

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
September 8, 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 – Shirley Lowry
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Myers
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
National Society of Colonial Dames – Gina Bradley
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin
Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller

Excused:

Charter Member – Chuck Mann
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
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly
West Jax Civic – Ric Dill

Removed:

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

Elected Officials: none

Staff:

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 Military and Veterans Affairs – V. G. Guillory
City of Jacksonville Public Works – Luis Flores
City of Jacksonville Regulatory – Municipal Code Compliance – David Roe
JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority) – Nancy Kilgo
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Officer Jay Dyal

Staff Excused:

Mayor's Liaison – Angela Spears
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Karen Taulbee

Guests:

Lara Hipps – Hipps Group
Johao Stewart – United Way

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Chair Dewey Walker called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- A motion to approve the August summary was made by Tom Martin and seconded by Len Burroughs. The vote: all were in favor.

3. Staff Reports:

- **Mayor's Representative** – Angela Spears' absence was excused.
 - Stay in touch with Mayor Alvin Brown and the City of Jacksonville: www.coj.net/mayor
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** – Officer Jay Dyal reported:
 - Lt. Spates had a scheduling conflict and sent his apologies for missing the meeting.
 - Auto burglaries are up, particularly in ShAdCo L. The auto burglary task force has been following up on cases.
 - Residential burglaries are down. Witnesses to burglaries on Melvin Road and Kerle Street reported two black males wearing reflective vests, possibly posing as construction workers. The men were driving a tan Jeep Cherokee or a blue Jeep Cherokee.
 - Rain has been creating traffic issues throughout Zone 4.
 - A CPAC member expressed concern that Fat Kat's Club reopened and a brief discussion was held.
 - Chair Walker commented on the dispatched calls for service: <http://callsforservice.jaxsheriff.org/>
 - Chair Walker commented on 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 – David Roe reported:
 - A new employee training program is in place for new employees.
 - Please 630-CITY (2489) to report neighborhood issues.
 - Chair Walker thanked Code Compliance officers for their work in the community.
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Paul McNamara reported:
 - FSCJ Cecil Center will host the Commercial Space Flight Operators at the Cecil Spaceport Summit.
 - The Aviation Program hosts an open house the second Tuesday of each month. The next open house is October 14 5- 7 p.m. Additional information is available at <http://www.fscj.edu/parent/events/view/aviation-programs-information-session>
 - FSCJ's core values are being reviewed by students, staff, faculty and the community.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Karen Taulbee's absence was excused.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps reported:
 - Cecil Airport Advisory Committee meets Oct. 6.
- **JEA** (Jacksonville Electric Authority) – Nancy Kilgo was available to answer questions.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyers reported:
 - Worldwide Day of Play – Sept. 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 - Boone Park offers tennis leagues and tennis lessons.
 - City pools are closed. Splash parks are open until the end of September.
 - For more information, please contact Keith Meyers 255-7936.
- **Planning and Development Department:**
 - **Planning** – Andy Hetzel provided application 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.
 - Contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** - Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - She submitted a request to FSCJ for the 2015 Southwest CPAC meeting space. FSCJ is reviewing their facilities' use policy but FSCJ's report will not be available until after December 31, 2014. The CPAC has not been charged for meeting space, but this may change. Ms. Ridderman has arranged an alternative 2015 meeting site in the event the FSCJ meeting space is no longer available.
 - Free Condo, HOA and Townhome training session are offered on Sept. 23 at 214 N. Hogan St. Room 110. Two South Milhausen attorneys are teaching the classes – one attorney specializes in collections. To register, please contact Mary Beth at marybeth@coj.net.
 - The division is moving to the third floor of the Ed Ball Building. Ms. Ridderman's contact information will remain the same: 904-255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.
 - Contact Ms. Ridderman at marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260.
- **Public Works** – Luis Flores was available to answer questions.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – no representative.

4. Presentation: Vice Chair Kathy Budd introduced the speaker, Rear Admiral (ret.) V.G. Guillory

- **City of Jacksonville Military and Veterans Affairs** by Rear Admiral (ret.) V.G. Guillory
 - Jacksonville was awarded the 2013 National City of the Year by veterans' organization "Forty and Eight".
 - Jacksonville is the most military and veterans-friendly city in America. About 25% of Duval residents serve, have served or have a family member serving in the military.

- o The economic impact is \$13 – 14.2 billion.
- o California, followed by Texas, then Florida has the largest concentration of veterans and military retirees. The country has about 25 million veterans. The largest majority is Viet Nam Veterans. The veteran population is decreasing, but growing younger. Duval had 100,000 veterans registered in 2013.
- o Events include Memorial Day at the Veterans Memorial Wall, the Veterans Parade (the largest in Florida), Jobs for Vets, the Veteran Stand Down event, the Homeless Veterans Resource Fair and the 2014 Women Veterans Recognition Gala.
- o Jacksonville offers the Veterans' Resource and Recognition Center
 - Public and private partnership with the Jaguars Foundation
 - No appointments necessary and no charge for services
 - Assistance with veterans' benefits
 - Homeless Veterans' Recognition Programs
 - My Free Taxes for Veterans
 - Financial assistance
 - Food Bank
 - Emergency housing
 - Assistance with utility bills
 - Connect veterans and spouses with jobs
- o Challenges:
 - Downward direction of future defense budgets
 - Sequestration, Pivot West and BRAC
 - Encroachment protection around local bases
 - Navy's commitment to strategic dispersal
- o Please refer veterans in need of services
- o A question was raised about the USS Adams Class Museum ship. City Council has approved a lease for the ship to be docked at the shipyard. The ship is currently in Philadelphia – it needs work to be ADA compliant. It should arrive by the end of 2015.
- o A question was raised about assistance for Clara White participants with obtaining DD 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty). Veterans may obtain DD 214 assistance at the Military and Veterans Office in City Hall, Suite 175. No appointment is necessary.
- o To learn more, visit <http://www.coj.net/departments/military-affairs.-veterans-and-disabled-services.aspx>
- o Chair Walker presented a certificate of appreciation to Rear Admiral (ret.) Guillory.

5. Chair's Report: Chair Dewey Walker:

- Presented Mayoral appointment letter to Blue Lakes Estates' representative, Annette Brown.
- Appointed the Nomination Subcommittee: Peggy Myers, Shirley Lowry and Tom Martin. A slate of officers will be presented on October 13.
- Appointed (last month) Gina Bradley as Chair of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee and Abner Davis as a subcommittee member. This month, he appointed Jane Miller, Bruce Tyson, Kathy Budd and Annette Brown. He asked Andy Hetzel to provide the necessary information by email at least one week before the meetings. Chair Walker thanked the subcommittee members and Mr. Hetzel for their work.
- Announced he will appoint the social subcommittee next month. 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. This year there will be no entertainment unless someone volunteers. Please let the Chair know if you are willing to serve on the subcommittee to set up, decorate, clean up or entertain.

6. Elected Officials' Report: none.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- o Beatification/Parks/Environment – Mr. Carter was absent. Volunteers are needed.
- o Transportation- Tom Martin reported:
 - The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization met on Sept.3 and received an updated presentation on the Path Forward transportation plan. Four public meetings are scheduled: In Jacksonville – Sept. 16 at the Main Library, 5-7 p.m. and Sept. 23, Jax Beach City Hall, 5-7 p.m.
 - October 1, 6 p.m. – update on the Buckman Bridge Safety Study
- o ShAdCo – Alice Turknnett's absence was excused.
- o Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson had no report.
- o Governmental Affairs – Gina Bradley reported the subcommittee met for the first time today. During the meeting, Kathy Budd proposed an item regarding Ability Housing planned for Wiley Road. She handed the subcommittee gavel to Kathy Budd who said the Planning Commission denied Ability Housing's application for Springfield. Ms. Budd made a motion that the SW CPAC prepares a letter to oppose 43 apartment units planned buy Ability Housing for Wiley Road at Muncie. Opposition is based on proximity to three day care centers, a church, an elementary school. It is also within a residential area, where it is not a good fit. There

was no discussion. All were in favor with one abstention. A question was raised about Council Member Brown's plan to arrange a town hall meeting. No town hall meeting has been arranged at this time. Ms. Budd will prepare a draft letter for Chair Walker's signature.

- o Membership and Public Relations – Abner Davis reported he talked COJ Public Communications Officer James Croft about social media and the CPAC website. Mr. Croft is waiting for a response from the Mayor's Office Administrative Aide David DeCamp.
- o Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported:
 - He has already attended TRUE meetings as a visitor.
 - He appreciates the SW CPAC nomination to TRUE and he expects to receive his TRUE appointment from City Council next week.
 - His first official report will be submitted at the October 13 SW CPAC meeting.

8. Unfinished Business – none.

9. New Business – none.

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

- Johao Stewart announced the United Way Drop Out Prevention Program is in 10 middle schools, 3 are in the SW. Mentors are needed to work 1 hour each week with a child on the behavior, grades and attendance. Mentors work at the school, either before or after school hours. Duval's graduation rate is currently 72%. Mayor Brown's goal is 90% by 2020. Chair Walker thanked Mr. Stewart for his announcement.

11. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Tyson and seconded by Len Burroughs. The vote: all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: October 13, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: October 13, 2014 ~ 6:30 p.m.
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