

# SOUTHEAST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING SUMMARY October 25, 2004

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### Members and Alternates

Angie Vannatter, Chair  
Charles McBurney, Vice-Chair  
Ray Aleksic  
Mack Bissette  
Vickie Breedlove  
Joyce Brown  
Richard Cardell  
Susan Cave  
Robert Chadwick  
Art Costa  
George Cotto  
Christine Fuchs  
Lowell Griffith

Jack Hale  
Jim Hill  
Ralph Hodges  
David Jaffee  
Bill Kintz  
Gamal Lyons  
Mark MacLean  
Marlene Tege-MacMillin  
Charles Magee  
Gene Maszy  
Karen McCarthy  
Jim McKenney  
David Meyer

Evette Murrell  
Dave Pentel  
Paul Riel  
Henry Rogers  
James Royal  
Ralph Saffy  
Nancy Van Pelt  
Jimmy Vannatter  
Kim Whigham  
Betty Wolfe  
Rose Zurawski

### City Staff/Ex-Officio/Guests

Angela Afen, Sheriff's Office  
Kris Barnes, DCSB  
Rick Butler  
John Crofts, Mayor's Liaison  
Debbie Delgado, CC Aide Dist 5  
Michael Dickey, Consumer Affairs  
Sally Edwards  
Jim Green, FDOT  
Cheryl Jones  
Jack Jordan, Brierwood  
Sgt E. W. Kenny, Sheriff's Office  
Rhonda Lowe, UNF Nursing  
Elaine Mann, DCSB

Jeri McCormick  
Wayne Miller  
Frank Morgan  
Joanne Morgan  
Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection  
Vickie Scott-Murph, Greenland Estates  
George Tawes, Property Safety  
Pope Tokumbo, UNF Nursing  
Leona Toppal, Village Green II  
Dawn Wood, Neighborhood Services  
Havis York, Property Safety

### Excused

Patrick Corrado  
Mark Roesser

### Call to Order

Angie Vannatter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

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

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Sgt Kenny reported that the sheriff's office is implementing directed patrol programs. He also reported on crime statistics in the southeast district. The largest problem is burglary to autos and residences. Keeping doors locked and garage doors closed are the best safeguards. The southeast district traffic fatalities account for 30% of the overall traffic fatalities in the city. Questions were asked about abandoned cars along highway. Call JSO's non-emergency number for these. For junk cars on private property, contact 630-CITY.

### **Speakers**

Sherry Hogan, Director of Development at JMOMA (Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art) gave an overview of their renovations and programs. Free Art Walks are held every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and Sundays are free when accompanied by children. She encouraged everyone to become a member.

Anna Dooley with Greenscape gave a history of the organization. This non-profit group is responsible for a lot of the trees planted along roadsides. She stated that Greenscape functions by donations and "doers" and encourage membership. She also encouraged members to get in touch with Greenscape about other needed projects.

Susan Hughes, Vice President of Environmental Services at JEA gave a brief history of the organization and the environmental achievements that have been reached over the years. JEA went from being one of the most expensive to one of the least expensive over time. JEA is also the largest producer of solar power in the state. A question and answer period followed.

### **Chair's Report**

- The minutes were unanimously approved.
- Angie introduced new members Susan Cave of Hunter's Green and Gene Maszy and Dave Pentel of Southside Business Men's Club.
- Clean It Up Jacksonville Day was scheduled for Saturday, October 23 but was canceled. With the number of hurricanes and subsequently clean up from storm debris, other CPAC chairs were concerned that "clean up fatigue" would affect participation. The next big cleanup is scheduled prior to Super Bowl. Jail trustees are going to be used to cleanup Cuba Hunter Park due to the swampy nature of the surrounding land.
- Angie established a nominating committee for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2005. The subcommittee chair is Kim Whigham (262-9619) with members Bill Kintz (568-7325) and Gamal Lyons (880-9075). The election of new officers will be completed at the November meeting. Call any of these members with nominations.
- Angie passed around the courthouse presentation given to the BJP Oversight Committee at its last meeting.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**Economic Development & Transportation** –Gamal Lyons reported on the following issues the subcommittee discussed:

- Baymeadows Golf Course future development. There will be a meeting on Wednesday at 7p.m. at Twin Lakes Middle School on this issue.
- Kernan Boulevard becoming 4 or 6 lanes
- Rapid Transit and Baymeadows Road
- The possibility of toll lanes on Butler Boulevard
- Increasing the use of students on buses

- Cuba Hunter park walkway proposal by Lowell Griffith

**Environmental** –Chris Fuchs reported on the following issues the subcommittee discussed:

- Plans for the Baymeadows golf course and the issue of fertilizer run-off causing toxic soil and pollution to Pottsburg Creek
- Carriage Crossing Phase I has completed a Communi-Tree application
- Slowness of the city to pick up yard waste
- Cuba Hunter park walkway proposal by Lowell Griffith

**Land Use & Zoning** – Paul Riel reported on the following issues the subcommittee discussed:

- Proposed condominium development on Greenland Road – there is a meeting on November 18 at Loretto Elementary School at 6 p.m. concerning this issue.
- Cuba Hunter park walkway proposal by Lowell Griffith
- Kernan Coalition lowering their opposition to 6 lanes provided the city involves and preserves the community.

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

- Yard waste not being picked up
- Political signs obstructing views while driving (these can be removed by anyone – they are illegal when not in someone’s private property or when posted without permission of the owner of a home or business)

Jim thanked everyone again for nominating him for the CPAC individual award from the mayor.

**Staff Reports**

- John Crofts, Mayor’s Liaison, reported that Sharon Copeland is now the City Council LUZ chair.
- Jeri Ricks, Building Inspection, stated that political signs are a focus of the division at this time.
- Kris Barnes, DCSB, reported that
  - Duval County schools will be making up 5 of the 6 hurricane days.
  - There will be a redistricting of Spring Glen and Greenfield Elementary Schools. A meeting will be held at Twin Lakes Elementary School in January on this issue.
  - The Duval County magnet school program was awarded \$9 million to start up new programs.
  - The land search for a high school of the southside is getting close to an end.
- Jim Green, FDOT, reported the following:
  - Southside / Baymeadows intersection improvements – Monday, November 8 at Twin Lakes Middle School
  - Long Range Transportation Plan is nearing completion and will be adopted in December
  - Tolls on Butler may be in the future because of budget shortfalls. These would be in the form of “hot lanes.”

Check the FDOT website for updates: [www.dot.state.fl.us](http://www.dot.state.fl.us).

- Dawn Wood, Neighborhood Services Division, reported that the Florida Neighborhoods Conference was a great success with over 1400 participants including exhibitors. She thanked everyone who volunteered and attended. Chris Fuchs won a state Neighborhood Award. Congratulations to her.

- George Tawes, Property Safety Code Enforcement, reported that junk vehicles must be on private property for it to be handled by them.
- Michael Dickey, Consumer Affairs, gave two links for information on checks and finances: [www.consumerunion.org](http://www.consumerunion.org) and <http://www.federalreserve.gov/paymentsys.htm>. Beginning October 28 checks will be able to be cleared electronically in minutes.

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

**NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 22, 2004 at Mandarin Library, 3330 Kori Road.**

**Directions: Kori Road is located just south of the intersection of San Jose Boulevard and Old St. Augustine Road. Going south on San Jose from that intersection, turn right on Kori Road. The library will be in front of you. The CPAC will meet in the large community room.**