

**SOUTHEAST
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
October 27, 2008**

6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Rd., Main Hospital, Auditorium C, Jacksonville, FL.
32216

Call to Order

Gamal Lyons, SE CPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Speakers

John Rutherford, Sheriff, JSO, City of Jacksonville; presented an overview of the past year for the JSO and shared many of their challenges for the future. One of the biggest challenges was/is the budget. Budget limitations have affected the amount of officers and services that are available to the community. Currently, Jacksonville has had the highest murder rate in the state for the last 9 years and is 3rd in the nation for traffic fatalities. Violent crime in the Southeast district has gone up 5% this year alone. To combat these challenges JSO had a nationally recognized auditor complete an evaluation with the focus directed on what the city needs to increase safety. Results from the evaluation revealed that JSO needs to add a substantial amount of staff; 225 police officers, 124 correctional officers and 84 civilian positions. The Sheriff agrees with the results of the evaluation, but would like to make improvements beyond the some of the auditors' recommendations. The Sheriff also touched on the Jacksonville Journey and endorsed the program. The Sheriff also encouraged the citizens to form or to be active in their Neighborhood Watch programs, join ShAdCo, work with their area schools and to talk to their neighbors. To learn more about the various JSO programs and crime statistics visit www.coj.net and click on the Sheriffs' Office.

Staff Reports

Ed Hall, Mayor Liaison: no report – available for questions.

Jim Green, FDOT: no report – available for questions.

Aaron Glick, Planning & Development Department: informed the group that there are 2 PUD applications that go before the Planning Commission on November 13th. They are:

2008-936 Daniel Memorial treatment facility expansion (on Belfort Road)

2006-871 Baymeadows Road/Southside Boulevard

There are some questions regarding specific uses included in each of these PUDs

- **Rosemary Wesolowski, Housing & Neighborhoods Department**: inquired if everyone was able to open the emails that she sends.

Chair's Report

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved September 2008 meeting summary.
- Acknowledged Councilmember Redman attendance.
- Reminded the group that Pat Corrado is the subcommittee chair for the nominating committee. If anyone would like to make a nomination for the SE CPAC chair and/or vice chair please contact Pat.
- Introduced Quinn Bledsoe, Recreation Services Superintendent, City of Jacksonville would be joining us monthly at our meetings and that she will be one of our guest speakers at the November meeting.
- Asked the CPAC by a show of hands to determine if we were to have a December meeting, have a holiday gathering at a restaurant or skip the December meeting and meet again in January. The group voted on meeting at an area restaurant for a gathering. The date, time and location to be determined.
- Recognized that SW CPAC chair, Ralph Malphurs passed away. Ralph had been active in the community for many years and very active with Wolfsons Children's Hospital. Ralph will be missed by many in the community.
- 2 upcoming Better Jacksonville Plan community meetings: Thursday, November 13, 2008 ~ Touchton Road ~ 5:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church 3722 Belfort Road and Thursday, November 20, 2008 ~ Dean Road ~ 5:30 p.m. Hendricks Day School 1824 Dean Road.
- Metropolitan Park Charrette Visioning Workshop ~ November 15, 2008 at the Ed Ball Building, 1st Floor Training Room, 214 N. Hogan Street 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to share your ideas for a potential redesign of Metropolitan Park.

Subcommittee Reports:

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: no report, but stated that he had been traveling and upon his return it impressed him how clean and nice Jacksonville looked in comparison to other cities.

Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Kathleen Perera: reminded the group to utilize the weekly reports from FDOT and JTA to try and avoid construction and project areas. Currently there are not any CPAC district economic details to share, but as a whole the country is experiencing difficult economic times. Nationwide our investments have been impacted and the professionals are recommending that the average investors should not panic, sell or make drastic changes.

Education – Chairman: George Banks. No report. George mentioned that due to budget restrictions in the school civics may be removed from the curriculum. Mike Lashbrook stated that Duval County Schools were ending the block scheduling. This means that High Schools will go from 8 classes down to 7 classes per day. State Representative Charles McBurney stated that state education dollars are very tight, but one of the issues that the education subcommittee is working on is to ensure that civics

education will continue to be provided by all school in Florida.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan informed the group that the steering committee has completed all of their workshops. The next phase of the visioning process is to meet with the vision plan consultant to determine what issues will be in the vision plan. The issues that can't/won't be in the vision plan will be sent to the CPAC to address.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Michael Lashbrook. The LUZ Subcommittee presented 2 motions of oppositions to the CPAC; they are: **E08-68** Application for Zoning Exception; the CPAC is in opposition to the proposed application and they are for the same reasons outlined in the Planning Department's recommendation of denial. **Ordinance 2008-889** proposed change to the Future Land Use Element of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The existing land use allows for a proper review procedure by both the Planning Commission and the City Council before an assisted living facility can be placed in a low density residential neighborhood.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens. Outreach to our non-active members has been completed.

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic – no report.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

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

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 24, 2008

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