

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
October 13, 2014

Attendance

Members:

Chair (Springtree Village) - Dewey Walker
Vice Chair (Council District 10) – Kathy Budd
Charter Member – Don Ingram
Clara White Mission – Abner Davis
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Myers
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
National Society of Colonial Dames – Gina Bradley
Timuquana Manor N. – Alice Turknett
Timuquana Manor N. – Polly Walker
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin
Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller
West Jax Civic – Ric Dill

Excused:

Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry
The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley

Absent - Pending Removal:

Armstrong & Bosh Insurance – Opal Burgstiner
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly

Removed:

Note: Three consecutive unexcused absences by the organization's representative will result in the organization's removal as a CPAC member. To request an excused absence, please contact Mary Beth Ridderman: marybeth@coj.net or (904) 255-8260.

Elected Officials:

Council Member Doyle Carter

Staff:

Mayor's Liaison – Angela Spears
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
JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority) – Nancy Kilgo
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. Michael Eason

Staff Excused:

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Karen Taulbee

Guests:

Alberta Hipps – Hipps Group	Debbie Johnson – SE CPAC	Holland Rumph
Ray Morkin	Anna Brosche	Dan Tatsch - Hillwood
Darrell Barrow	Michael Fisher	
Linda Barrow	Bernice Gremer	

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

- A motion to approve the September summary was made by Len Burroughs and seconded by Paul McNamara.

The vote: all were in favor.

3. Staff Reports:

- **Mayor's Representative** – Angela Spears announced:
 - Alliance will bring new jobs to Jacksonville.
 - The 2nd Annual Women's Up event will be held Oct. 23 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Lynwood Roberts Room.
 - Stay in touch with Mayor Alvin Brown and the City of Jacksonville: www.coj.net/mayor
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** – Lt. Michael Eason reported:
 - Auto burglaries are up 23%.
 - Burglaries to residences are up 15%.
 - Burglaries to businesses are down 31%.
 - Car Jacking is down 20%.
 - Robbery to businesses is up 33%.
 - Aggravated battery is down 27%.
 - Arson is up 200% (two cases from no cases last month).
 - Auto burglary is up 23%. Most cases involve unlocked vehicles.
 - Auto theft is up 33%.
 - Auto burglaries and robberies tend to increase during the holidays. Do not place gift boxes or containers in the trash or recycling bin where they can be seen.
 - A concern was expressed by Alice Turknett that the number of guns in schools is increasing. Three guns were recently introduced inside Westside schools. Other guns have been taken into schools citywide.
 - A concern was expressed by Mike Fisher - the Fishweir Elementary School zone needs to be expanded for children's safety. Chair Walker suggested Mr. Fisher prepare a letter to be discussed at the next CPAC meeting. He asked Mr. Fisher to email the letter to Ms. Ridderman, who forward it to the Chair.
 - Dispatched calls for service: <http://callsforservice.jaxsheriff.org/>
 - Crime statistics: <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/crime-statistics-information-acceptance.aspx>.
 - Visit the Dispatch newsletter at <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriff-s-office/docs/news-room/publications/dispatch/2014-jso-community-edition-of-dispatch.aspx>
 - For more information, call the JSO Zone 4 Office at 513-3165.
 - To report suspicious activity, call 630-0500.
 - To report a crime in progress, call 911.
- **Regulatory Compliance** - Municipal Code Compliance Division – Dennis Steele reported:
 - Zone 4 has new employees. One officer completed training last week. The division has the highest number of new officers in two years.
 - Issues include zoning and litter. Litter includes stick signs often seen at major intersections and signs tacked to telephone poles. Approximately 1000 illegal signs are picked up each month.
 - Officers' safety is a concern when they pick up signs placed near roadways.
 - Please 630-CITY (2489) to report neighborhood issues.
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Paul McNamara reported:
 - Approximately 1200 students are enrolled at the FSCJ Cecil Center.
 - FSCJ signed a five year contract with the FAA to provide training.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Karen Taulbee's absence was excused.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Alberta Hipps reported:
 - FSCJ hosted the Commercial Space Federation meetings, summit and workshop. Astronauts and visitors from other states attended.
 - JAA is preparing for its annual holiday party. When the date has been determined, Ms. Ridderman will be advised to share the information and invitation.
 - The Flightstar hangar will open soon. When the date has been determined, Ms. Ridderman will be advised to share the information and invitation.
 - At the Cecil Airport Advisory Committee meeting, Rusty Chandler raised the issue of the Naval Air Station (NAS) runway repairs. NAS planes will be housed at Cecil in the Spring of 2015.
- **JEA** (Jacksonville Electric Authority) – Nancy Kilgo was available to answer questions.
 - A question was raised about billing. Ms. Kilgo suggested she make a brief presentation at the next meeting to explain the typical JEA bill. Chair Walker said he would appreciate a presentation.
 - A concern was expressed - JEA contractors trimmed bushes around the power lines but failed to clean up debris. Ms. Kilgo said she will obtain the address and follow-up.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyers reported:
 - Tillie Fowler Regional Park is working with No More Homeless Pets to reduce the feral cat population.
 - Criswell Park received funding from the Tim Tebow Foundation.
 - The Boone Park hardwoods reforestation project is underway in the Northern portion of the park.
 - Parks is working with Brooks Rehabilitation. Mary Lena Gibbs Park has become the home for wheelchair basketball. The team plays on Mondays from 6 – 8 p.m.
 - For more information, please contact Keith Meyers 255-7936.

- **Planning and Development Department:**
 - **Planning** – Andy Hetzel provided information to the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee and provided a written report to the CPAC. Chair Walker thanked Mr. Hetzel for his involvement and stressed the importance of Mr. Hetzel’s role in the success of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.
 - The former College Book Rack on Roosevelt Boulevard is being converted to a Starbucks restaurant with drive-through service.
 - Chair Walker announced a Krispy Kreme is being constructed on 103rd Street.
 - Contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** - Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - She began communication with Rusty Chandler about planning for the 2015 Bus Tour. No meeting date has been identified. Ms. Hipps reported Mr. Chandler will schedule a meeting next week.
 - Fifty three residents received training at the September 23, 2014 HOA and Condo training.
 - 2015 training is being planned.
 - As part of a City of Jacksonville website redesign, Ms. Ridderman will remove all CPAC summaries over two years old from the website. The documents will be removed on November 17, 2014. After that date, historical documents will be available via public records request.
 - Contact Ms. Ridderman at marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – no representative. A brief discussion was held regarding the absence of school representatives.

4. **Presentation:** Vice Chair Kathy Budd introduced the speaker, Dan Tatsch, Senior Vice President of Hillwood Investment Properties.
- AllianceFlorida at Cecil Commerce Center is a public-private project between Hillwood and the City of Jacksonville. The first class, master planned multimodal business park is located on Jacksonville’s Westside near Interstate 10 and State Road 23 (Chaffee Road).
 - In 2009, Hillwood won a competitive bid to become the Master Developer of the 4,474 acre Cecil Commerce Center, which is a portion of the former BRAC closed Naval Air Station Cecil Field owned by the City of Jacksonville. The contract is for 10 years. Hillwood must meet certain benchmarks to continue. Currently, all benchmarks have been met.
 - Hillwood funds infrastructure and development costs. Hillwood sells land to competing developers such as Federal Express. The FedEx facility, just North of the SAFT facility, is scheduled to be opened by the end of 2014.
 - General Electric (GE) Oil and Gas closed a deal to build a world class manufacturing facility with a long term lease of the Hillwood spec building. GE will bring over 500 jobs in the next three years at salaries beginning at \$48,000. GE plans to open by the end of 2014. The City of Jacksonville and the Chamber of Commerce should be congratulated for bringing this project to Jacksonville.
 - Hillwood offered to provide funding for Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) buildings, but JAA did not need funding.
 - The total build-out of AllianceFlorida at Cecil Commerce Center is anticipated to be almost 34 million square feet with primarily distribution, warehousing, manufacturing, assembly uses and some supporting mixed uses.
 - A question was raised about the Cecil POW/MIA Memorial, which is within the AllianceFlorida at Cecil Commerce Center boundaries. Mr. Tatsch assured CPAC members that the Hillwood or AllianceFlorida at Cecil Commerce Center have no plans to move the memorial.
 - More information may be found at this link:
<http://www.hillwoodinvestmentproperties.com/Properties/Florida/AllianceFloridaatCecilCommerceCenter/AllianceFloridaatCecilCommerceCenter.aspx>.
 - For information about AllianceFlorida at Cecil Commerce Center, contact Terry Quarterman, (904)630-6342 or (904)607-1240 or terry.quarterman@cbre.com.
 - Chair Walker presented a certificate of appreciation to Dan Tatsch and thanked him for visiting the CPAC.

5. **Chair’s Report:** Chair Dewey Walker reported:
- CPAC Chairs met four times this year and Mayor Brown was impressed that they are meeting. A picnic is proposed for all CPACs, possibly in March or April, 2015.
 - CPAC Chairs met with Mayor Brown on September 17. 2015 Chairs will be issued annual parking passes.
 - He attended the Sept. 26 Chamber of Commerce event where the announcement of General Electric Gas and Oil was made. The Governor, Mayor and City Council Members were present. Five hundred jobs will be added over a three-year period, with starting salaries at \$48,000.
 - The social subcommittee members were appointed: Bruce Tyson, Jim Nolting, Ethel Nolting, Kathy Budd, Dewey Walker and Mrs. Dewey Walker. Mary Beth Ridderman will assist. The holiday party, a covered dish dinner, is scheduled for December 8, at 6 p.m. at FSCJ Kent, **D-120**. Set up begins at 2:30 p.m. and there is ample time to return home before the meeting starts. Volunteers are needed. Please let the Chair know if you are willing to serve on the subcommittee to set up, decorate, clean up or entertain.

- Vice Chair Kathy Budd reported:
 - She spoke with Council Member Brown regarding the 43 Ability apartments proposed for Wiley Road. The Ability units at Springfield were denied by Planning, but Ability will appeal that decision. Council Member Brown said he has asked for assistance from the Office of General Council.
 - A concern was expressed that no town hall meeting has been arranged on this subject.
 - Loop's Nursery on Old Middleburg Road has been accepted as one of two marijuana growers in the State, if Amendment 2 passes. Forty sites have applied for distribution center licenses in Jacksonville. One is a restaurant across from the Sun's Baseball Field.
 - A concern was expressed that the advertisements are confusing for/against Amendment 2. A discussion was held.
 - Ms. Budd announced that the Florida Sheriffs, including Sheriff Rutherford, oppose Amendment 2.

6. Elected Officials' Report: Doyle Carter reported:

- He traveled to Hillwood in March. Hillwood constructed a spec building at AllianceFlorida at Cecil Commerce Center and landed the General Electric contract because the building was ready for business.
- Firestone will be moving into their new building soon.
- Federal Express and other businesses are building at AllianceFlorida at Cecil Commerce Center.
- Some roadwork will be done to Collins Road this year. More will be done in future years, as funding permits.
- New road construction will begin within 6 months from New World to Chaffee Road.
- His priority road project is a four-lane for Old Middleburg Road.
- Mondays and Thursdays are the busiest days for School Board Members.
- Vote no on Amendment 2.
- Chair Walker thanked Council Member Carter for his attendance and report.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- Beatification/Parks/Environment – Mr. Carter was absent. Volunteers are needed.
- Transportation- Tom Martin reported:
 - The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) met on Oct. 1.
 - Approved NFTPO staff request to adjust and add projects utilizing Surface Urbanized (Federal) Approved NFTPO staff request to add four projects utilizing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality fund for fiscal years 2015/2016.
 - Approved NFTPO staff request to allocate funds for Intelligent Transportation Systems projects for fiscal year 2014-2015.
 - Approved FDOT request amending the Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2014/2015 and 2018/2019. This amendment includes widening the I-295/Normandy Boulevard northbound off-ramp.
 - The NFTPO received an updated presentation on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.
 - FDOT will present an update on the Buckman Bridge Safety Study on October 1, 2014.
 - The next NFTPO meeting is Nov. 5, 2014 at 6 p.m.
- ShAdCo – Alice Turknett reported:
 - First Zone 4 ShAdCo Safety Fair – January 2015 at Oakleaf
 - Individual ShAdCo meetings will not meet in November.
 - November 18 - annual citywide ShAdCo meeting at First Baptist Church. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. To reserve a seat on the bus, call 573-3165. The bus leaves the Cedar Hills Zone 4 Office at 5 p.m.
 - January 17, 2015 – First Zone 4 Safety Fair at Oakleaf Town Center. Fliers will be distributed at the next CPAC meeting.
 - Neighborhood Watch Coordinators meet October 14 at the Police Memorial Building.
 - The following are ShAdCo meeting dates (beginning December, 2014):
 - 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.
 - Chair Walker welcomed Ms. Turknett back and said the CPAC had missed her reports.
- Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson's absence was excused.
- Governmental Affairs – Gina Bradley reported:
 - The committee reviewed a list of pending items.
 - A concern was expressed from a resident about erosion in the Butcher Pen Creek area. Ms. Budd will investigate and report to the subcommittee at the next meeting.
 - Ms. Budd expressed a concern about the September letter that has not been distributed. The letter is in opposition to the Wiley Road Apartments planned by Ability Housing. The letter was read into the record. A lengthy discussion was held. Chair Walker signed the letter at the meeting.
- Membership and Public Relations – Abner Davis reported:
 - He talked COJ Public Communications Officer James Croft about social media and the CPAC

website.

- He expressed concern that obtaining approval is difficult for the social media script and public service announcement script.
- Ms. Ridderman reported the Tax Collector will provide the CPACs with free public service announcements on kiosks at the Tax Collector's Offices. Her division is working on a script which will be submitted to the Mayor's Office for approval or edit.
- Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported:
- Nomination Subcommittee: Peggy Myers and Tom Martin presented the 2015 Slate of Officers: Kathy Budd for Chair and Abner Davis for Vice Chair. The subcommittee requested nominations from the floor - none were received. Nominations will be received from the floor prior to the November 3 election.

8. Unfinished Business – none.

9. New Business – Tom Martin made a motion to prepare a letter thanking FSCJ Computer specialist Daunie Burris for his assistance this evening. The speaker, Dan Tatsch, had just flown in from Dallas Texas to give a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Ridderman's FSCJ computer log-on had been disabled and she could not log on to the system. Ms. Ridderman called Mr. Burris. Instead of ignoring the call, Mr. Burris, who was several miles away on his way home, immediately returned and provided computer support. A brief discussion was held. Len Burroughs seconded the motion. The vote: all were in favor.

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

- Anna Brosche announced she is a candidate for the Jacksonville City Council at Large Group 1.
- Chair Walker reminder members that the November meeting is on the first Monday, November 3. Due to the November 11 holiday – many people will be taking long weekends, so the meeting date was changed. Len Burroughs requested a reminder via e-mail.

11. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Paul McNamara and seconded by Ric Dill. The vote: all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: November 3, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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