

**SOUTHEAST
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
February 27, 2006**

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

Charles McBurney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers

John Culbreth, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced himself to the CPAC and shared an overview of future plans and goals for the park system. The Parks department wants to make sure the park system has something to offer all of the citizens regardless of their age, physical abilities or interest. A new emphasis will focus on bringing new activities/events to the regional and community parks. The Parks department plans to grow and develop their partnership with JSO, local businesses, civic organizations, non-profit organizations and citizens of Jacksonville in effort to cultivate new and expanded programs to every area of the community. The parks system will continue to develop new parks to meet the needs, growth, demands and interests of the citizens of Jacksonville. As the city continues to expand and develop new parks, the Jacksonville Parks Department will utilize the national standards that are certified by the National Parks and Recreation Department to determine the need and location of new parks. The Jacksonville Parks Department is proud to introduce a new regional park to be added in the Southeast district; the Southeast Regional Park in the 9A/Baymeadows area. At this time the park is in the late stages of development and should be open to the public in a couple of years.

The Jacksonville Parks Department would like to extend an invitation to everyone to participate in a week long event celebrating Jacksonville's park system. *JaxParks ... Get Out There*, begins on March 4, 2006 and will have a variety of activities, events and education programs throughout the week. For a calendar of events, log on to www.jaxparks.com for complete details.

Sharon Copeland, City Council member, District 6, provided an update on the cell tower bill and how it will work into the park system. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Entertainment support the use of some park properties for the construction of camouflaged cell towers. Each lease application for a communication tower on a City park will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the Department has established specific guidelines for Department staff to follow in order to assist in the proper siting and design of cell towers in our parks. Generally, the park is supportive of cell towers within the following park properties: 1. greater than 5 acres 2. COJ wholly-owned 3. properties generally prohibited but may be considered on an individual basis are 1. Historic Park, District or Landmark 2. Preservation Parks 3. Golf Courses 4. Deed or Grant restricted properties 5. Environmentally sensitive lands 6.

Master Planned Parks. Even though these properties are generally acceptable, the following conditions will still be required to be satisfied in order to obtain Department approval: 1. All towers must be camouflaged 2. Opaque fencing or masonry wall around compound 3. DPRE approved landscaping, consistent with ordinance code 4. If flagpole design is planned, must follow flag protocol. 5. Illumination of tower according to FAA requirements only. It has also been determined that tower company must notify property owners living within 500 feet of the park. Council member Copeland, Parks Director John Culbreth, Assistant General Council member Dylan Reingold and Planner Guy Parola, addressed all of the concerns and questions.

Staff Reports

- **Lynn Westbrook, Public Works:** represented Alan Mosley, Mayor's Liaison; informed the group that the Mayor's Office has been working on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP directly linked to the annual budget and to the 5 year plan.
- **Jim Greene, FDOT:** announced that the scheduled plans to close the Matthews Bridge for an inspection have been postponed. FDOT will announce the new dates in the near future. Mr. Greene also announced that the FDOT was holding a public meeting at the same time in regard to the widening of Beach Boulevard.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhoods Service:** informed the group the Matching Grants application has been mailed to all of the neighborhood associations that are registered with the city. Neighborhood Services will be offering an informational session on to the public on the importance and functions of the CPAC. The meeting will be held on April 4, 2006 at 6:00 pm in the Main Library. The goal of the session is to increase community involvement and awareness for the CPAC's.
- **Michael Waelde, Property Safety Division:** no report.
- **Lt. G.W. Grant, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** stated that overall crime was down 16% since the beginning of the year. Burglaries are still a concern; car burglaries and garage burglaries are still a problem, but can be avoided if individuals would properly close and lock their property.
- **John Pappas, Public Works:** Public Works is aware of the drainage concerns of planned developments in the Losco Road area and they are reviewing every project that comes through. If there are specific concerns with a project, public works addresses the issue with engineers to resolve the problem. Other large projects in the Southeast district are the Mandarin Boat Ramp and Goodby's Creek Boat Ramp. Construction on the Mandarin Boat Ramp has just begun and there are some problems with the Goodby's Creek Boat Ramp. At the Goodby's Creek 2 pedestrian ramps have settled inappropriately. The contractor has until March 3, 2006 to submit the plans to correct the problem. If they do not meet this deadline alternative corrective actions will be pursued.
- **Guy Parola, Planning Department:** no report
- **Donna Hulsey, District School Board:** extended an invitation to a Town Hall meeting to discuss the long range growth in the SE Quadrant. The meeting will be held at Twin Lakes Academy Middle School, 8050 Point Meadows Dr. at 6:30 p.m. on March 28, 2006.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 7:30 to 7:55 p.m.

Chair's Report

- Verified quorum.
- Motion to approve the January CPAC meeting summary – voted and approved.
- Announced that the Mayor will be the guest speaker at the March CPAC Meeting.
- Called a quarterly Subcommittee chair meeting to be held March 6, 2006 at Players Grille on Hendricks Avenue. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm.

Vice Chair's Report

The Southeast CPAC has scheduled our Annual Bus Tour for April 21, 2006. The tour will be held on the afternoon of April 21, 2006. Complete details and a sign up sheet will be available at the March CPAC meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Beautification and Environment – Chairpersons: Vickie Breedlove / Mark Roeser. The subcommittee had the opportunity to discuss water quality issues and the long range plans to ensure contaminant free water systems. The Freedom Commerce Center is currently at a stalemate; no new developments at this time.

Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Bill Kintz . Confirmed that the Growth Management Committee did not have any changes at this time. The committee also updated the group that the developers of the Baymeadows Golf Course have filed an appeal in regard to developing the land.

Education – Chairman: Paul Riel. Reconfirmed the school board meeting information and discussed the impact and need for new schools.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Jim Hill. The LUZ Subcommittee had a special meeting prior to the CPAC meeting. The special meeting was called to discuss the planned developments on Losco Road. The LUZ Subcommittee announced that the Community Meeting that is to be held to discuss the Losco Road development. This meeting will be held at the Mandarin Middle School on March 16, 2006.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Jim McKenney. The subcommittee has developed a database that contains all of the associations that are registered with the City of Jacksonville, but currently is not active in the CPAC. From this database an invitation will be extended to attend an introduction session on CPAC's at an April 4, 2006 at the Main Library.

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic. The subcommittee addressed the need to protect lawn and gardening equipment as the warm weather approaches. Do not leave garage

doors open and unattended. This can promoted crime and theft.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

Thelma Jackson, Faith Based Office, extended an invitation to attend *An Evening with the Mayor*. This program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 6, at the Potter's House Christian Fellowship, located at 5119 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, FL. 32205. The focus for the evening will be our community – wide early literacy initiative, *RALLY Jacksonville!* and how it dovetails with the goals of the new school board Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise. Also, Faith Based Partnership has a number of grants and training programs starting in March. For more information call 630-7676.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m..

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 27, 2006
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Main Hospital – Auditorium C