

**SOUTHEAST
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
September 24, 2007**

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

- **Gamal Lyons, SE CPAC Chair**, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. He had no announcements. He acknowledged the UNF nurses and invited them to participate in any subcommittee meetings.

Speakers

- **Tiffany Reeves, Community Outreach Coordinator, Florida Department of Financial Services**, discussed hurricane preparedness (from a financial standpoint), homeowner's insurance coverage, policy limits, hurricane deductibles and a new program - *My Safe Florida Home*. *My Safe Florida Home* offers free wind inspections of single family detached homes, and provides guidance on strengthening homes against catastrophic storms. Following the inspection, a report is issued and the state offers matching grants to help pay the cost of recommended improvements. For more information, call Tiffany Reeves at (904) 798-5800.

Staff Reports

- **Jim Green, FDOT**: announced the next public hearing will be held October 16, at the Deerwood Center regarding the Rapid Transit System and the environmental impact study. The public hearing will follow an open house scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m. [on the same date](#).
- **Mary Beth Ridderman, Housing and Neighborhoods**: announced the final day of Neighborhood Services Division is September 28. Services to the CPAC will be provided by Housing and Neighborhoods under a new division. To reduce costs, summaries will no longer be mailed to CPACs. Copies will be sent via e-mail and made available at the meetings - a legal opinion was obtained before this decision was made. Two coordinators' positions are funded. The Finance Committee is scheduled to vote on Sept. 25 regarding funding for a third coordinator - if the additional position is approved, Rosemary Wesolowski will provide administrative support to the Southeast and Greater Arlington Beaches CPACs. Marilyn Fenton Harmer will provide support to the Northwest and Urban Core CPACs. Mary Beth Ridderman will provide support for the Southwest and North CPACs.
- **Aaron Glick, Planning and Development**: reported the rewrite was passed regarding Commercial zoning.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

The subcommittees met from 7:23 to 7:52 p.m.

• **Chair's Report**

- Verified quorum.
- Voted and approved August 2007 meeting summary.
- The October meeting date was changed to October 29.
- The October speaker will be Sheriff John Rutherford.
- In October a slate of officers will be presented.
- In November the election of CPAC officers is scheduled.
- The December meeting will change to the third Monday, Dec. 17. A suggestion was made to meet at a restaurant instead of having a covered dish at the annual social. Jim Hill made a motion to have the meeting at the Players' Grill. The motion was seconded and the members voted to have the Dec. 17 meeting at the Players' Grill. Jim Hill said he will make arrangements with the restaurant.
- The chair is serving on the Storm Water Advisory Committee. The group is working on how to appropriate fees, considering exceptions and how to spend the fees collected. Meetings are open to the public and are held at different public libraries. The next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 26 at 4:30.

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• **Subcommittee Reports:**

Beautification and Environment – Chairperson: Dick Cardell: reported an on-going problem with lawn services blowing leaves into the storm drains.

Education – Chairman Cal Walton: reported UNF has opened the North-South Road on campus with new parking configurations. The new shuttle is working very well, shuttling students from outer parking lots, and easing congestion. A new student union building is under construction.

Growth Management – Chairman: Frank Morgan: Frank Morgan was excused.

Economic Development and Transportation – Chairperson: Bill Kintz: reported the transportation redesign of the Kernan Corridor shows interest in a bus route to connect FCCJ to UNF, the Town Center and Kernan. It would be good to have UNF involved in the meetings.

Land Use & Zoning – Chairman: Jim Hill: reported his name was dropped from the Planning and Development's notice list in mid-June, but he should resume receiving notices. During the subcommittee meeting, Aaron Glick reported an application was made to make minor modifications to increase the height of apartments at Bennett Creek.

Membership Recruitment – Chairman: Gloria Stephens: No report. Gloria Stephens was excused.

Safety – Chairman: Ray Aleksic: Announced speed limits for the school (student drop off) zone at Old Kings Road and Sunbeam Road is being strictly enforced by JSO. He advised caution on Halloween – do not allow trick-or-treaters inside the home and

suggested instead of allowing them near homes, greet and treat them at the end of the home's driveway.

The floor was opened to all in attendance:

- Dick Cardell announced attendance at his neighborhood association meeting had been very low, but James McGarvey's request to change the comprehensive plan on Lakewood Apartments resulted in over 200 members turning out for the association meeting. McGarvey's request was vetoed.
- George Baker announced that Bill Kintz had done a good job – over 100 people showed up at the City Council meeting and the overpass issue passed. He added "CPAC works". Bill Kintz added the Coalition lost two members who opposed the overpass.
- Gamal Lyons announced Charles McBurney was elected. He suggested the coordinator arrange for Mr. McBurney to speak in January, 2008 to update the CPAC on the referendum and tax structure. At this time, the referendum has been stopped due to unclear language.
- *A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote: all in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.*

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 29, 2007

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