

**District # 3**  
**Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

**Chair: Jim Hill**

**Vice Chair: Debbie Johnson**

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Location: St. Vincent's Southside  
Main Hospital, Auditorium C  
4201 Belfort Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
Date: Monday, June 22, 2015

**Attendance:**

**Organizations/Representatives**

**Members:**

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association  
Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association  
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4  
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community  
Dee, David – Lake Mandarin HOA  
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association  
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School  
Howard-Murphy, Abby – Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA  
Kirkman, Chris – The Villages of Bartram Springs Owners Association  
Laner, Eric- East Hampton HOA  
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association  
Shoaei, Taghie – Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association  
Rogers, Henry – Rose Creek Condo Association  
Romano, Matthew – James Island Homeowners Association  
Rothstein, Marj – Villa San Jose Civic  
Weise, Gary – Secret Cove Civic Association  
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

**Excused:**

Cornehl, Ernst – Deerwood Improvement Association  
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association  
Heesch-Gilman, Karen – Briarwood Neighborhood Association  
Johnson, Debbie – The Gables HOA  
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association  
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowner Association

**Elected Officials:**

Lori Boyer – City Council District 5  
Daniel Becton – City Council Elect – District 11

**Staff:**

Glick, Aaron – Planning & Development Department  
Joyce, Bill – Public Works  
Meyerl, Keith - JaxParks  
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development Division

## Guests:

Skule, Richard  
Clapp, Ann – GENA  
Suggs, Shanda – JTA  
Smith, Joshua – UNF  
Pruitt, Kyle – UNF  
Kindred, Mary – UNF  
Wilson, Jasmine – UNF  
Warren, Rachel - UNF

Malmimi, Jon – COAA  
Reddick, Cheryl – JTA  
Maroosis, Heather – UNF  
Thigpen, Sarah – UNF  
Hewlett, August – UNF  
Kabernagel, Brooke – UNF  
Hilbsch, Erin – 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 Jim Akers seconded the motion. The June 2015 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

### 3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lt. Kitchen stressed that auto burglaries to unlocked vehicles continues to be a problem through the district. Lt. Kitchens also stated that the new Assistant Chief for Zone 3 has been assigned and his name is Mat Nemeth. Assistant Chief Nemeth will join Zone 3 on July 1, 2015.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not assigned
- **Duval County Public Schools** –not present
- **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 the current Mayor's Liaison, Betzy Santiago, was one of the 299 appointed City of Jacksonville employees that were asked to resign. At this time we do not have a Mayor's Liaison.
  - **Planning** – Aaron Glick – informed the CPAC that Hen Bill will go before City Council tomorrow night and they will vote to make it an ordinance.
- **Environmental Quality Division (Code Compliance)** – Robert Crawford – not present. The CPAC was informed that Robert Crawford is currently facing some health challenges and a get well card was circulated for the CPAC members to sign.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl – informed the CPAC that the summer programs have started. Currently, there are 500 kids enrolled in summer camp programs at Jacksonville Parks. There are 1850 enrolled in the free community swimming lessons. JaxParks has poured the concrete at the 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park for the basketball courts.
- **Public Works** – Bill Joyce – no report – available for questions

- **4. Presentations – Andy Rodgers and Cheryl Reddick, JTA**, informed the CPAC about the JTA Mobility Works. Mr. Rodgers informed the group that JTA Mobility Works is a programs designed to complete projects funded by the extension of the Local Option Gas Tax. JTA has leveraged those future funds; JTA has issued \$100 million in bonds to cover the cost of the projects. JTA will complete 13 roadway projects and 14 mobility corridors in all areas of

Jacksonville and fund the operation of the St. Johns River Ferry for the next 5 years. The project list was generated by the Jacksonville City Council and will not be altered without their approval. In May 2015, City Council approved a reprioritized list. The list included the following:

Roadway Projects: this includes access to the new transit hubs, reconstruction into urban sections, widening and intersection improvements. It was also noted that some of the projects will progress only through the design phase. The Roadway Projects are located at:

- \* Old St. Augustine Road / Greenland Road Intersection
- \* Kernan Boulevard (Atlantic Blvd to McCormick Rd)
- \* Parramore Road Extension
- \* Girvin Road (Atlantic Blvd. to Wonderwood)
- \* Blanding Blvd. Intersections (103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Cedar Hills and Collins Road)
- \* Soutel Transit Hub
- \* Alta drive
- \* Collins Road (Old Middleburg to Rampart)
- \* San Pablo Road (Beach Blvd. to Atlantic Blvd.)
- \* McDuff Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Phase III (Melson to Huron)
- \* Collins Road (Blanding to Pine Verde)
- \* Southside Boulevard / Atlantic Boulevard (design only)
- \* Tinseltown Intersections (design only)

In regard to the Mobility Corridors, JTA is reviewing transit, pedestrian and bicycle movement within each corridor. Community input and feedback are needed and will help determine projects that will be most beneficial to the neighborhoods now and in the future. There will be a series of charrettes starting in the summer. Projects may include items such as sidewalks, bike paths, transit accessibility improvements, lighting, bus shelters and landscaping. At this time the Mobility Corridors are:

- \*Arlington Expressway
- \* Beach Boulevard
- \* Blanding Boulevard
- \* Dunn Avenue
- \* Edgewood Avenue
- \* Lem Turner Avenue
- \* Main Street
- \* Mandarin and Plummer Cove Roads
- \* Merrill Road
- \* Moncrief Road, Myrtle Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- \* New Kings Road
- \* Normandy, Cassat and Lenox Roads
- \* Phillips Highway
- \* University Boulevard

JTA also announced that there will be service changes to a number of their bus routes. If you happen ride/use any of the following routes:

1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12,14,15,19, 24, 30, 32, 33, 34, 50, 305

Please pick up a new yellow bus schedule at the JTA Main Office, a public library, Rosa Parks Station, Tax Collector's Office, Worksource or on any JTA bus. Or contact JTA by phone at 904-630-3100 or visit [www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com) The route changes will take place July 6, 2015.

- 5. Chairs report** – Chair Hill informed the CPAC that 5 of the CPAC Chairs have sent a letter to Mayor-Elect Curry requesting that the GAB CPAC Chair be placed on the Transition Team. Chair informed the CPAC that he has been attending the Transition Team meetings as well. At

the Transition Team meetings, there has been some significant dialogue about re-establishing the Neighborhoods Department and what it should look like. There has also been some discussion about how to fund the proposed department and what divisions would be in the department. The Transition Team will meet for another week, maybe two; after the recommendations have been completed they will be presented to the Mayor. Chair Hill also announced that Charter Member John Waddell passed away. Details for the services were provided.

#### **6. Elected Officials Reports –**

Councilmember Boyer informed the CPAC that the City Council installation will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015, 5:00 p.m., in Jacoby Hall, at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts. At the installation the Honorable Gregory B. Anderson will be installed as the 2015-2016 Council President and the Honorable Lori N. Boyer will be installed as the 2015-2016 Council Vice President.

Councilmember-elect Becton informed the CPAC that the City Council members voted unanimously to elect Councilmember Boyer as the Council Vice President. Becton went on to acknowledge his grass roots begin with the CPAC and stated that he looked forward to continue his relationship with the CPAC.

#### **7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -**

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

A number of applications and no actions were taken.

**Beautification/Parks/Environment –** Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Cardell reminded the CPAC that we need to be mindful when it comes to using potable water in our yards and landscaping. Please use conservation measures where applicable and choose Florida Friendly plants when possible.

**Economic Development –** Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair – not present, but sent the following report:

Brooks Rehabilitation will soon become Brooks AmeriCare Home Health with the acquisition of a large Jacksonville-based home healthcare agency serving 23 counties in Northeast and Central Florida. Brooks Rehabilitation, which has the larger administrative structure, will absorb AmeriCare Home Health and its assets, which includes 10 satellite office locations. The purchase is expected to close in July.

Brooks CEO Doug Baer would not disclose the terms of the deal, which he said was initiated by AmeriCare. Baer said in a phone interview Wednesday with the Business Journal that the move makes sense for Brooks, which operates an extensive network of post-acute rehabilitation services across Northeast Florida, while extending its geographic reach under both the Brooks and AmeriCare name.

Launched in 2004, AmeriCare serves about 5,200 patients as far as Volusia County and west to Gainesville and Ocala. Brooks Rehab runs an inpatient hospital, 26 outpatient clinics, as well as other ancillary services, including Brooks Home Care.

"We really have a lot of synergy," Baer said. "A lot of their care business is outside Jacksonville, so it was a good way to expand our home healthcare division and enter some other markets, while adding to our expertise and talent in the areas that we already serve."

Baer said while the merger could create some efficiencies across the two agencies, there was no discussion of layoffs at either of the companies.

AmeriCare co-founders Anthony Hicks will remain on the leadership team.

Said Hicks, "Brooks' commitment to top notch patient care is directly in line with the AmeriCare culture. With all of the changes occurring in the home care industry, this strategic alliance will leverage each company's best practices and position us to be even more successful in this evolving marketplace." Baer said partnerships between healthcare providers

are becoming more common and, while they are incentivized by changes to the health industry at the federal level, more collaboration also provides better patient outcomes. "Home healthcare is an important part of what we do — it's an important part of the rehab process," said Baer. "So now we can really focus on the whole continuum of care." New owners and new brand for Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk in multimillion-dollar deal

Florida hotel group (Vantage Hospitality Group) has purchased the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel. Deal closed June 1. It will now be called the Lexington Hotel & Conference Center – Jacksonville Riverwalk. The hotel will undergo an 18 month renovation with a nautical theme that includes interior upgrades to the lobby, guest rooms and bathrooms and meeting areas. A covered outdoor extension with a fireplace and water features will also be added. Changes to the exterior include new roof and windows.

Colliers International has been marketing the hotel and the surrounding land, with an asking price of \$14.9 million. It is unclear if the sale to Vantage includes the surrounding parcels.

Jacksonville in the running for new professional sports league

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Jacksonville is one of several cities that could see a new professional sports league in 2016.

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Paul Doyle, an Atlanta-based sports agent who represents track and field athletes, including Olympic champion Ashton Eaton and Lolo Jones, created the American Track League as a new brand in professional sports.

Doyle officially launched the league last year with a five-meet series that took place in Georgia, Indiana, Virginia and Texas over the course of six weeks.

Jacksonville is one of eight cities that Doyle is targeting along with Atlanta; Boston; Richmond, Virginia; Charlotte, North Carolina; St. Louis; and Sacramento, California.

"Jacksonville is a great city for what we're trying to do because it has a very strong sports commission," said Doyle, who's been in discussions with the Jacksonville Sports Council.

"There's a lot of interest in bringing sports to Jacksonville, and the University of North Florida has a great field."

Dave Herrell, the city's sports and entertainment officer, said the league is certainly something that could develop in Jacksonville's evolving sports landscape.

Although there haven't been any formative discussions between the league and the city, Herrell said, from a track and field perspective, "we do it very well as a host city and a destination."

"I'd like to get a feel for their business plan first and see what kind of base they need to make it financially solvent," Herrell said. "In my opinion, I think Jacksonville is a viable market, and from a sports perspective, we certainly have a lineage here."

This year, Jacksonville will host eight track and field events, including two national championships, a state championship and five collegiate meets at the University of North Florida.

In 2016, Doyle said he plans to develop the league using a team model, with 20 to 25 athletes per team, competing in two field events, 10 running events and a relay race.

The league will be built under a single entity structure, similar to the Major League Soccer model, where the league, instead of individual investors, owns the teams. The teams will be established over the course of the 2015 season with each team hosting an invitational meet in its home city. There will be a draft planned for February 2016 and the team component of the league will launch in the spring.

"These meets are far different from typical, boring track meets," Doyle said. "There is a great live atmosphere and lots of entertainment created with these meets."

Each meet will host a number of events and feature live music, a disc jockey and dance team led by Sabrina Clark, who was ranked the NFL's hottest cheerleader in 2011.

During meets, fans will be allowed along the track and infield for an up-close-and-personal view of the action, Doyle said.

The league is currently seeking investors and team sponsors.

"If this is something that measures well for our landscape, it's something we can take a hard look at and go from there," Herrell said.

Vistakon, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. is continuing to expand operations in Jacksonville pending approval of local incentives. The company selected Jacksonville over Ireland to grow its manufacturing capabilities, which will add significant capacity and R&D technology in the region. The more than \$300 million investment will support the design and development of new products for the global market. In addition to the significant capital investment, the project will add 100 new jobs.

This project will allow Jacksonville, and the state, to be the location for all new product introduction. The new R&D facility will support development of the latest contact lenses and special materials associated with the manufacturing process.

The Downtown Investment Authority's plan to redesign the Jacksonville Landing is one step closer to becoming a reality. The authority has narrowed its choice down to three firms that will help make it a more recognizable symbol in Jacksonville. The three contenders will present their plans to the DIA next week. The finalists include Wakefield Beasley & Associates of Ponte Vedra Beach, Cooper Carry Inc. of Atlanta and Eskey Dumes Ripple of New Orleans.

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority was granted \$26.2 million in federal dollars to fund the north corridor of its bus rapid transit system. The First Coast Flyer received a Small Start Grant Agreement from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration. The Downtown portion, already under construction, cost about \$13 million — about \$9 million of which were federal funds.

UF Health Jacksonville could shut down if Florida lawmakers can't agree to keep important funding for safety-net hospitals. Representatives from Jacksonville's business community stood together Friday to remind lawmakers about the importance of keeping its doors open. This legislative session, northeast Florida's only hospital that treats patients who are uninsured or underinsured is being discussed. That means the 90,000 patients who visit the hospital annually would have to find somewhere else to go. It was noted that if you take their 550 beds and basically move those patients to other hospitals, they just don't have the capacity. Same thing with the emergency room visits. The 8th Street facility sees more than 90,000 patients in its ER annually — many of whom have limited, if any, health insurance. It is also the only Level 1 Trauma response facility in Northeast Florida.

United Airlines is laying off about 66 employees from Jacksonville International Airport, in a move to keep costs competitive. During the month of May, approximately 66 airport operations positions, both below wing, such as baggage handlers and ramp workers, and above wing, such as customer service representatives will be laid off from the airport.

Those workers that will be affected have already been notified. Affected employees will be able to transfer to another position and relocate to other airports, if they're eligible.

As Naval Air Station Jacksonville plans to improve its runway, taxiway and airfield lighting, staff and aircraft will be relocated to Cecil Airport, where a support detachment can operate. The lease agreement between the Navy and Cecil is for at least one year, with a six month option that will likely be used, said Steve Grossman, CEO of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, at a recent board meeting. So far, 4,000 employees, contractors and personnel have been

badged for the facility. Cecil could well be in the 10 busiest airports for that year. About 1 million square feet of ramp space is being leased by the Navy. Five vacant buildings will be leased from Cecil itself and the Navy is looking at leasing other buildings from existing tenants. Although all of its hangars are already being leased, the Navy is in talks with leasing a hangar from a tenant and will possibly bring in a mobile hangar.

Three development companies are vying for a chance to give the Jacksonville Shipyards property a new look. On Wednesday, the city opened bids from three developers who responded within the 30-day window to submit a proposal. Iguana Investments a company set up by Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shad Khan, got the ball rolling. In February, Khan outlined his vision for the waterfront property off Bay Street. In a video presentation, the blueprint proposed by Khan includes hotels, restaurants, shops and a double-deck football practice field. Another bid takes a different approach with Jacksonville Super Luxury Yacht Boatyard and Marina proposing to use the property for a high-end yacht repair facility. The shipyard would be complimented by an adjoining development that would include an international marketplace of shops and restaurants. The group behind that proposal has said it would be cover the cost of any environmental cleanup at the Shipyards since its closure in 1992. The third proposal was submitted by INHIM. No additional information known about this development plan at this time. All that has been released is the name of the developer and addresses. The Downtown Investment Authority has designed a score card to grade the proposals on design and the developer's financial strength among other things.

**Education** – George Banks – no report

**Government Affairs** – Jim Akers

Informed the CPAC that HUD released a Notice of Proposal Rulemaking on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing; this is for Block Grants to ensure agencies follow the guidelines. The proposed rule encourages local governments, State and Public Housing Agencies (PHA) to work together on the assessment of fair housing (AFH) and also facilitate regional AFHs that cover regions that need not be contiguous and even cross state boundaries. The AFH would also reflect substantial public input through community participation and stake holder consultants.

**Membership** – Debbie Johnson, Subcommittee Chair- not present

**Transportation – Growth Management** – Eric Lanier / George Bollinger

No report

**Safety** – Betty Wolfe, Subcommittee Chair

The ShAdCo Meeting has a joint ShAdCo meeting and it was held at University Christian Church last Thursday. The guest speaker was Sheriff Rutherford and he informed the attendees that ShAdCo will continue.

**Ad-Hoc:**

**TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ralph Hodges Announced that he attended his first meeting as an official commissioner. The T.R.U.E Commission advised the City Council not vote on a proposed Pension Bill, but City Council did vote and it did pass the bill. Hodges stated that so far the City Council Auditors seem to be very committed to their position and they seem dedicated to keeping the local government on solid fiscal ground.

**8. Unfinished Business** – None

**9. New Business –**

Member Romano inquired as to what was going to be developed at the corner of Deer Park Parkway and Gate Parkway. Planner Aaron Glick stated that he did not have the information in front of him, but would get the information for Mr. Romano.

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

**Jim Akers made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Eric Laner.**

**NEXT MEETING: July 27, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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