

# SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY November 28, 2005

6:00 pm at the Mandarin Public Library, 3330 Kori Rd., Jacksonville, FL. 32257

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## Call to Order

**Charles McBurney, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## Speakers

**Jerry Holland, Supervisor of Elections**, presented his ideas on educating the public on elections and facilitating the voting process. The office of elections has also been redrawing voting precinct lines to more evenly distribute the number of registered voters in all polling places and to ensure that all poll locations meet the American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Mr. Holland has also secured touch screen machines with audio capabilities for each of the precincts to assist voters with special needs. Furthermore, the expansion of early voting site locations now ensures that each district has its own site. Other efforts have been initiated by extending the hours of the Supervisors of Elections office to better serve the public and developing educational programs for middle and high school students to encourage interest in the election process and to spur early voter registration. Mr. Holland also extended an invitation to all who would like to discuss the election process or changes further to call him at 630-1410 or email [jholland@coj.net](mailto:jholland@coj.net).

## Staff Reports

- **Alan Mosley, Mayor's Liaison**: announced that the opening of the Main Library was held on November 11, 2005. Approximately 13,000 individuals visited the new library the first weekend and the library was well received by the community. Improving Jacksonville's roads continue both with the State Partnership Program projects and with the Better Jacksonville Plan projects. The lane expansion on Kernan Boulevard between Atlantic Boulevard to Beach Boulevard will start late summer or early fall 2006.
- **Chip Patterson, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue**: presented information on the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Program. This is a course that has been designed to train citizens and neighbors to be able to assist those in their immediate area in a time of emergency. The C.E.R.T. program has classes that will begin in January; if interested in attending, please contact JFRD for enrollment information.
- **Jim Green, FDOT**: In 2006 the interchange of 9A/I-95/Hwy 295 will undergo a re-stripping project. Drivers will be alerted of the changes that will be taking place with the new Intelligent Transportation Signs (ITS). As 9A continues to evolve with different construction projects, information will be available at [www.SR9A.info](http://www.SR9A.info). The FDOT will hold a public hearing on December 15 at 5:00 pm at the DOT office; 2198 Edison Avenue about the upcoming work programs.
- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhoods Service**: informed the group that the next meeting would be a holiday gathering at the Mandarin Community Center in lieu of a meeting. The gathering will be a potluck dinner; a sign up sheet will be circulated tonight.
- **Michael Waelde, Property Safety Division**: announced that the Property Safety Division has introduced a paperless system to their division. The reason for the update in technology is to increase productivity and the amount of time that each inspector can spend in the field. Today (11/28/05), was the first day the system was in use.
- **Jacksonville Sheriffs Office**: no report
- **Paul Davis, Planning Department**: no report

- **Council member Sharon Copeland:** The Growth Management Committee (GMC) has started looking at impact fees. A GMC subcommittee chaired by Daniel Davis will investigate impacted fees and investigate any concerns before a final recommendation is announced. Currently, there is a new wireless communications bill; 2005-1374 Cell Tower Bill. If anyone has any questions about the Cell Tower Bill, please contact Sharon Copeland at 630-1388 or SCopeland@coj.net.

### **Subcommittee Breakout Sessions**

The subcommittees met from 6:45 to 7:05 p.m.

### **Chair's Report**

- Motion to approve the October CPAC meeting summary – voted and approved.
- Welcome to the new CPAC member Kirby Johnson, Wyndam Forest Homeowners Association
- Holiday party in lieu in the monthly meeting for December. The annual holiday gathering will be held at the Mandarin Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Road on Dec. 12, 2005 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; the gathering will be a potluck dinner.
- Open for suggestions for new meeting location for the SE CPAC for 2006 calendar year.
- Verified quorum.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**Nominating Committee – Chairperson: Paul Riel.** The subcommittee would like to nominate Charles McBurney for SE CPAC Chair and Gamal Lyons for SE CPAC Vice chair for 2006 / 2007. The floor was opened for any additional nominations; no additional nominations were made. The nominees were approved and voted in.

**Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Vickie Breedlove.** The subcommittee reviewed the legislation on cell towers on park land with Council woman Sharon Copeland. Councilwoman Copeland answered questions on the topic. It was also clarified that each application for a tower must meet the guidelines of the Parks and Recreation Department and then is reviewed by the Planning Commission. The committee did not form an opinion because there was not enough time to review.

**Economic Development & Transportation – Chairperson: Mark Roesser.** Proposed study of the Baymeadows area corridor; with hopes to help relieve traffic congestion from Southside Boulevard to Philips Highway. The subcommittee would like to review the Southeast corridor study to focus on the mass transit study.

**Education – Chairman: Paul Riel.** Continued to discuss the bus stop amount and locations in the Southeast District and what safety hazards may be involved with the sites.

**Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Jim Hill.** The LUZ subcommittee had a special meeting prior to the CPAC meeting at 5:30 pm. The special meeting was called to discuss 3 items:

1. Julington Creek Marina proposal was tabled due to the developers having not filed any paperwork yet.

2. Forum at San Jose (Sanchez Road and Baymeadows Road) will be a combined development of 80 condominiums and 62 town homes. Overall the LUZ likes the development, but has asked the developer to change the roof line on the buildings that face the water. The LUZ subcommittee does not want to send a letter on this request, but will speak to Councilman Art Shad about this request.

3. 9959 Haley Road is the future site of 10 homes which has been the topic of two community meetings that have been held by Councilwoman Sharon Copeland. Currently, the site has drainage problems, thus affecting other homes in the area. The developers have stated that once the construction is completed the drainage problems will go away.

**Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Jim McKenney.** Still actively searching for neighborhood associations that are not registered with the city. There are a few new lists to start using as a recruitment tool, but if any of the CPAC members are aware of any association not involved with CPAC, please contact Jim.

**Membership Retention – Jack Hale.** No report

***The floor was opened to all in attendance:***

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m..*

***NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2005***  
***LOCATION: St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Road,***  
***Main Hospital – Auditorium C***