

**SOUTHEAST  
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY  
August 27, 2007**

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 6:35 p.m. He thanked Rosemary Wesolowski for her service to the CPAC and introduced Mary Beth Ridderman, the new coordinator. He acknowledged Art Graham and thanked him for his help with questions about the zoning rewrite. Chair Lyons acknowledged the UNF nurses, thanked them for being present and welcomed them to join any subcommittee meetings.

**Speakers**

- **Sean Kelly, Zoning Administrator, City of Jacksonville Planning and Development** discussed the zoning code rewrite. The process began in 1999 with the first draft based on input from CPAC members and other residents. In 2001 another draft was created. Council Member Corrigan began the process again in 2006 and a third draft was issued in 2007, creating a process to establish rights to prohibit certain uses unsuitable for an urban area. The new draft provides a basic code and specialized, site-specific developmental standards and will address signage, ACU zones, cell towers, transit development, higher density residential development, commercial use and industrial sanctuaries. For more information, Sean Kelly may be reached at 630-1474.

**Staff Reports**

- **Ed Hall, Mayor Liaison**: announced that the city's proposed budget is currently being studied by the City Council's Finance Committee.
- **Jim Green, FDOT**: reported that the legislature is going into a special session to address the state's budget and it will be necessary to remove funds from the State Transportation Trust Fund to help balance the general revenue budget for 2007-2008. Over the next year, a 11% reduction is planned for the 18 counties in District 2. Currently funded projects may be completed, but it may be necessary to defer some projects in subsequent years. Some new ramps have opened on 9-A. Due to repairs, night time lane closures will be necessary on Hecksher Drive over Sisters' Creek.
- **Sgt. S.L. McCormick, JSO**: stated that for the past 30 days, priority violent crimes and property crimes were up 6% but year to date, compared to last year they are down 3%. Last weekend was a "HIDTA" (High Intensity Drug Traffic Area) weekend. HIDTA is a multi-agency operation to target N. Florida locations - the Florida Highway Patrol sent troopers, including 14 k9 units from all over the state to assist. For more information contact the Zone 3 Substation at 828-5463.

- **Aaron Glick, Planning and Development:** reported there are no new Planned Unit Development (PUD) applications scheduled for the Sept. 13 public hearing. Several commercial PUD's are scheduled for the Sept. 27 hearing. He asked for specific questions and then deferred to Sean Kelly's presentation concerning the zoning code rewrite.

### **Subcommittee Breakout Sessions**

The subcommittees met from 7:43 to 8:00 p.m.

### **Chair's Report**

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved June 2007 meeting summary with correction to reflect the change *info.net*.
- Attended the BJP Citizens Oversight Committee and heard a presentation by the mayor about the proposed budget.
- Attended the mayor's meeting with the CPAC chairs and heard a second presentation by the mayor about the proposed budget. Copies of the mayor's budget presentation are available at the meeting. The presentation or the actual budget may be viewed at [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net). Chair Lyons suggested that people read the presentation, and call, write or e-mail Council Member Art Shad at 630-1382 or AShad@coj.net. He emphasized that dramatic and drastic changes are being proposed, including cuts to Senior Services, Disabled services, School Resource Officers and the Neighborhood Services Division.
- Acknowledged former CPAC Chair, Charles McBurney and reminded everyone that election day for District 16 is August 28.
- Attended the committee meeting for the zoning rewrite. The chair thanked CPAC members who attended, he recognized Sean Kelly who was at the meeting and thanked Art Graham for the deferral.
- The mayor has reduced the number of meetings with the CPAC chairs from four to two meetings each year.
- The September speaker will be Duval County School Superintendent Joseph Wise. A nominating committee for CPAC officers will be formed. The October speaker is Sheriff John Rutherford. A slate of CPAC officers will be announced by the nominating committee. In November the election of CPAC officers is scheduled. The October meeting date will be changed to October 29.
- **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell.** Acknowledged the UNF nursing students who attended the subcommittee meeting. Discussed the billboards on Southside Boulevard - although it is a state road, the sign regulation is the city's responsibility. He mentioned the possibility of an overpass at Southside Boulevard and Baymeadows Road and a committee member expressed his concern that an overpass would create an eyesore in the area. A meeting will be held August 30, 2007, 6:30 p.m. at FCCJ Deerwood, Room B1206.

**Education – Chairman: No report.** Steven Rabinowitz, a guest, announced he has been working on a program at UNF, part of the Mayor's Early Learning Initiative. The efforts

are helping children in low income areas – children with early intervention scored higher on FCATS than children from comparable areas who had no early intervention.

**Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan:** Discussed JTA's Growth Management meeting regarding bus rapid transit, land purchases for the system and the charette for Council District 4 and inputting SE Vision Plan information into that charette.

**Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Jim Hill:** Reported the committee had a guest speaker, Janet Stanko, regarding a proposed constitutional amendment for the approval process for land use changes. Discussed an action plan to address the lack of public input to the zoning code re-write - decided to send a press release detailing the problem to the local media. Discussed the city's proposal to place three roundabouts on Touchton Road between Southside Boulevard and Belfort Road. Council Member Redmans aide, Scott Wilson, announced residents who live along Touchton Road are concerned about safety due to speeding traffic. The CPAC Chairman, Gamal Lyons, announced a public hearing is scheduled on August 28, 5 p.m. regarding a proposal to discontinue plans for an overpass at Kernan and Atlantic Boulevards.

**Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens:** Reported working with vendors to obtain signs for subcommittees so visitors and new members will easily know where each subcommittee is meeting. A new Executive Order is in effect to automatically remove any CPAC members who miss three consecutive meetings. Rosemary Wesolowski deleted all members who have not been to meetings this year and she sent letters to members who have attended only one meeting and gave them the opportunity to respond and attend the next meeting. Asked the LUZ committee to post notice of meetings with the CPAC meeting notice.

**Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic:** A safety fair was held at the Avenues Mall with a large crowd from Zone 3. A member mentioned the success of the August 7 National Night Out – 200 subdivisions participated.

***The floor was opened to all in attendance:***

- Ray Hodges announced copies are available of Janet Stanko's presentation to the LUZ subcommittee.
- Charles McBurney expressed his appreciation to the CPAC for their support.
- Henry Rogers commented that he is opposed to the Hometown Democracy petition mentioned by Jane Stanko at the earlier LUZ subcommittee meeting. His concern is that a he number of items would appear on each ballot, uninformed voters would vote on the issues, and those who had worked on the issue would have no significant voice in the matters.
- Dick Cardell announced he attended a JTA public hearing about rapid transit and only three or four members of the public were present.

*A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote: all in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.*

***NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 24, 2007***

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