

District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Dewey Walker
Vice Chair: Kathy Budd

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville Kent Campus
3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Room F-128
April 14, 2014

Attendance

Members:

Chair (Springtree Village) - Dewey Walker
Vice Chair (Council District 10) - Kathy Budd
Hyde Grove Terrace - Shirley Lowry
Hyde Grove Terrace - Peggy Myers
Murray Hill Preservation - Len Burroughs
Timuquana Manor N. - Alice Turknett
Timuquana Manor N. - Polly Walker
Trinity Ministries - Bruce Tyson
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin

Excused:

Charter Member - Don Ingram
Charter Member - Chuck Mann
Armstrong & Bosh Insurance - Opal Burgstiner
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Confederate Point Civic - James Nolting
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly
The Village Salon - Steve Shaffer
Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley
Westside Business Leaders - Jane Miller

Absent:

Crystal Springs - Marilyn Lehman
West Jax Civic - Richard Dill

Three consecutive unexcused absences by the organization's representatives will result in the organization's removal as a CPAC member

Elected Officials: none present

Staff:

City of Jacksonville Mayor's Office Representative - Angela Spears
City of Jacksonville Parks and Recreation - Sherry Wilson
City of Jacksonville Planning and Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
City of Jacksonville Planning and Development - Andy Hetzel
City of Jacksonville Regulatory - Municipal Code Compliance - Devron Cody
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Lt. Stephen Spates

Guests:

Patty Neal - ShAdCo	Brenda Kirkpatrick - Murray Hill Preservation Association
Lara Hipps - Hipps Group	Tom Dumas - Thomas Dumas, Inc. (Guest Speaker)
Darrell Barrow - Hyde Grove Terrace	Harry Bailey - Taxpayer
Linda Barrow - Hyde Grove Terrace	Abner Davis - Clara White Mission (membership in progress)
Shirley Collins - Hyde Grove Terrace	

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Dewey Walker called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

Approval of the February summary had been deferred to allow additional time for the February speaker, Sheriff Rutherford. A motion to approve the February summary was made by Tom Martin and seconded by Len Burroughs. All were in favor. Chair Walker mentioned that members had not received electronic copies of the March summary. He referenced information he had received from Ms. Ridderman regarding the number of attendees at the March meeting. Vice Chair Budd initiated a brief discussion regarding the correct number of attendees - 225 people were counted. Mr. Tyson mentioned he and Kathy Budd had done the count. The number of people who signed in may not be consistent with the actual head count. Chair Walker deferred the approval of the March

summary until the April 14 meeting.

3. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** – Lt. Stephen Spates reported:
 - Fat Cats remains closed. The shooting at Fat Cats is related to other Jacksonville incidents. The shooting remains under investigation. A bar with a different name may open at the same location.
 - Sheriff Rutherford and the news stations mentioned Operation Guardian, an investigation into adults using electronic devices to solicit sex from minor children in Jacksonville. The suspects, ages 19-52, traveled from as far away as Valdosta, Lake City and New Smyrna Beach to have sex with children, but instead, met undercover officers. JSO will continue to investigate these types of incidents.
 - A question was raised about internet cafes. Lt Spates explained that all internet cafes are closed at this time. Internet cafes may reopen at a later date and JSO will continue to investigate them.
 - A JSO Lieutenant's Walk is scheduled for Saturday, beginning at Fouraker Road and Patou Drive South at 9:30 a.m. Call 513-3165 for more information.
- **Mayor's Representative** – Ms. Spears reported:
 - Mayor Brown met with the CPAC Chairs. They discussed the CPAC Executive Order and the need for more CPAC publicity. She has followed up by placing CPAC meetings on Facebook and Twitter.
 - The Tire and Sign Buyback was a huge success, with over 23,000 tires and 6000 illegal signs collected by approximately 3000 residents.
 - A resident commented that he enjoyed One Spark event and found that the free parking was an incentive to go downtown. Ms. Spears suggested for future visits, park and ride the Skyway.
 - Call 630-CITY (2489) to report blight.
 - Ms. Spears may be contacted at 630-1977.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – No representative.
 - The Honorable Becki Couch may be contacted at couchr@duvalschools.org or 390-2373.
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Mr. McNamara's absence was excused.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – no representative.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps reported:
 - Cecil Airport Advisory Committee meets on June 2, 7 pm. at the Cecil Conference Center, 13561 Lake Newman St.
 - City Council presented a resolution: April is Aviation month.
 - Progress is being made on the Flightstar building.
 - For more information, please contact Ms. Hipps at 781-2654 or 509-2914.
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Nancy Kilgo reported:
 - JEA is focused on customer service.
 - JEA offers a presentation on savings.
 - Sewer and water connections are not provided to all Duval residents. It is difficult to maintain a sanitary home when the septic tank continually causes problems due to rain and area flooding. Another resident commented that JEA should provide sewer and water connections to all residents. A brief discussion was held regarding the Better Jacksonville Plan and suggestions how to fund expansion. Ms. Kilgo explained that current base rates do not allow for expansion. Rates will increase with expansion. Chair Walker ended the discussion and suggested this may be a topic for a future presentation.
 - For more information, please visit <https://www.jea.com/>. To request a presentation, please contact Ms. Kilgo at 665-6439 or kilgna@jea.com.
 - To report an outage call (904) 665-6000.
 - Chair Walker thanked Ms. Kilgo for her report.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Sherry Wilson reported:
 - She provided copies of JAXPARKS Activities Guide for Spring - Summer 2014.
 - Summer Camps are from June 23 – August 1.
 - She provided handouts for the Summer Night Lights Basketball League, June 19 - August 9. The leagues will be for ages 13-21 and will offer male and female teams. The league is free. For more information, call Robert at 509-8576 or Shawn at 400-8651.
 - Summer Night Lights Programs will be available at Mary Lena Gibbs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Basketball, mentoring and other activities will be offered. JSO will be on site.
 - A concern was expressed that a port-o-let is needed at Stockton Park for Easter and other holidays.
 - A question was raised about the Request for Bids at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. Ms. Wilson explained that Council Member Carter is working on it.
- **Planning and Development Department:**
 - **Planning** – Andy Hetzel provided a printed report.
 - A resident expressed concern about receiving no notice of proposed 43 apartments on Wiley Road that will provide transitional housing for homeless persons. The site plan has already been approved by the City. (Andy said he will look into it further. No notice was provided to residents because it was unnecessary for the owner to change zoning).
 - Contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** - Mary Beth Ridderman reported:

- April 11 was her 9th anniversary with the City of Jacksonville and the SW CPAC. She has staffed two CPACs since 2007 and three CPACs since August, 2013. She has not missed a CPAC meeting.
- The City of Jacksonville advertised for a Human Services Planner II. She is unsure if that is to fill the open position for the Urban Core and Northwest Districts or if it is for a different position.
- Charles Kelley's family asked to announce that Mr. Kelley is in the hospital. Mr. Kelley's birthday is this month. Ms. Ridderman will send a get well card and a birthday card from the CPAC.
- For more information, contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

•**Regulatory Compliance**

o **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Devron Cody reported:

- Officers have cited over 5600 complaints in Zone 4 since October 1, 2013.
- Officers investigated complaints about decorative lights at R& R Auto Parks. R& R Management said the lights had been disconnected because of a prior complaint. R& R Management reported they have applied for a building permit for a new building that can be seen over the fence. The Building Department is investigating.
- A concern was expressed about peddlers who park on the county right of way on Argyle Forest Boulevard and destroy landscaping that is maintained by the area homeowners' associations. (When peddlers or vendors are observed, please call 630-CITY or JSO at 630-0500. If vendors are observed on weekends, report by email to 630CITY@coj.net.)
- Please report concerns about City property or private property to 630-CITY (2489).
- Chair Walker thanked Mr. Cody for his report.

4. **Presentation:** Collins Road and I-295 Vision by Tom Dumas of Thomas Dumas, Inc.

- Vice Chair Kathy Budd introduced Mr. Dumas.
- The property is located on both sides of Collins Road, west of and adjacent to I-295. It is suburban redevelopment, considered a new commercial hub for the Westside and a new front door to Jacksonville's Westside.
- The Northwest portion of the property is under sales contract to Gatlin for a Super Wal-Mart. The sale may close within 90 days.
- The Times Union announced that Costco is interested in the property on the Southwest corner. There is no contract – their interest is contingent upon the Parramore Road extension (which will begin at Collins near I-295 and end near the Sam's Club on Youngerman Circle.)
- The city's portion of the ad valorem and sales tax is projected to be \$9,469,000 per year.
- Approximately 772 new direct jobs, 44 indirect jobs and 316 construction jobs are expected. Of the direct jobs, salaries will pay \$40,000 plus benefits.
- Overall, the Duval County income is projected to be \$29 million with \$58 million in gross product.
- Wal-Mart will deed a large conservation area to the North Florida Land Trust for water retention, the Argyle Community Garden and possibly a dog park.
- Mr. Dumas provided a PowerPoint presentation on the subject.
- Chair Walker presented Mr. Dumas with a certificate of appreciation. The CPAC applauded Mr. Dumas for his informative presentation.

5. **Chair's Report:**

- Chair Walker thanked everyone who helped at the March meeting where Sheriff Rutherford was the special guest speaker. He sent news releases to 6 television stations. There were 225 attendees and 3 television stations. He did a live television interview afterwards. He invited all City Council Members. Three Council Members one Aide attended. Two Council Members sent regrets that they were unable to attend.
- Sheriff Rutherford made a commitment that before he leaves office in 18 months, the Westside will have a Police Athletic League (PAL) Program.
- He attended two meetings with other CPAC Chairs. The Task Force has determined that CPACs are ineffective and they want to disband CPACs. The Task Force is looking at a Los Angeles model of Neighborhood Councils to replace the CPACs. The Chairs invited Rena Coughlin, Chair of the Task Force on Consolidated Government Neighborhoods and Planning Subcommittee, who denied that the Task Force ever recommended to disband the CPACs.
- He attended a City Council meeting, but the Task Force recommendations were not mentioned.
- The Mayor met with the CPAC Chairs for 1.5 hours on April 2.
 - o The Executive Order and By-Laws were discussed – they are in the process of being updated.
 - o The Chairs suggested that one person deliver Sunshine Law training to all CPACs, so each CPAC receives the same information, for example regarding communication between members.
 - o Chair Walker told the Mayor that the CPACs have no funding for postage and they have no staffing – one coordinator for 3 CPACs. Mayor Brown said he is committed to keeping the funding low.
 - o Chair Walker raised the issue of CPAC membership. The appointment letter says two years, but now members stay on the CPAC until they stop attending. He suggested membership be reviewed by the Chair every two years to validate continuing in CPAC.
 - o CPAC promotion was discussed. Communications Director David DeCamp said he is putting together a CPAC publicity campaign. Angela Spears, Administrative Aide, said she will put the CPAC meetings

on the COJ site so it will be e-blasted to everyone on the list. Chair Walker said he receives 3-4 copies of each meeting notice.

- o Mayor Brown committed to meet with the Chairs on a quarterly basis.
- Chair Walker raised the issue of meeting at an earlier time to increase participation. A brief discussion was held. Members Len Burroughs and Tom Martin said the 7 p.m. time is fine. No other members made a motion to change the time. The meeting will continue to be held at 7 p.m. Chair Walker tabled the issue.

6. Elected Officials' Report: none

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- Beatification/Parks/Environment – Mr. Carter's absence was excused. Volunteers are needed. Meetings may be held at 6 or 6:30 on the same day as the CPAC meeting.
- Transportation – Tom Martin reported:
 - o The following items were discussed at the April 2, 2014 meeting of the North Florida Transportation and Planning Organization (NFTPO).
 - o Approved FDOT request amending the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for 2013/2014 through fiscal year 2017/2018. The amendment included a federal grant for funding for the St. Johns River Ferry operation. The grant is related to the federal lands access program. It also included an environmental mitigation project related to the Putnam County Rail Trail.
 - o NFTPO staff presented the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016.
 - o Will Watts, Bridge Maintenance Engineer presented an overview of the Mathews Bridge incident, involving the collision of a Naval vessel with the bridge. The extent of the damage, method of repair and participants in the project were described.
 - o Updated presentation of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and Path Forward 2040 – Investing in Our Future. Denise Bunnewith and Terry Shaw presented the information.
 - o An update of the JTA bus route optimization initiative.
 - o Mr. Martin discussed public rail transportation in Portland Oregon. The service was very accessible (very 15 minutes) and affordable (\$1 to ride the rail vs. \$38 to ride a shuttle).
 - o The next meeting is May 7, at 6 p.m.
 - o Chair Walker announced next month's presentation is the 2014 Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Sheriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Alice Turknett reported:
 - o Sheriff Rutherford sent his thanks for a welcoming group at the March 10 CPAC meeting. He was glad to see so many ShAdCo members. He was most complimentary of the turnout.
 - o She expressed her concern that the City no longer seems interested in neighborhoods or CPACs. In past years, residents went to Florida Neighborhood Conferences and had a Neighborhoods magazine. Now the CPACs only have two people for the entire city. She thanked Ms. Ridderman for her leadership.
 - o The following are ShAdCo meeting dates:
 - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church. Visitors and new members are welcome.
 - ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center. Visitors and new members are welcome.
 - ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Cecil Recreation Center – Aquatic Center. Visitors and new members are welcome.
- Safety – Bruce Tyson announced:
 - o Hurricane season begins soon. Be prepared.
 - o Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson reported:
 - A new runway, taxi way and hangar are under construction. All hangars are rented.
 - He spoke with Ed Randolph. A Fed Ex building is under construction and a Hillwood building is planned.

8. Unfinished Business – none.

9. New Business – none.

10. Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit):

- Abner Davis, Director of Marketing for the Clara White Mission, apologized for his absence. He lost his brother in a car accident on February 26. Mr. Davis agreed to be the CPAC Public Relations person. His organization has nominated him as the primary representative. He has not yet filed for public office.
- Kathy Budd announced coyotes have been seen in the Hyde Grove Creek Side and Hyde Grove Terrace neighborhoods. Coyotes eat small wild animals and pets. A video is available on how to co-exist with them or trap them. Someone put up a coyote crossing sign on Hyde Grove Avenue near where the coyotes have been seen.
- Bruce Tyson announced black bears are also on the move. They have been seen on Old Middleburg Road.
- Harry Bailey said his neighborhood has been overlooked for 20 years. Even the Better Jacksonville Plan overlooked his neighborhood. Sewer and water connections are not provided to all Duval residents. It is difficult

to maintain a sanitary home when the septic tank continually causes problems due to rain and area flooding. He has made calls to the Mayor's Office and his City Council Members. (JEA explained that current base rates do not allow for expansion/rates will increase with expansion.)Mr. Bailey wants to learn more about CPACs.

11. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Martin and seconded by Len Burroughs. The vote: all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

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