

# SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY March 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.

## Speaker

**Ed Hall, Interim Director of Public Works**, provided an update on the Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP). The BJP has many key projects throughout the city. The courthouse construction project is back on track and plans exist to complete the courthouse in 2 phases. The city has also successfully completed the Main Library, Equestrian Complex, new arena and ball parks downtown. In the Southeast district the BJP will focus on the widening of Kernan Road. The first phase will focus on the portion of Kernan Road that runs from Atlantic Blvd to Beach Blvd which will be widened to 6 lanes. Another phase will address the portion of Kernan Road from Beach; to the current dead end at Butler Blvd, this area will be widened to 4 lanes. Other projects in the Southeast district include new boat ramps in the Mandarin area, bike paths, sidewalks and recreational areas. For a complete list of projects and status, visit the BJP website: [www.betterjax.com](http://www.betterjax.com).

## Staff Reports:

- **Jim Green, FDOT**: no report; available for questions.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhoods Services**: informed the group that Neighborhood Services will be offering an informational session to the public on the function and importance 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.
- **Guy Parola, Planning Department**: no report

## Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.

## Chair's Report:

- Verified quorum.
- Motion to approve the February CPAC meeting summary – voted and approved.

## Vice Chair's Report:

- The Southeast CPAC has scheduled our Annual Bus Tour for April 21, 2006. The tour will depart from the St. Johns Town Center at 12:30 p.m. promptly. Please park in the area of Joanne Fabrics / Petsmart. Please sign up if you plan to attend, to ensure that space is available for everyone,.
- Mayor's Matching Grant: the deadline for completion has been moved up to April 28, 2006.
- Jacksonville Children's Commission will not offer grants this year.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Beautification and Environment – Chairpersons: Vickie Breedlove / Mark Roesser.** Ralph Hodges chaired subcommittee. The subcommittee had the opportunity to discuss water quality issues and the limitation of fertilizers to prevent future algae blooms in the St. Johns River. Requested to have a speaker from St. Johns River Keepers at a future CPAC meeting and encouraged associations to ask the group for participation at their meetings as well.

**Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Bill Kintz .** Frank Morgan chaired subcommittee. The subcommittee would like to discuss changing the timing lights with FDOT. The subcommittee also discussed the proposed Rapid Transit System. At this time the subcommittee would like to request to have an alternate study completed and presented by the FDOT and JTA regarding the development of the Rapid Transit System.

**Education – Chairman: Paul Riel.** George Banks chaired subcommittee. This subcommittee discussed the current school board structure and its effectiveness. The subcommittee would like to learn more of the long term plans for area schools regarding the issue of continuing growth. This subcommittee requested to have new superintendent Dr. Wise at future a CPAC meeting.

**Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Jim Hill.** Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee voted unanimously to request that actions to be completed on:

1. The Jacksonville City Council refer R2006-146 back to the LUZ Committee for reconsideration. LUZ Committee Chair Shad has advised that he will accede to this request;
2. That the LUZ Committee put the public hearing on R2006-054 and R2006-146 on the same schedule (as the parcels are approximately 700 feet apart) so that nearby residents can make comments on both applications at the same hearing;
3. That the LUZ Committee defer both applications until it receives a written determination from the Office of General Counsel as to whether any Fair Share agreement negotiated with either of these applicants conforms to the new 2005 growth management legislation (2005 Florida Statutes, Chapter 163), both as to Public Schools and as to Transportation.

A letter was sent to City Council addressing the actions mentioned above.

**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 are 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 meeting at the Main Library.

*The floor was opened to all in attendance:*

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

***NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2006  
LOCATION: St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Road,  
Main Hospital – Auditorium C***