

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY July 26, 2004

Members and Alternates

Angie Vannatter, Chair

Charles McBurney, Vice-Chair

Ray Aleksic

Joyce Brown

Richard Cardell

Patrick Corrado

George Cotto

Lowell Griffith

Jack Hale

Chuck Hastings

Jim Hill

Ralph Hodges

David Jaffee

Bill Kintz

Gamal Lyons

Mark MacLean

Karen McCarthy

Jim McKenney

Paul Riel

Mark Roesser

Ralph Saffy

Sidney Sutphin

Mari Terbruggen

Kim Whigham

Rose Zurawski

City Staff/Ex-Officio/Guests

Melanie Carriere, Killarney Shores

John Crofts, Mayor's Liaison

Debbie Delgado, CC Aide District 5

Michael Dickey, Consumer Affairs

Odile Gracey

Art Graham, CC District 13

William Hamrick, Property Safety

Mary Beth Koechlin, Families First

Elizabeth Kohler, Preservation Project

Anna Krushinski, UNF Nursing

Michael Lanier, Killarney Shores

Mike Lawson, Oxford Oaks

Mike Livingston, Property Safety

Nicole Odell, UNF Nursing

Guy Parola, Planning & Development

Sally Robson, RSVP

Kyshia Taylor, UNF Nursing

Dawn Wood, Neighborhood Services

Excused

Marian Beaman

Vickie Breedlove

Robert Chadwick

Art Costa

Joni Cusic

Christine Fuchs

Charles Magee

Gary Ulrich

Call to Order

Angie Vannatter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She announced that the August 7th CPAC picnic tickets are available for sale.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 6:35-7:05 p.m.

Mary Beth Koechlin of Families First thanked the CPAC for the New Ways grant they received. She explained that the funds are being used to fund 40 children in summer camp from the Ravenwood Apartments.

Speakers

Elizabeth Kohler, Preservation Project Jacksonville, gave an overview and update on the Preservation Project. A total of \$50 million was earmarked for buying land and that has been completed. Now \$13.5 million is being used to create initial public access to these lands. There will be an open forum for public input on the preservation projects on September 18, 2-5 p.m. at City Hall. A question and answer period followed.

Sally Robson, RSVP, presented information about their TaleTeller program. The TaleTellers are older trained volunteers who read to children so that they learn to love reading. Volunteers are trained by RSVP and once a week each volunteer reads two books to the same pre-K or kindergarten class. They are currently recruiting volunteers. The next group orientation is August 20.

Angie recognized councilman Art Graham's presence.

The JSO officer present had no report. He was asked about recent break-ins and the officer stated that the break-ins were in apartments on Baymeadows Road last week. Jim McKenney reminded everyone of the Safety Fair on Saturday, July 31 at The Avenues Mall from 10-2.

Chair's Report

- The minutes were unanimously approved.
- Angie reminded members to take information back to the groups they represent.
- The Citywide CPAC picnic is Saturday, August 7 from 11:30-2:30 at the Arlington YMCA on Ft. Caroline Road. Tickets for the meal are available at \$8.50 each.
- Angie read the letter to Freedom Commerce drafted after the last meeting. She also thanked the subcommittees for their hard work.
- Awards for the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit as part of the Florida Neighborhoods Conference:
 - Nominations from the floor for the individual award: Joni Cusic, Jim McKenney, Paul Riel (declined), Jim Hill (ineligible – he won last year) and Lowell Griffith. The first vote narrowed the nominations to Joni Cusic and Jim McKenney. A second vote of 12/8 determined Jim McKenney the winner.
 - Nominations from the floor for the neighborhood award: Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association (GENA) and Ashton Hills Homeowners Association. A vote of 15/5 determined GENA the winner.
- Clean It Up Jacksonville Day is October 23 at two locations that are yet to be determined.
- Angie thanked the nurses for coming.

Subcommittee Reports

Land Use & Zoning – Paul Riel reported that there was only one item of concern and that was a Greek Orthodox Church possibly building next to the Jacksonville Golf and Country Club.

Environmental – Charles McBurney filler in for Chris Fuchs and reported on the following issues the subcommittee discussed:

- A retention pond in the Lakewood area that is continually filled with trash and debris.
- Dumpsters overfilled and not being picked up. This is the business owner's responsibility.
- Boat launch at Goodbys Creek – concern for the manatees
- Illegal signs – these can be taken up by anyone.

- Baymeadows trash

Economic Development & Transportation – Gamal Lyons reported on the following items of concern:

- A planned right turn east off Baymeadows onto East Hampton.
- Overpass at Kernan and Beach and Kernan and Atlantic.
- Turning onto Parental Home where Beach Boulevard and the Hart Bridge Expressway come together. Lowell Griffith is working on presenting an idea on this issue.
- JTA cutting their budget for their non-fixed routes for ADA individuals. Mark Roesser will follow up on this and report back at next month's CPAC meeting.

Neighborhood Outreach/Membership – Jim McKenney reported that he is receiving call on the following issues:

- Trash on the streets
- Streetlights
- Membership on the CPAC

Staff Reports

- John Crofts, Mayor's Liaison, reported that Fred Odum is head of the new Water and Sewer Expansion Authority. The Authority assists with getting homes in underserved areas hooked up to city water and sewer.
- Dawn Wood, Neighborhood Services Division, reminded everyone to register for the Florida Neighborhoods Conference. Those people who indicated they were interested in volunteering for the event have already received a questionnaire concerning areas of preferred service. She also has zoo tickets for the neighborhood leaders to take back to their communities. This is a thank you for dedicated service. Members are encouraged to give the tickets to those less fortunate.
- Guy Parola, Planning & Development Department, had no report.
- Billy Hamrick, Property Safety Code Enforcement, reported that the division had handled 737 inspections in the month of July up until the meeting. The Municipal Code Enforcement Board (MCEB) is now very active. He introduced Michael Livingston, a new Property Safety officer in Mandarin.
- Michael Dickey, Consumer Affairs, reported that he brought information on requirements for charitable donation permits. They are available in the back of the room

Bill Kintz, passed out information on the newly formed umbrella organization of the Coalition of Kernan Road Communities (CKRC). This focus of the coalition is to assist in the planning of the Kernan Boulevard roadway improvement project. For more information contact Bill at ashtonhills@juno.com.

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

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug 23, 2004 at Twin Lakes Academy Middle School media center, 8050 Point Meadows Drive.

Directions (from the Southeast Branch library): Take Butler Blvd. EAST to St. Johns Bluff Road/9A SOUTH (right). Exit Baymeadows Road WEST (right). At approximately one-third of a mile, turn NORTH (right) on Point Meadows Drive. One-third of a mile down is the school – 8050 Point Meadows Drive. Follow signs for "Buses and Faculty" (the road just BEFORE the school on your left) and park in the back. Facing the open breezeway, the media center is the right-most building.