

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY June 25, 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 6:30 p.m.

Speakers

- **Mike Miller, Director of External Affairs, JTA and Randy Farwell, Planning Manager, Edwards & Kelcey Corporation** discussed the proposed Bus Rapid Transit System and the Tier 1 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). The PEIS study elements presented were the four proposed corridor alignments, using bus rapid transit, proposed stop locations and potential community and environmental impacts. JTA would like to have public input and suggestions before they seek Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) approval to purchase right-of-way lands needed for the project. Throughout the summer JTA will be hosting community meetings and they hope to have a lot of community involvement.

Staff Reports

- **Ed Hall, Mayor Liaison:** announced that in regard to the I-295 / St. Augustine Road interchange project has been awarded and construction is underway soon. Also, the Greenland Road project has been awarded and they are currently working with the railroad to resolve issues in regard to the train tracks prior to starting the project. Also, the city is currently working on a re-organization and will be submitting a budget to City Council for review for the 2008 fiscal year. Details of the budget are not yet known. Mayor Peyton will present the budget within the next couple of weeks.
- **Jim Green, FDOT:** reported that construction on 9A and JTB will cause various lane closures and intermittent delays; to keep up to date with this road project visit www.SR9A.com to view the various projects and the status of these projects. The Mathews Bridge is project is ahead of schedule; surfacing on the east bound lanes has been completed.
- **Lt. George Grant, JSO:** stated that overall crime in district 3 is down 2% and robberies (personal and business) are up 8%. Lt. Grant also encouraged each CPAC member to make sure they have an active Neighborhood Watch Program, to keep homes and vehicles locked at all times.

- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhoods Services:** distributed the updated CPAC Executive Order and By-Laws. Changes that occurred are: **Executive Order** (EO) section 6 – officers may be re-elected for multiple terms; however no officer may serve for more than two consecutive terms. EO Section 3, D – removes terms for all members. This section also states that – all nominations shall be submitted to, and reviewed by, the Neighborhood Services Division and the Director of Housing and Neighborhoods Department for forwarding to the Mayor for consideration. This section also removes the obligation of CPAC’s to review and recommend grant funding for neighborhood projects and choose Mayor’s Award winners. The CPAC may still be asked to do this, but it is not required by the EO. **By-Laws:** Article V,A,1,b – any member who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the CPAC without just cause as determined by the Housing and Neighborhoods Department, including alternate representatives who fail to attend when requested by the primary representatives, shall be automatically removed from the CPAC. Article II,C,1-removed term limits for members, mentions that nominations are reviewed by Neighborhood Services and stated that CPAC members shall serve until they are removed by the Mayor or they voluntarily resign. Members, including “charter” members, may be removed by the Mayor at any time. Members may resign at any time by writing a letter to the Mayor. Article II, C, 2 – members must be recommended in writing by the President or a member of the governing body of their organization. Article III, B – clarifies election procedure. The nominating subcommittee shall present a slate of officers no later than the October regularly scheduled meeting. Elections shall be held no later than the November regularly scheduled meeting. Article IV, C, 5 and 6 – language added to comply with Florida in the Sunshine and Public Record Laws. 5) Subcommittee meetings must be noticed. 6) Minutes of subcommittee meetings must be kept.
- **Aaron Glick, Planning and Development:** met with the LUZ subcommittee at their meeting to review the planning amendments that have been passed by City Council. Also, announced that several portions of the Mandarin Overlay have been passed by City Council.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 7:35 to 8:00 p.m.

Chair’s Report

- Informed the group about the upcoming CommUniverCity training that is offered by the Neighborhood Services Division. The training program will begin on July 10, 2007 at City Hall. Pick up a flyer or contact Rosemary to register.
- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved May 2007 meeting summary.
- Announced that it has been reported that there has been some significant budget cuts in the City’s 2008 FY Budget. These cuts are expected to impact services and programs offered or funded by the city.

Subcommittee Reports:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell. Discussed the proposed cell tower project at San Jose Blvd. and Old St. Augustine Road; debated if this area has any historic significance. Discussed the amount and size of billboard that are in place along Southside Blvd.; south of Beach Blvd. and north of Touchton Road. The subcommittee will review city and state regulations on billboards. The subcommittee also followed up with Deercreek HOA for an update on their Southside Blvd. project. This project is planned to improve the curbing, lighting and landscaping of Southside Blvd. in conjunction with the Southside Blvd. resurfacing project. The citizens of Deercreek are concerned with the lack of coordination between the agencies and development in the area. Deercreek HOA is also concerned about the planned development of Avenues Walk which will be located near the Philips Hwy and Southside Blvd. intersection; this development is planned to be quite large which will significantly impact local traffic. Currently, the future Avenues Walk projects had one traffic study completed that focused on the Philips Hwy. corridor; to date the impact of Southside Blvd. has not been addressed.

Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Bill Kintz. Ted Jackson chaired the subcommittee. This subcommittee met with guest speakers Mike Miller and Randy Farwell to discuss the connectivity of the proposed routes, terminal sites and travel times of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit System. This subcommittee also expressed concern with this project due to the lack of communication between JTA and CSX in regard to proximity to community transit system/terminals to commercial rail lines. As well this subcommittee would like JTA to address existing traffic congestion problems, such as the I-95 and Baymeadows area. It is thought that the CPAC may want to coordinate communication between the various city and state agencies to address the need of traffic studies in severely congested areas.

Education – Chairman: Cal Walton. Reviewed the 2005-2006 Major Maintenance Request report and the Capital Projects Summary report from the Duval County School Board. The view of these reports lead to further discussion of the age and maintenance needs of older schools in the district. Discussed the status of new schools vs. older schools; the amount of maintenance, acreage and sharing sports facilities.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan. Discussed organizing the other CPAC's in order to publicize the zoning re-write process or public hearings on two of the sections of the zoning rewrite deferred or to make a presentation of position at the public hearing on July 17, 2007.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Jim Hill. Planned a special LUZ subcommittee meeting for July 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. and will invite the other CPAC LUZ committee chairs to discuss the Zoning rewrite.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens. Discussed leadership training programs that are provide through the CommUniverCity program. Developed a

project to create highly visible signs to identify the location of each subcommittee during the breakout sessions.

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic: Explained the major budget cuts that JSO will be working with in the 2008 FY. These cuts will be felt across the board in JSO, but mostly impacting the community programs.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

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

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

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