

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

July 25, 2011

6:30 p.m. at the University of North Florida, 1 UNF DR., Jacksonville, FL 32224

Call to Order

Pat Corrado, SE CPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at UNF

Speaker

Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, Vice President, UNF Student & International Affairs, spoke to the group on behalf of UNF. Some of the topics that Dr. Gonzalez presented were: student population (GPA, SAT, Out of state), the various degree programs, services that are offered to students, the financial structure, campus growth & development and proposed future projects.

UNF opened in 1972 with 4 buildings and in 2011 UNF will be opening its 59th and 60th building. Under the current administration and leadership UNF has experienced a significant amount of growth. In 2003 UNF had 2.9 million square feet of building space and in 2010 UNF had grown to 4.3 million square feet of building space and has grown the student population too. Other UNF Fast Facts are:

- *There are nearly 16,500 students attending UNF
- * Average incoming freshman GPA ~ 3.79
- * Average incoming freshman SAT ~ 1204
- * Average incoming freshman ACT ~ 24
- * UNF students travel abroad for credit at twice the national average, allowing for many Transformational Learning Opportunities
- * 95% of students are from Florida; of that percentage, 43 % are from Duval County

UNF Offers:

- * 54 undergraduate degree programs with 78 areas of concentration
- * 25 master's degree programs with 59 areas of concentration
- * 3 doctoral degree programs in Educational Leadership, Physical Therapy and Nursing Practice

A complete copy of Dr. Gonzalez's presentation was attached to the email only with this summary; please review the presentation and share with your neighbors.

After the presentation by Dr. Gonzalez, Kathleen Leone, Director of Development, Student affairs, provided a walking tour around the campus for those that were interested.

Staff Reports

- Bill Killingsworth, Mayor Liaison, Planning & Development Department: not present.
- Jim Green, FDOT: not present
- Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department: available for questions
- Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department: reminded the group that if they had any suggestions for future meeting presentations, tours or topics; please contact Rosemary or Pat with your suggestions.
- JSO, Zone 3: Brian Kelly informed the group that violent crime and property crimes are down, but traffic fatalities are up; especially in this zone. YTD Zone 3 has had 20 traffic fatalities and all but 3 had alcohol involved. Most of the fatalities occur at intersections or I-95. Do not drink and drive. If you must drink, travel with a designated driver.
- Bob Crawford, Code Compliance Supervisor: informed the group that last month they completed a systematic inspection in Spring Park and they found 120 violations. Due to the increase of foreclosures, unmaintained pools and growing grass code compliance has been very busy. If you have an issue or if you would like to request a systemic inspection, please enter your request into 630-City inspect.

Chair's Report -

- No report

Subcommittee Chair Updates:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: informed the group that they received a phone call that informed them that trees on / along Hendricks Ave. will be cut down on Hendricks Avenue (from St. Augustine Road to Christopher Creek Road). After a little more research, it has been determined that the trees will be cut down, but they will be replaced with trees purchased from tree mitigation funds. The reason the trees are being replaced is due to illness or distressed trees; the soil will be properly amended and trees will be replanted.

Economic Development – Chairperson: Gloria Stephens: informed the group that The Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce will formally announce that the Cornerstone name is being changed to "JAXUSA Partnership". The full name is JAXUSA Partnership for Regional Economic Development. The Cornerstone is the private, nonprofit division of the chamber. It is a regional partnership that markets the area for economic development. The Cornerstone Economic Development Partnership covers

Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties. JaxUSA will continue to cover those counties too.

Also, Jacksonville was named the least walkable of the 50 largest cities in the U.S. by Walk Score, a company that evaluates the walkability and transportation of cities. Jacksonville earned a walk score of 32.6 (based on a scale of zero being the least walkable and 100 being the most walkable). Based on the data, about 80% of Jacksonville residents live in vehicle-dependent neighborhoods. For the complete report, visit the Jacksonville Business Journal online.

Education - Co-Chairs: George Banks and John Waddell: informed the group that Mr. Fel Lee to speak to the CPAC in August; he has been requested to speak on the 7 failing schools in the City.

Growth Management & Transportation - Chairman: Danny Becton: not present, but member Jim Hill informed the group that he has attended the local redistricting meeting as well as the state and federal redistricting meetings. Locally, the Southside will be getting a new district and the beaches will become a council district alone. Also, there is a lot of work going into it to get the districts on one side of the river. City Council will have 3 public meetings in September (at various locations) to get citizen input.

Land Use & Zoning - Co-Chairs: Michael Lashbrook and Jim Hill:

The LUZ Subcommittee discussed 7 applications and had a presentation by Steve Diebenow on behalf of the application at 7620 Philips Highway. The application is to change from Light Industrial to Heavy Industrial; the company makes life rafts and life jackets. After hearing the presentation the subcommittee does not have an issue with the application. No motion or actions were taken on any of the applications.

Membership Recruitment - Chairman: Kathleen Perera: not present

Safety - Co-Chairs: Roger Inman and Betty Wolfe: not present

T.R.U.E. Commission - Gamal Lyons: stated that the commission is still reviewing the pension and has discussed redistricting.

The floor was opened to all in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Monday, August 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
at
St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Road,
Main Hospital - Auditorium C