

# District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Dewey Walker  
Vice Chair: Kathy Budd

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville Kent Campus  
3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Room F-128  
August 11, 2014

### Attendance

#### **Members:**

Chair (Springtree Village) - Dewey Walker  
Vice Chair (Council District 10) - Kathy Budd  
Charter Member - Don Ingram  
Clara White Mission - Abner Davis  
Hyde Grove Terrace - Shirley Lowry  
Hyde Grove Terrace - Peggy Myers  
Murray Hill Preservation - Len Burroughs  
Trinity Ministries - Bruce Tyson  
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin  
Westside Business Leaders - Jane Miller  
West Jax Civic - Ric Dill

#### **Excused:**

Charter Member - Chuck Mann  
Confederate Point Civic - James Nolting  
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara  
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly  
National Society of Colonial Dames - Gina Bradley  
The Village Salon - Steve Shaffer  
Timuquana Manor N. - Alice Turknett  
Timuquana Manor N. - Polly Walker  
Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley

#### **Absent:**

Armstrong & Bosh Insurance - Opal Burgstiner  
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter

#### **Removed:**

Crystal Springs - Marilyn Lehman

*Note: Three consecutive unexcused absences by the organization's representative will result in the organization's removal as a CPAC member*

#### **Elected Officials:**

City Council Member District 12 - Honorable Doyle Carter

#### **Staff:**

Mayor's Liaison - Angela Spears  
City of Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services - Nicole Harris  
City of Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services - Mike Sigler  
City of Jacksonville Parks and Recreation - Keith Meyer  
City of Jacksonville Planning and Development - Mary Beth Ridderman  
City of Jacksonville Planning and Development - Andy Hetzel  
City of Jacksonville Regulatory - Municipal Code Compliance - Dennis Steele  
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Karen Taulbee  
Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) - Nancy Kilgo  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Lt. Jesse York  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Officer Terrance Barnes  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Officer Kevin Jarrell

#### **Guests:**

Tammy King - First Coast No More Homeless Pets
Darrell Barrow - Hyde Grove Terrace Neighborhood Watch
Linda Barrow - Hyde Grove Terrace Neighborhood Watch
Raymond Morkin - ShAdCo
Robbie Peeples
Lara Hipps - Hipps Group
Johao Stewart - United Way
Patty Neal - ShAdCo
Eric Dennis - FL Fish & Wildlife Commission, Lake City Office

### 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Chair Dewey Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

### 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- There was no July meeting. A motion to approve the June summary was made by Bruce Tyson and seconded by Len Burroughs. The vote: all were in favor.

### 3. Staff Reports:

#### • Mayor's Representative – Angela Spears announced:

- o Jacksonville will host a pre-season NBA game on October 8.
- o Jacksonville received a grant to fund veterans' services.
- o Stay in touch with Mayor Alvin Brown and the City of Jacksonville: [www.coj.net/mayor](http://www.coj.net/mayor)

#### • Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Lt. York reported:

- o An arrest was made following a number of van thefts.
- o Auto burglaries continue, primarily to unlocked vehicles.
- o Reports to Crime Stoppers have increased. All reports receive follow-up.
- o ShAdCo Safety Fair – October 4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Oakleaf Town Center.
- o Officers Terrance Barnes and Kevin Jarrell were introduced. Both recently received accommodations for their professional response to a call for service in which the armed suspect was arrested.
- o For more information, call the JSO Zone 4 Office at 513-3165.
- o Assistant Chief Derrick Lewis has been recently assigned to Zone. Assistant Chief Lewis was previously with Homeland Security.
- o To report suspicious activity, call 630-0500.
- o To report a crime in progress, call 911.

#### • Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) – Mr. McNamara's absence was excused.

#### • Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Karen Taulbee provided a written report.

#### • Parks & Recreation – Keith Meyers provided fliers with information about summer programs.

- o For more information, please contact Keith Meyers 255-7936.

#### • Planning and Development Department:

##### o Planning – Andy Hetzel provided a written report.

- Contact Mr. Hetzel at [ahetzel@coj.net](mailto:ahetzel@coj.net) or 255-7821.

##### o Housing and Community Development Division - Mary Beth Ridderman reported:

- Neighborhood Coordinators have a new supervisor, Darrell Griffin. Kenny Logsdon is working on special projects.
- A third Neighborhood Coordinator was hired. Stacey Burch will staff the Northwest and Urban Core CPACs.
- She had no July CPAC meetings. She submitted a request for the Southwest CPACs and learned that FSCJ is reviewing their rental policy. The CPAC has not been charged for meeting space, but this may change. FSCJ's review will not be available until after December 31, 2014. Ms. Ridderman has arranged an alternative 2015 meeting site in the event the meeting space is no longer available.
- She has been repairing of links on all 6 CPAC websites. The links were damaged during the transfer to the Planning Department. She is updating the Directory of Neighborhoods in cooperation with Kenny Logsdon who is updating the Directory of Neighborhoods database. Please update you organization's information. Forms are available at the sign in table or may be transmitted electronically.

#### • Regulatory Compliance

##### o Municipal Code Compliance Division – Dennis Steele reported:

- A rapid training schedule is in place for new employees.
- Please 630-CITY (2489) to report neighborhood issues.

### 4. Presentations: Vice Chair Kathy Budd introduced the speakers

#### • Nuisance Animals in the Neighborhood was presented by Nicole Harris, Animal Care and Protective Services.

- o The City collaborates with other animal welfare agencies with the shared goal of becoming a "no-kill" community.
- o In 2008, 23,000 animals were euthanized. The "save rate" now is 87% of the animals who arrive at shelter. To attain "no-kill" status, the save rate must be at least 90%.
- o Feral Freedom was started in 2008. Animal Care and Protective Services has budget issues and the Feral Freedom helps reduce operating costs and frees now-reduced staff members for other duties.
- o Due to budget issues, Animal Care and Protective Services has no office staff. Previously, 10 staff members were assigned to office duties. Field staff members were reduced from 24 – now 14. Kennel staff members were reduced from 15 to now 8. The veterinary staff increased from 10 – now 11. Four staff members are paid by First Coast No More Homeless Pets.

- o Due to budget issues, challenges are response times, return calls/emails and a culture change. Reduced staff necessitated the only way to contact Animal Care and Protective Services is through CARE (630-CITY).
- o Animal Care and Protective Services appreciates its many donated volunteer hours. Volunteers are needed to provide temporary foster homes to adoptable animals that are medically unable, or possibly too young, to be in shelter.
- o Donations are needed: peanut butter, honey and Kong dog toys (chewable, fillable rubber toys). Peanut butter and honey are smeared in the Kong, frozen and distributed to dogs to help alleviate stress and boredom. Any brands of canned or dry cat food are always needed.
- o Vice Chair Kathy Budd thanked Ms. Harris for her presentation. Chair Walker presented a certificate of appreciation

• **Feral Cats** by Tammy King, First Coast No More Homeless Pets

- o Feral Freedom has become a national model for animal welfare. Grants pay for feral cats to be humanely trapped, provided a full medical check-up, vaccinations, spayed or neutered, an ear is "tipped", and the cats are released back into the same neighborhood or area.
- o Community cats are part of the ecology, reducing Animal Care and Protective Services costs to the taxpayer, reducing shelter intake and shelter space.
- o Responsible cat colony caretakers feed large colonies. This reduces cat hoarding inside of homes or other buildings. This program allows the cats to live their lives. The colony size will eventually diminish.
- o Vice Chair Kathy Budd thanked Ms. King for her presentation. Chair Walker presented a certificate of appreciation

**5. Nuisance Wildlife in the Neighborhoods** by Eric Dennis, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

- Migratory Waterfowl are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The United States and other countries cooperate to protect migratory birds.
  - o Canada Geese – Migratory and Resident Geese - to reduce the numbers of geese –
    - Do not feed them or allow others to feed them.
    - Use loud whistles, horns or bang pot lids together to scare them.
    - Mix and spray grass with one gallon of fermented grape juice mixed with 3 gallons of water. Reapply after rains.
    - Use predator (alligator or coyote) decoys and move them frequently.
    - Permits may be obtained to remove nests or eggs of resident Canada Geese.
  - o Muscovy Ducks – are non-native animals. They may be trapped and removed or their nests may be destroyed.
    - Non-native species may be relocated in the same county, on property of at least 40 contiguous acres, with the land-owner's written permission.
  - o Mallard Ducks – are non-native animals and present a threat to Florida Mottled Ducks, who look similar to Mallards. Permits may be obtained to remove Mallard nests and eggs.
  - o Other Wildlife – (such as raccoons, opossums)
    - Secure garbage cans
    - Leave no pet food outside
    - Remove wildlife feeders
    - Clean and secure barbeque grills
    - Discontinue or cover compost piles
  - o Other non-native animals (wild hogs, armadillos, coyotes)
    - Humanely trap and release
    - Humanely trap and euthanize.
    - Private trappers are available for hire.
  - o Eric Dennis may be contacted at 386-758-0525 or [eric.dennis@myfwc.com](mailto:eric.dennis@myfwc.com).
  - o Learn more at <http://myfwc.com/>.
  - o Mr. Dennis traveled from Lake City, Florida. Vice Chair Kathy Budd thanked Mr. Dennis for his presentation. Chair Walker presented a certificate of appreciation.

**6. Chair's Report:** Dewey Walker reported

- The Southwest CPAC has a new member, Blue Lakes Estates. The representative, Annette Brown, is not present this evening. The Chair will present the Mayoral appointment letter at the next CPAC meeting.
- He appointed Gina Bradley as Chair of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee. Abner Davis was appointed as a subcommittee member.
- He appointed Abner Davis as Chair of the Southwest CPAC's Membership and Public Relations Subcommittee.
- He will entertain a motion to nominate Abner Davis to the TRUE Commission. A motion was made by Len Burroughs to nominate Abner Davis to the TRUE Commission as the Southwest CPAC's representative. A second was made by Bruce Tyson. All were in favor. Chair Walker signed the nomination letter which will be submitted to TRUE, along with the August summary.
- Members were emailed copies of the Executive Order signed by Mayor Brown. A motion was made by Bruce Tyson and seconded by Len Burroughs for the Chair, in behalf of the CPAC, to sign the CPAC By-Laws. All were in favor.

- The holiday party is scheduled for December 8, at 6 p.m. in D-120. There were fewer members involved in 2013. A lot of work is involved to set up, decorate and clean up. A question was raised about meeting at a restaurant. Discussion was held. The decision was made to leave the party at FSCJ. Next month, the Chair will appoint subcommittee members. (Set up and decoration begins at 2:30 p.m. the day of the party and clean-up is usually finished by 9 p.m. Subcommittee members may select specific duties.) Please let the Chair know if you are willing to serve.
- Chair Walker asked Kathy Budd if she had anything, as Vice Chair, to report. Ms. Budd declined.
- A concern was expressed regarding two recent shootings at Canterbury Gardens. A brief discussion was held about positive news from Canterbury: a summer camp for kids with ongoing support from Hibernia Baptist Church and other groups.

## 7. Elected Officials' Report:

- Council Member Doyle Carter reported:
  - City Council is reviewing the budget in weekly meetings.
  - He enjoyed the presentation about nuisance animals - coyotes and geese - which present challenges for many neighborhoods.
  - Jacksonville has the one of the best Animal Care and Protective Services in the country.
  - He will discuss with Mary Beth Ridderman the issue of FSCJ space availability.
  - A brief question and answer session followed Council Member Carter's report.
    - Federal Express is building a warehouse at Cecil Commerce Center and hiring is scheduled to begin by the end of 2014.
    - The Marietta I-10 interchange is on schedule and will be completed by 2015.
    - Guests and members commented on the changes at Marietta, Chafee Road and State Road 23.
  - Council Member Carter, a Charter Member of the Southwest CPAC, thanked CPAC members for their work in the community.
  - Chair Walker thanked Council Member Carter to attending the Southwest CPAC.

## 8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- Beatification/Parks/Environment – Mr. Carter was absent. Volunteers are needed.
- Transportation- Tom Martin was unable to attend the last Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) meeting.
  - Mr. Martin expressed the following concerns:
    - Regarding the TPO's 2020 priority projects list. He questioned the existing plan for a transportation and convention center with primarily buses to provide transportation.
    - It is premature to move the Greyhound Bus Station at this time, when other transportation links are not in place.
    - Bus Rapid Transit has problems with ADA Compliance (Americans with Disability Act) – the buses are not properly equipped and this makes loading very slow, which then affects route timeliness.
    - Buses cannot handle a large number of people. Large numbers would be present for conventions, sports or entertainment.
    - A light rail system would be more efficient and is needed in this area.
  - ShAdCo – Alice Turknnett's absence was excused.
  - Safety – in the interest of time, this subcommittee will be removed from the agenda. Bruce Tyson will monitor safety issues and report, as needed, during Public Comments.
  - Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson thanked Council Member Carter for his earlier report on Cecil.
  - Governmental Affairs – Gina Bradley's absence was excused. Volunteers are needed.
  - Education – Chair Walker asked if anyone was interested in chairing this subcommittee. There was no response. In the interest of time, this subcommittee will be removed from the agenda.
  - Membership – Abner Davis had no report at this time. Volunteers are needed.
  - Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis was nominated as the Southwest CPAC representative (See Chair's Report).

## 9. Unfinished Business – none.

## 10. New Business – none.

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

- The Edgewood Bakery was sold. The new owners have converted the conference facility to storage. As a result, the Westside Business Leaders have no meeting space.

## 12. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Martin and seconded by Bruce Tyson. The vote: all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: September 8, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**  
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There is no recording of this meeting due to an equipment malfunction.  
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