, Cheryl – JTA
Coles, Dayatra - COJ	Austin, Doug – self
Patel, Nirali	Malmind, Jon - COOA
Landrum, Dolores – self	Cogan, Sarah
Blum, Melody - UNF	

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 Eric Laner seconded the motion. The June 2015 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Recognition of the late John Waddell**
Chair Hill reminded the CPAC that the last Charter Member for the SE CPAC, John Waddell passed away in June. John's widow, Gloria Waddell was introduced to the CPAC and several knock out rose bushes were presented to her in John's memory. Mrs. Waddell informed the CPAC that John loved his involvement with the CPAC. Mrs. Waddell thanked the CPAC for the rose bushes and stated that they will serve as a permanent reminder of John's dedication to the CPAC.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – not present
 - **Mayor's Liaison** – Dr. Johnny Gaffney informed the CPAC that Mayor Lenny Curry has assigned him to serve as the Mayor's Liaison to the CPAC's. Gaffney also informed the CPAC that he served the past 8 years on City Council and now has termed out. Gaffney mentioned that his brother, Reggie Gaffney has taken his place on City Council. The CPAC members brought up several issues to share with the Mayor on behalf of the CPAC's. There was a request that the Mayor meet with all the CPAC Chairs on a quarterly basis. Another attendee stated that the North CPAC has sent letters to the City and Mayor in regard to concerns that they are having and they are not getting a response from the Mayor's Office. They requested a response? Another attendee stated that based on the Neighborhoods Bill of Rights there is supposed to be communication to the community. The lack of funding for CPAC's is limiting the amount and ability that the CPAC's have to communicate to the community. Will the Mayor commit to the CPAC's? Lastly, there was a question if Dr. Gaffney was going to be the Mayor's Liaison to all the CPAC's? Dr. Gaffney stated that he wants to represent the Mayor.
 - **Duval County Public Schools** –not present -
 - **JEA** – Jay Worley – not present
 - **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – nothing new to report, but available for questions.
 - **Planning and Development Department:**
Housing and Community Development Division – Rosemary Wesolowski

Informed the CPAC that an RFP has gone out for a trainer to teach the 2015 CommUniverCity Course, a couple of bids have come in and they are currently in the rank and Review phase.

- **Planning** – Aaron Glick – present, but no report
- **Environmental Quality Division (Code Compliance)** – Robert Crawford – not present. On behalf of Code Compliance, Dennis Steele was in attendance. Mr. Steele informed the CPAC that Bob Crawford had an additional health set-back; this has delayed his return to work even further. A systematic inspection was completed in the Englewood area; there was 100 new cases opened in this area due to the inspection. In Zone 3 there are a total of 807 active code compliance cases. The Code Compliance team continues to work on sign ordinance enforcement. Mr. Steele confirmed that all citizens can remove signs that are put on city right of ways (ROW). There was a question about the Robo calls; has it become a legal issue to use RoBo calls to call the violators? Has it been changed that we can only make 1 call per violator? Yes, there has been a change.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl – informed the CPAC that the Jacksonville Beach pier management contract has expired. The basketball courts at the 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park have opened.

4. **Presentations – Greg Radlinski, Vice-Chair, District 1 (Urban Core)**- Mr. Radlinski stated that their Chair, Gloria DeVall was unable to attend and he was representing the UC CPAC on her behalf. Mr. Radlinski provided the boundaries for the UC District and expressed that the main concerns for their district is: downtown development or re-development, historic and environmental preservation, transportation, bus routes, homeless housing/care/services, Hemming Plaza, Liberty Street roadway collapse (taking so long to fix) and increasing membership.

Mike Anania, Chair, District 2 (Greater Arlington Beaches)- provided the boundaries for the GAB district and shared that this district is focused on preserving neighborhood characteristics. LUZ, spot zoning, implementation of NAP's, involvement in the Renew Arlington CRA and membership are areas where this CPAC has focused on. There was a question to Mr. Anania: what is happening to Regency Square Mall? Anania stated that it is private property and the CPAC does not have much input into private redevelopment as long as it stays within the LAZ Zoning restrictions.

Abner Davis, Vice-Chair, District 4 (Southwest)- Mr. Davis stated that their Chair, Kathy Budd has been out of town due to the death of a family member, he is representing the SW CPAC in her behalf. Mr. Davis informed the attendees that District 4 is experiencing a lot of growth (both commercial and residential) and the current roads cannot handle the traffic. The Cecil Commerce Center and its rapid redevelopment is a major factor in the growth in their area. The congestion of both residential roads and main thoroughfares is problematic and they are desperately seeking relief to the roadway congestion. District 4 is also focusing on increasing membership and reaching out to younger generations in effort to get them involved. Vice-Chair Davis shared when and where their CPAC meetings are held.

John Pittman, Chair, District 5 (Northwest)-stated that District 5 CPAC has a lot of concerns about property values; he stated that they have the lowest property values in the city. It was also mentioned that increasing membership is another priority for district 5. Chair Pittman shared when and where their CPAC meetings were held.

Rex Neidlinger, Chair, District 6 (North)- provided the boundaries for the district and stated that their biggest concerns are growth/development (the district is growing very fast with both residential and commercial development), LUZ issues, membership, overcrowded

roadways, dredging of the St. Johns River (causing flooding on Hecksher Drive) and that they follow the T.R.U.E. Commission very closely. It was also mentioned that they are monitoring the development of the new rail line and highways for movements of containers coming into the port. This district is looking at different ways to get a younger population involved in the CPAC. It was also mentioned that this district does not have a lot of crime, but they still monitor crime throughout the district so they can stay on top of crime.

There was a question asked of Mr. Neidlinger; what is the position of the North CPAC in regard to the JIA CRA? Mr. Neidlinger stated that he would have to get back to the SE CPAC with this information.

5. Chairs report – Chair Hill informed the group that St. Vincent's Southside Hospital has been the home to the SE CPAC for the past 8 years. Due to a nurses training class on Monday evenings, this meeting room will no longer be available to SE CPAC on Mondays. The hospital has arranged for us to have the room on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the same time. The CPAC membership discussed moving the meetings to a Tuesday, moving to a new location to continue meeting on the 4th Monday and the various locations that Rosemary has contact in effort to move to a different meeting location. After quite a bit of discussion it was determined that the CPAC members feel it is important to hold the meeting on the 4th Monday of each month. There were a number of additional location suggestions made and Rosemary will investigate the availability of these new suggestions. For the month of August, the SE CPAC will meet on the 4th Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Hopefully at that time a new location will be announced.

6. Elected Officials Reports –

Councilmember Becton informed the CPAC that Council District 11 will be expanding employment opportunities. New jobs will be coming to Council District 11. Deutsche Bank will be moving 475 jobs to Jacksonville over the next 3 years. The jobs will average \$65,000 annually and will have a positive impact on the Southside. Councilmember Becton stated that in the 2015/16 COJ budget there is \$1 million in place to serve as matching funds for the 9A/Baymeadows regional Park. It is important to keep it there and the CPAC members were asked to stay vigilant on this issue. When we get to the CIP on the 9A/Baymeadows park project, the councilman expects there to be some give and take in the process. Becton also informed the CPAC that he will be serving on the Finance Committee and is working with the Finance Committee Chair, Bill Gulliford on this issue. On August 10, 2015 the 9A/Baymeadows Advisory group will meet with the design group to look at phase 2 of this park.

George Banks recognized that John Waddell was the person that spearheaded the group and was very out-spoken on getting basketball courts in the 9A-Baymeadows park.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -

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

Hill stated that the subcommittee review 12 applications and no actions were taken.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Cardell informed the CPAC that he took a tour of NAS Jacksonville with the Sierra Club/Audubon Society; the focus of tour was to see environmental impact improvements made at the base. One improvement made was the installation of sound barriers along the river to help with noise pollution. In the past when they were testing engines it could get quite noisy. Another area of discussion on the tour was water runoff; which can be quite significant due to the amount of concrete associated with a military base (runways, parking lots, streets). In effort to reduce water runoff they replaced a large concrete parking lot with pavers and

grass. They are also building a new building and it is designed to have a retention pond under the building. The water that is collected/stored in the under the building retention pond will then be re-used to wash the planes. The tour also addressed the problem/concern of birds getting sucked into the engines. It has been identified that if they cut the grasses along the water front to a low level the birds cannot hide in the tall grass. The birds then move to areas on the base with higher grass levels to eat or make their nests. A number of solar panels have also been installed. Half of the electricity of the day care center is provided by the solar panels.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair –

St. Johns River dredging project continues to have more questions than solutions.

Representatives for the port, the St. Johns Riverkeeper, the Rodman Reservoir and the local longshoremen's union all gathered at the Downtown Rotary Club's Monday luncheon to debate the pros and cons for dredging the river.

The new option, the proposed 11 mile plan (originally 13 miles), 47-foot deep plan, has several supporters including TraPac, which would have to move its terminal from Dames Point to Blount Island to have access to the deeper river. Brian Taylor (JaxPort CEO) said that the shortened plan stems from an attempt to secure the limited federal dollars for deepening.

"Jacksonville's only impediment is its depth," he said. "Once that's handled, we're in the game." But others have their doubts, including St. Johns Riverkeeper, Lisa Rinaman, who said the city's project "can't compete with other ports, because the cost-benefit ratio is too low." Rinaman added that the shortened plan would still cause significant impact on the river.

One way the environmental impacts could be mitigated is through a plan that would breach the Rodman dam and restore the Ocklawaha River, the St. Johns River's largest tributary. That plan has the support of Jax Chamber, the Riverkeeper, former Mayor Alvin Brown's office and the port, through a memo of understanding. But it has stiff opposition from Putnam County, which sees its reservoir caused by the dam as an economic driver and aesthetic asset to the area.

"The project is slated to be on a somewhat strict timeline. Taylor told attendees that to stay on the port's timeline, dredging should begin in latter 2016. The port's timetable, he said, keeps Jacksonville on track with Savannah's own dredging project, which is Jacksonville's primary competition.

But with a state legislature that must decide whether the Rodman can be breached, federal funding up in the air and stakeholders continuing to find themselves unable to agree, that timetable could be in jeopardy.

The Home Depot is acquiring Jacksonville-based Interline Brands Inc. for \$1.63 billion in cash. The acquisition is expected to close by Nov. 1. Interline, a provider of maintenance, repair and operation products, recently underwent a massive rebranding effort, a move that it said was helping it grow nationally.

The Vistakon plant, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision, will also add a capital investment of \$301 million to expand its contact lens manufacturing plant in Jacksonville and creating 100 new jobs. As part of the incentive plan the Jacksonville City Council approved on May 26, \$7.1 million in property tax rebates will be given over seven years. The state has agreed to a \$90.3 million corporate income tax write-off for Johnson and Johnson.

Johnson & Johnson Vision Care employs about 2,000 individuals in Jacksonville. The new jobs created by the expansion are expected to draw an average salary of \$60,000.

The new manufacturing space will include five new production lines, a tank farm to support new product launches, a 3D printing center and a site for medical device laboratory test method development, expanding its capabilities in the biotech and life sciences sector.

Mayo Clinic, St. Vincent's Medical Center & UF Health Jacksonville are on U.S. News & World Report's list of "America's Best Hospitals" published online today. Mayo Clinic is ranked No. 1 in the Jacksonville metro area, No. 4 in Florida and among the top 50 hospitals nationally in cancer, gastroenterology and GI surgery, geriatrics, and neurology and neurosurgery. UF Health Jacksonville ranked No. 2 in Jacksonville and in the state and St. Vincent's Medical Center ranked No. 3 in Jacksonville and 16th in the state.

Jacksonville lung transplant center will be the first of its kind in the U.S. The Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville and United Therapeutics Corp., a biotechnology company, are collaborating now on the creation of a 3 story, 75,000 sq ft lung restoration center on Mayo's Jacksonville campus that should ultimately double the number of lungs available for transplant in the U.S. While Jacksonville will be the site of the first lung restoration center in the United States, United Therapeutics could eventually build similar centers at the Mayo campuses in Rochester, Minn., and Scottsdale, Ariz.

Housing sales in Northeast Florida reach all-time high. Sales in spring of this year were 2,200 per month in March, April and May, according to data released by the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors. In June, sales reached a record amount at 2,587, representing an increase of 13.3 from June of last year. Sales weren't the only sign that the housing market is swinging along in the area. Pending sales are up 31.8 percent in the area, reaching 2,779. The median price for a home is also trending upward, reaching \$183,590 in June, a 9.3 percent bump from last year. The number of days homes were on the market has largely remained unchanged, going from 82 days in 2014 to 81 days.

The City of Jacksonville will host the Navy vs. Notre Dame Football game Nov. 5, 2016 which will be nationally broadcast on CBS. It is expected to generate between \$10 million and \$12 million in direct spending in Jacksonville. With about 72,000 seats available, the event should sell out quickly not only with the Jacksonville's military community but out-of-town Navy fans. And that will boost the local economic impact. They are anticipating sponsors, both local and national, will be lining up. Coming on the heels of the Florida/Georgia game the weekend before, nabbing the 2016 Navy/Notre Dame matchup is another step in building the city's reputation as a sports destination for professional, college and amateur sports.

Tesla Motors plans to open a service & sales center in Jacksonville. All Model S vehicles are custom built & can be ordered online. Store will feature a display model and vehicles for test driving only. All stores company owned – no dealerships. Location not yet determined, but a pop-up store at the St. Johns Town Center will be open for the next 3 months where customers can test drive Teslas and order vehicles.

Education – George Banks, Subcommittee Chair stated that he would reach out to Ashley Smith-Juarez in regard to the involvement of high school students having representation on the CPAC.

Government Affairs – Jim Akers, Subcommittee Chair - not present

Membership – Debbie Johnson, Subcommittee Chair informed the CPAC that the subcommittee met on July 9th. The subcommittee looked at drafting a standardize email to send to non-active and former members. The subcommittee also looked at area maps to try to identify communities that are not involved in CPAC. There was also significant discussion about various ways to try to inform the community about the SE CPAC; the subcommittee is in the process of developing a communication/education strategy.

Transportation – Growth Management – Eric Lanier / George Bollinger

Co-Chair Lanier informed the CPAC that sound barriers have been installed along I-295 (in the phase 1 area). In the same area on I-295, the travel lanes have been shifted. Progress on the I-95 Overland Bridge is progressing on schedule.

Safety – Betty Wolfe, Subcommittee Chair

At the last ShAdCo Meeting it was reported that robberies were down 50%, burglaries were down 38%, but auto burglaries are up 3%. Unfortunately, Zone 3 has had 19 auto fatalities, which is the highest in the city. In effort to save lives, JSO is actively enforcing seat belt laws. If you are pulled over for any reason, JSO will issue a ticket if you are not wearing your seat belt. The no seatbelt ticket will cost you \$114.00 if you receive the ticket. National Night Out will be held on August 4 this year. If you are having a National Night Out event, please let JSO know of your plans or to request an officer to stop by.

Ad-Hoc:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ralph Hodges Informed the CPAC that the commission has examined the audit for City of Jacksonville Payroll; this does not include the Police and Fire payroll. The auditors pointed out that this department of the City is also under funded and there are currently only 4 employees handling all of the work. A recommendation was made to the incoming Mayor that this department needs to have funding. It appears that there are no checks and balances in place in processing the payroll. The audit revealed that it is taking everything they can to just to get the bill paid and payroll distributed to the employees.

8. Unfinished Business – None

9. New Business –

Member Howard Murphy stated that she sent the contact information to Rosemary for UNF Professor James Taylor. UNF Environmental Center did research and this research identified mismanagement of tree mitigation funds. It was found that money is unaccounted for, not used for intended purpose, little documentation of where funds used and show little tracking on if the trees that were planted (are they maintained or if they are alive). Ms. Howard Murphy stated that she would like a presentation from Professor Taylor.

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

George Banks made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Ralph Hodges.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, August 25, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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**** Please note that the August meeting will be held on the 4th TUESDAY of the month****