

SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY June 27, 2005

Call to Order

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

Announcement of the new agenda schedule for the CPAC was determined and voted on at quarterly SE District Subcommittee chair meeting in April. The new agenda will allow the staff and the speakers report prior to the Subcommittee Breakout Session and Chair's Report.

Speakers

Stephen Wise, Florida State Senator, discussed the current legislative session. Senator Wise brought handouts on General Appropriations Acts and covered some of the issues that they voted on while in session.

- State wide school size amendment - did not pass
- 3/5 required votes on an amendment –60% must vote for it to go in Florida Constitution -passed
- Increase term limit to 12 years for various state legislative offices – passed
- New State Budget Plan – passed

Senator Wise also discussed plans for growth management and the Blaine Amendment (separation of Church and State) and the potential impact it may have on the school voucher system and university funding. The Senator stated that if anyone was interested in more information to contact his local office at 573-4900 and speak to Dee.

Staff Reports

- Tommy Hazouri, School Board Member, District 7, Summary of the 6-month report from the school board.

*The school board is currently looking at 3 locations on the southeast district area: 1. J. Turner Butler Boulevard and 9A. The school board would like to purchase 70 acres from Skinner Development and build a high school at this location. 2. Property in the Greenland Road and U.S. 1 area to meet growth in that area. 3. Twenty acres in the Bartram Springs area.

*Mandarin High School clean up project is under way; a completion is projected sometime after the start of the school year.

*School board sold land around Orange Picker Rd for \$1.7 million and these funds will be put to building a new school. The school board is also looking to sell their current building and land on the south bank and relocate to a new location off the river. With this sale the school board can use the surplus funds toward new school in the growth areas.

*Reagan Associates, consulting firm, has started the search for a new superintendent. Current goal is to have a candidate by September 1, 2005.

*School Board Meeting announcement for 5/23/05 at James Weldon Johnson

- Alan Mosley, Mayor's Liaison, reported that The Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP) reconfiguration is experiencing a shortfall of funds. Working with JTA to try and direct local and state money to

the growth areas. Looking into Safe Partnership Program; \$380 million in place for growth management that allows a 50/50 match for future development. Preparing to go before city council tomorrow (5/24/05) to ensure that road project stay on track after the BJP reconfiguration.

- Jim Green, DOT, announced that Charles Brown is their new district secretary and the following road projects:
 - San Jose Boulevard and Claire Lane near new Super Wal-Mart, assessing what improvements are needed
 - Construction on Beach Blvd. between St. Johns Bluff and 9A should be completed soon.
 - Construction at I-95 and 295 should be completed by July, with developer completion incentive.
 - I-95 and I-10 construction has started with a 2-year completion date projection.
 - Regrading the Mathews Bridge will begin at the end of summer.
- Guy Parola, Planning and Development, no report.
- Michael Dickey, Consumer Affairs, no report, but brought brochures titled Identity Theft and Protect Your Travel Investment.
- Billy Hamrick, Property Safety Division, introduction of Billie Woods, Officer for the Mandarin area.
- Phil Bruce, Parks Department, discussed a study that revealed that the City of Jacksonville is in need of additional park and the department is currently looking into developing/designing new parks and how to get the funds.
- Sharon Copeland, City Council Member District 6, working with Fair Share; developing legislation to determine when roads are at capacity. Completing contracts and approving funds before submitting documentation for Senator Wise.
- Lieutenant G.W. Grant, Sheriff's Office, stated that overall crime is coming down, violent crime is down 4%, but property crime is up 6%. The Sheriff's department has been closely monitoring the areas where crime has increased.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 7:30 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

Chair's Report

- The minutes were unanimously approved.
- Discussed SE Bus Tour in April; Gamal Lyons chairman of tour organization, presentations by Victoria Pennington and Frank Morgan, toured Baptist Medical Center South and viewed areas where there are some proposed developments.
- Announced proposed letter at the request of Council Member Sharon Copeland, District 6; the letter is in regard to the proposed tree removal on Scott Mill Road. An inspection was requested at the April 2005 Subcommittee Chair Meeting, Gamal Lyons, SE CPAC Vice Chair accompanied Sharon Copeland along with Ruth Daniels, President of Mandarin Community Club and John Robinson, Arborist, Representative of Public Works Department to conduct the tree inspection. Based on this inspection the SE CPAC does not have any objection to the removal of these trees due to the potential hazard they have to power lines. CPAC members voted and Charles McBurney will send a letter, which states the approval of tree removal.
- Announcement that Mayor's Summit Award nomination was due and a deadline of May 31, 2005 was established.
- Requested update of phone numbers and email addresses for all the CPAC members and alternates for the benefit of Neighborhood Services.
- Introduction of new CPAC members

- George Banks – Secret Cove Civic Association
- Norm Dobrowski – Julington Crossing Residential Committee
- Voted on Chairman’s Committee suggestion to cancel July’s SE CPAC Meeting – members approved to cancel the July meeting.
- Introduction of Emily Arceneaux, from Representative Dick Kravitz’s office. Ms. Arceneaux brought printouts of the 2005 Sponsored Legislation.

Subcommittee Reports

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Vickie Breedlove. Dick Cardell chaired the group in Ms. Breedlove’s absence. The group discussed the follow up with the Pine Forest Heights Community and improving the traffic circle in the Englewood area. Sidewalk and drainage ditch concerns were also addressed. Discussion of penalties for violations of yard waste. Billie Woods, Code Enforcement Inspector, advised the group to call Streets and Drainage with concerns.

Economic Development & Transportation – Chairperson: Mark Roesser. Frank Morgan chaired in Mr. Roesser’s absence. CPAC subcommittee has concerned with how slowly the Fair Share projects got started but was please at the progress and accomplishments they have made.

Education – Chairman: Paul Riel. This subcommittee would like to invite Doug Ayers (Director of Facilities) to speak on land acquisition for future schools. Group would like to learn more about growth of schools, transportation to school, bus stops. Ms. Hulsey from the school board has agreed to address their specific concerns.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Jim Hill. This committee announced that they have put notices in regard to Land use and zoning on the SE CPAC website. Mr. Hill also mentioned that the subcommittee heard from Theresa Rooney because she would like to change the definition of a node in relation to the Oak Haven project. At this time, the subcommittee would like more information on the entire situation and would like to hear from the opposing side. This committee also announced that there has been recent development of upscale homes in the Mandarin area. There is also the possibility of a new development of 14 homes off Hood Rd. The committee will research this possible development

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Jim McKenney. The recruitment committee has developed a letter that will be mailed to all the associations in the district that are registered with the city, but do not have CPAC representatives. Jim is working with Rosemary in Neighborhood Services to get the mailer completed and out.

Membership Retention – Chairman: Jack Hale. No report

Bill Kintz gave a brief presentation about Kernan Neighborhood Coalition and their goals. Bill shared how they are currently focused on travel limitations and concerned with future development on the Kernan Boulevard corridor. These issues are interrelated to the Fair Share and City Council concerns. Mr. Kintz suggested that all community development proposals should be directed to and approved by the City Council members before any type development can begin.

The floor was opened to all in attendance; there were no questions or statements at that time.

Charles McBurney requested that a CPAC Member volunteer to attend the Kernan Blvd. Planning Commission meeting that is scheduled for June 6, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

CPAC member George Banks volunteered to attend.

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

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 27, 2005

LOCATION: Mandarin Library, 3330 Kori Road.