

**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, May 18, 2015

**Attendance:**

**Organizations/Representatives**

**Members:**

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association  
Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association  
Becton, Daniel – Deercreek HOA  
Brown, Joyce – Pine Forest Community Action Corp.  
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community  
Cornehl, Ernst – Deerwood Improvement Association  
Dee, David – Lake Mandarin HOA  
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association  
Giancola, James – Deercreek Owners Association  
Heesch-Gilman, Karen – Briarwood Neighborhood Association  
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  
Laner, Eric- East Hampton HOA  
McKay, Elizabeth – Alumni Civic Association  
Rogers, Henry – Rose Creek Condo 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:**

Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4  
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association  
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association  
Waddell, John – City Council District 13

**Elected Officials:**

**Staff:**

Crawford, Robert – Zone 3 Code Compliance Supervisor  
Glick, Aaron – Planning & Development Department  
Green, Jim – FDOT  
Jones, Fred - JTA

Judge, Lt. Jimmy – JSO  
Morrow, Wendy- JTA  
Wesolowski, Rosemary - Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development Division

**Guests:**

Skule, Richard  
Malmind, Jan

Clapp, Ann - GENA

**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 David Dee seconded the motion. The April 2015 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Staff Reports**

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lt. Judge informed the CPAC that JSO is still investigating the murder that took place earlier in the day at the apartment complex of Kernan Road (near UNF). Lt. Judge stated that it appears to be a home invasion with 2 intruders. The occupant shot back and killed one of the intruders. The other intruder and the occupant are both in the hospital with critical injuries at this time. Lt. Judge also stated that it does not appear that any of the individuals involved are UNF students. Lt. Judge reminded the CPAC that traffic fatalities in Zone 3 are at record level highs. Everyone was encouraged to monitor their speed, be aware of others on the road and to look out for pedestrians/cyclist on the road. Lt. Judge answered a few questions:
  - \* it was confirmed that there is not a gang problem in the SE District and that there are no organized gangs in Jacksonville
  - \* the large scale drug bust at a nightclub at Baymeadows Road & Philips Hwy has not closed the bar.
  - \*it was acknowledged that JSO has been investigating a number of incidents where license plates are being stolen off of vehicles and they are being used in a number of way.Lastly, Lt. Judge mentioned that he is available to present to neighborhood groups and he can be contacted at 424-4187.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not present, but shared the following report: City of Jacksonville Veterans **Memorial Day Event** ~ will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2015 at the Veterans Memorial Wall between Everbank Field and the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. The Pre-Ceremony begins 8:30 am and the ceremony begins 9:00 am. 2015  
**The Jacksonville Jazz Festival** is a weekend celebration of Jazz music held in Jacksonville, Florida. Coinciding with Memorial Day weekend, the event has been dubbed by "experts" as "one of the 20 best in the nation", according to the Florida Times-Union[1] Admission is free with the exception of VIP areas, and events and performances take place throughout downtown venues. This years festival will begin Thursday, May 21, 2015 and ends Sunday evening May 24, 2015.  
This year acts include:  
Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra with Peabo Bryson  
Felix Peikli & The Royal Flush Quintet presented by the Buffet Group  
Jazz Jam with Lisa Kelly

Jazz Attack featuring Peter White, Richard Elliot and Euge Groove  
**Jacksonville Jazz Festival Music Clinic**, Presented by the Buffet Group on Friday, May 22 from 1 – 3 p.m. Jazz enthusiasts of all ages are invited to engage one-on-one with Felix Peikli! This intimate environment will allow you to get up close and personal with jazz artists and learn from some of the best. So bring your jazz instrument of choice and don't miss this opportunity to learn Space is limited. Reservations are required. Call (904) 630-3690 to reserve your spot.

**JAXPARKS Presents Spring Fling Family Fun Event**, May 30, 2015, 10am – 2pm. Activities will include Face Painting, Games, Refreshments, Arts and Crafts, and Family Fun! The event will be held at Westside Park and Community Center, 1061 Line Street Jacksonville, Florida 32209, For more information please call (904) 255-7946

**Water Proof Jacksonville** is a drowning prevention initiative that provides free swim lessons to youth whose families are facing financial difficulty. This year's campaign will offer lessons to more than 1,800 area youth lessons thanks in large part to a generous donation from Attorney Wayne Hogan of the Terrell Hogan Law Firm, Safe Kids Northeast Florida and Duval County Public Schools. Registration: To sign up for lessons through Waterproof Jacksonville, contact the swim partner organizations, or log on to our waterproof Jacksonville site on our [coj.net](http://coj.net) web site. General Waterproof Registration form Waterproof Registration Form for Military Families. Partnering Swim Organizations: First Coast YMCA, Flying Fish Swim Club, JaxParks Aquatics, Mandarin Aquatic Club, Swimming Safari

**May Is Bike Month**, please visits [www.Jaxparks.com](http://www.Jaxparks.com) for complete details

- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **JTA** – Wendy Morrow and Fred Jones – informed the CPAC about 5 roadway improvement projects they will undertake as part. These are former BetterJacksonville Plan projects that were never completed and JTA will now completed them. The projects are: Improvements to the Tinseltown Intersections (Southside Blvd./Touchton Road/Hogan Road, Beach Blvd. (corridor improvements), University Blvd. (corridor improvements), Philips Hwy (corridor improvements) and Old St. Augustine Road & Greenland intersection improvements .
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – assisted with main presentation
- **Planning and Development Department:**  
**Housing and Community Development Division** – Rosemary Wesolowski  
Informed the CPAC that Folks Huxford was confirmed and approved as the Director of Planning and Development Department by the Rules Committee today 6-0. Ordinance 2015-300 will now go before full City Council next week Tuesday, May 26, 2015. The Hispanic Business Initiative Fund will be providing one on one assistance (in English/Spanish/Portuguese) and workshops (in Spanish) on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the SBA office. There will be a Free Homeownership Readiness Workshop from the City of Jacksonville, Operation HOPE and Sun Trust Mortgage on May 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm at the Tiger Academy, 6079 Bagley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32209. **Planning** – Aaron Glick – no report, but available for questions.
- **Environmental Quality Division (Code Compliance)** – Robert Crawford informed the CPAC that Zone 3 is currently down 3 Code Compliance Officers. Mr. Crawford announced that to date 13,000 snipe signs have been collected since the sign by-back program.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl – not present, but the CPAC ask if he could report on the status of the Baymeadows/9A Regional Park.
- **Public Works** – Bill Joyce – not present

- 4. Presentations – Wanda Forest, NFTPO and James Green, FDOT**, presented the North Florida TPO Transportation Improvement program for FY 2015/16 to 2019/20. Due to the recommendations of the NFTPO, FDOT will be the responsible agent for 13 roadway improvements (construction) in the SE CPAC district. A brief overview of the projects and their locations was provided during the presentation. A copy of the presentation has been scanned and sent with the meeting summary.
- 5. Chairs report – Chair Hill - no report**
- 6. Elected Officials Reports –**  
City Council- elect Danny Becton informed the CPAC that there will a Baymeadows/9A Regional Park Advisory Committee meeting at the Southeast Branch Library at 7:30 pm on May 20, 2015.

**7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -**

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

The LUZ subcommittee had 2 presentations and reviewed a number of applications; no actions or motions were made.

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

Mr. Cardell informed the CPAC members that Spanish Moss typically does not harm a tree and homeowners should not be concerned about having Spanish Moss in their trees. If there is an over-abundance of Spanish Moss, the weight of the moss may cause some stress problems for the trees.

**Economic Development –** Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair

Home sales in Jacksonville are growing at levels not seen in years as the percentage of distressed homes on the market declines and activity increases with new model homes. Sales of existing homes in the Jacksonville area were up 10 percent in April from a year earlier, reaching 2,201 for the month, following March's 2,241 number of closed sales, according to the latest report from the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors. The median sale price in April increased 11.2 percent to \$172,000 from \$154,700 during the same period last year and 7.5 percent higher than last month's \$160,000 median.

Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Inc. is exploring the possibility of yet another expansion, this time applying for a potential \$19 million Phase 7 building project. The permit, which is under review, would consist of another build-out at Vistakon's 7500 Centurion Parkway campus, where the company produces the world's leading brands of contact lenses. The potential project comes on the heels of the sixth expansion phase the company applied for in 2013. Phase 6, which is still in progress, is a multimillion-dollar expansion of its campus that boosts the facility to 800,000 square feet of space and nearly 2,000 employees.

The Downtown Investment Authority board is scheduled to meet Thursday morning to vote on moving forward with negotiations with Iguana Investments. There is no timeframe for how long those negotiations would take. Iguana Investments Florida LLC, the name of Khan's group, scored 77.33 points out of a possible 100, according to a score sheet city officials released Monday. The second-place entry scored 18.33 and the last-place proposal got four points out of 100.

**Education –** George Banks / John Waddell

Co-Chair Banks stated that he did not have a report, but would follow up with Ashley Smith-Juarez and reach out to UNF. Banks also announced that John Waddell is back in the hospital and that he is not doing very well.

**Government Affairs –** Jim Akers reminded the CPAC members to go out and vote.

**Membership –** Debbie Johnson, Subcommittee Chair introduced the new member Matt Romano of James Island. Ms. Johnson informed the CPAC that the subcommittee is still

working on an outreach letter to be used to contact former CPAC members and a letter to be used when addressing new CPAC members.

**Transportation – Growth Management** – Eric Lanier / George Bollinger  
No report

**Safety** – Betty Wolfe, Subcommittee Chair  
No report

**Ad-Hoc:**

**TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Danny Becton  
Informed the CPAC that Ralph Hodges has been approved by the Rules Committee and Ralph has started attending the T.R.U.E. Commission meetings.

**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

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

**NEXT MEETING: June 22, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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