

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY January 26, 2004

Members and Alternates

Angie Vannatter, Chair
Charles McBurney, Vice-Chair
Ray Aleksic
Teresa Amereihn
Marian Beaman
Vickie Breedlove
Richard Cardell
Patrick Corrado
Joni Cusic

Christine Fuchs
Jack Hale
Chuck Hastings
Jim Hill
Ralph Hodges
David Jaffee
Bill Kintz
Mike Lawson
Charles Magee

Charles McBurney
Paul Riel
Mark Roesser
Henry Rogers
Ralph Saffy
Richard Tuten
Kimberly Whigham
Elizabeth Wolfe
Rose Zurawski

City Staff/Ex-Officio/Guests

Lt. Coxen, JSO
John Crofts, Mayor's Liaison
Jim Green, FDOT
Theresa Harrelson, UNF
Jennifer Hewett-Apperson, P&DD
Jackie Maddox, Consumer Affairs
Elaine Mann, DCSB
Gene Masey, SS Business Men's Club

Asst. Chief Lonnie McDonald, JSO
Doug McDowell, Planning & Development
Debra McLaughlin, UNF
Evette Murrell, Pine Forest Heights
Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection Division
The Honorable Art Shad, City Council, District 5
Dawn Wood, Neighborhood Services
Havis York, Property Safety

Excused

Art Costa
Darline Jones

Holly Kartsonis
Victoria Pennington

Call to Order

Angie Vannatter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She thanked everyone for adapting to the smaller room. She and Dawn will work getting the room reservation worked out. Angie stated told everyone to watch the website as the meeting site may change due to construction at the Southeast Branch.

Councilwoman Sharon Copeland gave an update on issues to the members.

- There will be a meeting concerning zoning issue 2003-1511 (Multi-family development) on Monday, February 2, Mandarin library at 7:00 p.m.

- JEA's tree-trimming practice of cutting a "V" through the middle of trees. Suzanne is drafting a bill to address the problem. In the past there had been a verbal agreement not to do this but the practice is starting again.
- The assisted living facility within the Ramsgate community is legal. Florida Statute 419, Ch 400, section 3 addresses this.
- She will hold a "State of the District" town meeting on March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Mandarin High School. An open house will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Copeland excused herself to attend another meeting.

Angie announced that Charles McBurney will no longer serve as the Environmental subcommittee chair since being elected vice-chair. Charles agreed to chair the subcommittee for the evening until a replacement is named for the next meeting.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 6:40-7:05 p.m.

Angie recognized the attendance of councilwoman Sharon Copeland and councilman Art Shad.

The Sheriff's office representatives were allowed to speak early because of other duties.

Assistant Chief Lonnie McDonald introduced himself and gave a brief background of his work in the Sheriff's Office. He lives in the area as well so he feels he is coming home. Areas of concern were:

- Increase in business burglaries
- Stalking suspect along San Jose was arrested and is in jail
- Murder suspect in custody for the murder at a Mandarin party – this was an isolated incident
- Traffic – zone 3 has the largest population with the most number of apartments. Police are monitoring high frequency accident locations. The zone is number one in both traffic fatalities and DUI fatalities.

The number to the substation is 828-5463 if anyone has questions or items for the zone 3 officers.

Speakers

Jim Green, FDOT, introduced Kelly Elmore who gave a presentation about the FDOT landscaping project proposed along I-95 from Bowden Road to San Diego Road. They will be removing plant material and replacing what is there with a variety of low maintenance, drought tolerant plants and trees. Included will be live oaks, oleanders, ornamental grasses, drake elms, cabbage palms and other plants. There will be gaps in the planting due to sight line requirements for advertising billboards. Work will begin in March and be completed by February 2005. A question and answer period followed.

Jennifer Hewett-Apperson, Planner with the Planning and Development Department, spoke about the availability of Town Center funds in the southeast planning district. The funds are for older commercial areas (30+ years). There are funds for three levels – visioning, planning and construction. A question and answer period followed.

Chair's Report

- Each member introduced him/herself and stated what organization they represented.
- Dawn Wood presented awards from the Mayor to the chairs of each of the 2003 subcommittees and the Chair and Vice-chair of the CPAC for their dedicated service. She expressed thanks for their volunteer efforts and commitment to the community.
- Angie thanked everyone for coming to and participating in the Christmas party this year.
- CPAC training will be Tuesday, February 24 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at City Hall St. James. She encouraged all to attend.
- Angie requested Jim Hill add "useful numbers" to the CPAC website and requested Dawn to add Jim Hill's name and telephone number to the agenda.
- Volunteers were solicited for a subcommittee to review New Ways grant applications. Everyone was requested to actively look for possible applicants for this money.
- The bus tour will be March 22. Marian Beaman will provide the food. The tour will be 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and will take the place of the regularly scheduled meeting in March.

Subcommittee Reports

Land Use & Zoning – Paul Riel reported the following as issues discussed:

- Dewey Place 1922 – reduction of minimum parking to zero, landscape standard eliminated
- Mandarin Road 13224 – residence – request to build a barn and increase fence height
- Plummer Cove Road – this will be covered at Sharon Copeland's town hall meeting
- Nira/Phillips Hwy – reduce traffic lines
- Greenland Oaks Condos – 260 single family condos and/or townhouses. Art Shad will attempt to defer this for a while.
- Freedom Commerce – should bring them in for another presentation to report status

Environmental – Charles McBurney reported on the following issues the subcommittee discussed:

- Council 100 water issue – keep up pressure
- Pickwick Park – vagrancy, dumping and lack of mowing. Sharon stated she will look into this matter for immediate attention.
- Recent cutting of trees in the Bayard area
- River cleanup is March 13. More information will be coming in February.

Economic Development & Transportation – No subcommittee meeting.

Neighborhood Outreach/Membership – No subcommittee report.

Staff Reports

- John Crofts, newly appointed Mayor's Liaison, again introduced himself after having attended the Christmas party in December.
- Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection Division, had no report.
- Jim Green, FDOT, discussed the following:
 - Construction has started on the St. Johns Bluff segment of 9A.
 - Construction has been delayed until February 5 on the Butler/9A interchange.

- The left turn lane onto Butler Boulevard from northbound I-95 will be permanently closed. The possibility of a double lane turning right to make a U-turn for westbound Butler Boulevard is being considered.
- Elaine Mann, DCSB, reported that she has no problem coming monthly to the CPAC meetings
 - Greenland Pines Elementary has 400 more students
 - Owners will not sell the land at the desired location for a high school in the 9A/Baymeadows area. There will be a public meeting at Greenland Pines on February 19 at 7:00 p.m. This will be in conjunction with their PTSA meeting.
 - The roof work at Mandarin Oaks is “in the works.”
- Dawn Wood, Neighborhood Services Division, requested:
 - Everyone return the association surveys sent out in the beginning of January.
 - Members whose term has expired complete the Renewal Form and return.
 - Give suggestions of any businesses that may want to be a sponsor of the Florida Neighborhoods Conference this year in September
- Doug McDowell, Planning & Development Department, reported:
 - There has been a change in procedure – all waivers for road frontage, signs and liquor licenses will be decided by the City Council and not the Planning and Development Department. They will go before the LUZ subcommittee first and then the full Council.
 - When calling Doug for information on projects in the works, please get the permit number from the posted signs.
 - Planning and Development does not know who the particular tenants will be in commercial buildings.
 - Planning and Development does not keep a list of available commercial properties.
- Havis York, Property Safety Division, reported that five inspectors have completed 748 inspections through January 22.
- Jackie Maddox, Consumer Affairs Division, was introduced as the representative for the division. This division is now under the Neighborhoods Department. Jackie made available information at the back table.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 23, 2004 at the Southeast Branch Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard.