

**SOUTHEAST  
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY  
August 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 6:41 p.m.

**Speakers**

- ***Dr. James M. Chansler, P.E., Chief Operating Officer, JEA***; answered many questions in regard to recent power outages due to Tropical Storm Fay, discussed rate increases and the impact various fuel prices have on rates, and briefly introduced the proposed global warming tax that all Americans will see on their bills over the next couple of years. The need for water conservation, the use of reclaimed water, partnership with the SJRWMD, FDEP and COJ-WSEA in effort to work on improving the nitrogen content in the St. Johns River was also covered. The current city wide water grids and the varying levels of the Floridian aquifer and the impact the aquifer has to our drinking water were discussed too. Dr. Chansler also discussed the need for JEA to partner with other electric agencies to jointly invest in nuclear power plants.

**Staff Reports**

**Ed Hall, Mayor Liaison**: Dave Hahn reported that the Public Works Department has started working on debris removal. Work on the removal will begin in full force on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 and it is estimated that there will 150 tons of debris collected.

- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department**: reminded the group that City officials are asking Duval County residents to assist with damage assessment from Tropical Storm Fay by reporting property damage. Residents should call 630-CITY (2489) to report flood, wind or debris-related damage to their homes, businesses and vehicles

**Chair's Report**

- Verified quorum.
- Informed the group that City Council is holding public hearings on the budget; Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting is 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Meetings are still being held on the Jacksonville Journey the next meeting will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Westconnett Library from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and at Twin Lakes Academy on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Voted and approved July 2008 meeting summary.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell:** thanked JEA for their hard work that they did through out the storm and recognized the Mayor for his report on the health of the St. Johns River. Dick also stated that studies have shown that the St. Johns River needs to be continually studied in order to really understand the health of the river. Until we correct the problems that industry, fertilizers and run offs are creating, conditions will not improve. These are issues that we have started to work on, but will need to be continually addressed and monitored for years.

**Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Kathleen Perera:** informed the group that a traffic light was installed at the Gate and Town Center Parkway intersection, but the traffic light is not working. Ms. Perera will continue to try and communicate with the city and address these concerns.

**Education – Chairman: George Banks.** Not present

**Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan** Informed the group that the steering committee will host 4 workshops in the month of September; the planned topics will be transportation, growth management, economics development and design and quality of life. Each workshop will last 3-4 hours and there will be a number of subcategories. The tentative meeting schedule is: September 18, 20, 25 and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the COJ website to confirm dates, times and locations.

**Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Michael Lashbrook.** The LUZ subcommittee had a presentation by TR Hainline and Steve Nichols on the proposed expansion of the Epping Forest Yacht Club. The proposed expansion would be developed as an addition to the existing marina. The need addition would add 61 marina slips, add new boat lifts, 3 additional marina slips to the existing marina and add 25 parking spaces. The subcommittee has no objection to the project. There were no issues with any of the applications, therefore no motions by the subcommittee.

**Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens.** Outreach to our non-active members has begun. If you know of any group that is currently inactive please remind them of their importance to stay active in CPAC.

**Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic:** JSO hosted their annual Safety Fair on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. JSO is also very involved when the community is impacted by inclement and severe weather. Many problems occur when the lights go out, groups are gathered in shelters and families do not plan ahead. Also, be aware of flooded roads, down power lines and obey road barricades.

*The floor was opened to all in attendance:*

**Charles McGee- community member** – stated that he was concerned with the youth athletics. Pop Warner has a contract with the City of Jacksonville to run the youth football programs. The Southeast District grew so much that the Mandarin area has their own football league; the MFL – Mandarin Football League. Due to some clerical errors and not given the time to correct their errors the Pop Warner organization and the City of Jacksonville Parks department will not allow the children to play football.

**Shelly Kelly – Board of Directors for the Mandarin Football League (MFL)** – stated that individuals in the room were placed on 1 year suspension. The group states that the problems are related to clerical errors, but the problems and suspensions re due serious infractions, such as parent signature forgery and problems with volunteers. The members that are present tonight have already been in front of the Pop Warner Board and they know where the problems and violations are.

**Claude Wright – community member** – defended the problems started as a clerical error. He stated that the wrong forms were sent and they were not allowed the proper time to meet the deadlines.

**Karim Shepherd – President of Mandarin Football League** – stated that in the previous year there was lapse in there was a lapse in their business license; the organization has been re-certified and the business license has been restored. This year the organization has been challenged with the previously mentioned allegations. As a representative of this organization it is requested that the city complete and investigation into this football league.

The SE CPAC recommended that the group contact the City of Jacksonville Parks & Recreation Department about their concerns and inquire with them about an investigation.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

***NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 22, 2008***

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