

**SOUTHEAST
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
February 25, 2008**

6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Rd., Main Hospital, Auditorium C, Jacksonville, FL.
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Call to Order

Gamal Lyons, SE CPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Speakers

- **Charles McBurney – Florida House of Representatives – Former SE District CPAC Chair** presented the issues that will be discussed by legislature next week when the Florida session meets. The issues included: the budget and how to balance it, caps on government spending, property insurance, education, safety & security, fraud, healthcare and water rights and /or regulations. Charles acknowledged that the outcome of the budget will impact all issues, programs and agencies statewide; furthermore the impact may be significant. The representatives are looking at several different types of funding sources to minimize the impact from the upcoming budget cuts. If anyone would like to contact Charles and/or express their concerns, ideas or comments; please contact Jesse Spradley at 359-6090

Staff Reports

Ed Hall, Mayor Liaison: no report, but answered questioned in regard to new JEA power plant, the siphoning of water from the St. John's River and the intersection of Gate Parkway and Town Center Blvd. Mr. Hall also informed the group that would make contact with JEA in order to get a representative to make a presentation on the new power plant.

- **Jim Green, FDOT:** no report.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhoods Services:** informed the group that the Mandarin Community Club will host the Riverkeepers Community Program – Proposed Water Withdrawal from St. Johns River on March 27, 08 at 7:00 p.m. at 12447 Mandarin Road. For more information call 268-1633 or visit www.mandarincommunityclub.org.
- **Danny Connell, Code Enforcement:** reported the break down of the 997 cases that they were assigned from January 25 to February 22, 2008: 30 commercial cases, 298 residential cases, 198 junk vehicles sited, 48 unsafe structures sited, 132 zoning violations, and 283 nuisance property.

Chair's Report

- Stormwater advisory committee will be holding 2 more community meetings throughout the city in regard to the fees and how the fees will be determined. The next meeting will be on February 28, 2008 from 3 – 6 p.m. at Loretto Elementary School. For more information visit www.swacjax.com

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved January 2008 meeting summary.

Subcommittee Reports:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell. No report. Committee members stated that they want more information on the new power plant on the Southside. Another committee member announced that permits are being issued to divert water in 5% increments from the St. Johns River; the permits need to be reviewed.

Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Bill Kintz. Expressed concern in regard to the installation of traffic light cameras at area intersections. In particular, the amount and location of cameras are the main concern. Also, Kathleen Perera has made contact with the City of Jacksonville Planning Department in regard to the traffic issues at the Gate Parkway / Town Center Parkway. The Planning Department has made a request that the developer at their expense conduct a traffic study of the intersection before construction of the next phase begins. On March 6, 2008 there will be community meeting organized by this subcommittee at the SE Branch Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd., at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this intersection with City Engineer, Bill Joyce. The meeting is open to the public.

Education – Chairman: Cal Walton. No report.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan. Informed the group that he and several CPAC members attended the 2030 Visioning Plan Community Meeting on February 7, 2008. At the meeting it was announced that all of the visioning process will be completed by September 2008; since the process will be very quick it is recommended that the CPAC should have better representation at the next community meeting. The details for the next community meeting will be announced as soon as they become available.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Michael Lashbrook. The LUZ subcommittee discussed the proposed assisted living facility at the corner of Touchton and Belfort Roads. The LUZ subcommittee will ask Councilmen Redman to schedule a meeting with the developer so the subcommittee can obtain more information.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens. No report

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic. Reminded the group about the shortage of police officers and dispatchers. Reminded everyone that they need to be vigilant in regard to their safety and be aware of their surroundings at all time.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

6:30 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2008

***LOCATION: St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Road,
Main Hospital – Auditorium C***