

District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Kathy Budd

Vice Chair: Abner Davis

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville Kent Campus
3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Room E-112F
April 13, 2015

Attendance

Members:

Vice Chair – (Clara White Mission) Abner Davis
Charter Member – Don Ingram
Budget Automotive – Linda Barrows
Budget Automotive – Darrell Barrows
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
National Society of Colonial Dames – Gina Bradley
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin

Excused:

Chair - (Council District 10) – Kathy Budd
Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Blue Lakes Estates – Annette Brown
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Michael Fisher
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Meyers
The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer
Timuquana Manor N. – Alice Turknett
Timuquana Manor N. – Polly Walker
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
West Jax Civic – Ric Dill
Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller

Absent - Pending Removal:

Elected Officials:

Duval County School Board – Honorable Becki Couch

Staff:

City of Jacksonville Parks and Recreation – Keith Meyerl
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
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. T.C. James

Staff Excused:

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

Guests:

Alberta Hipps – Hipps Group
Belinda Johnson – 630-CITY
Ethel Mae Nolting - Confederate Point
Melanie Homer - LAPS
Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing
Fred Atwill – Atwill LLC
Jeff Mathews

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Acting Chair Abner Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum. Acting Chair Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to turn off or silence electronic devices.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

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

3. Staff Reports:

- **Mayor's Representative** – Angela Spears' absence was excused.

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** – Lt. Spates reported:

- The Zone 4 Office is located in the Cedar Hills Shopping Center, phone 573-3165.
- Residents may report crimes on line <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/report-a-crime-online.aspx>
- Residents may file a complaint or compliment <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/docs/p-0235-complaint-form-instructions.aspx>
- A concern was expressed - Animal Care and Protective Services was contacted but no change has been made to the conditions of dogs chained to trees with no housing and too many dogs at one location. (JSO may be called.)
- Acting Chair Davis thanked Lt. Spates for his report.
- 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:

- The division has limited personnel at this time, but in a hiring phase. New officers are in training.
- Two inspections were completed in Zones 4 and 5 in regard to Fight Blight, with 560 new violations.
- After notification, owners are allowed 15 days to comply before a work order for mowing is issued. The Mowing and Landscaping Division mows, usually within 30 days, depending on the work load.
- A brief discussion was held about dead trees. Call 630-CITY to report dead trees on private or public property.
- A request was made for a systematic inspection in Springtree Village.
- A question was raised about the yard waste. Report large piles of yard waste to 630-CITY.
- Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report issues.
- Acting Chair Davis thanked Mr. Steele for his informative report.

- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Paul McNamara reported:

- FSCJ continues to celebrate 50 Years of Delivering the American Dream with signature events at each campus and center. The Cecil Center will celebrate by hosting the biennial Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour. The morning program will feature a celebration of the past 50 years and the advent of the next 50 years.
- FSCJ College wide Commencement/Graduation May 7, 4 p.m. at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. Student will receive Bachelor's, Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degrees.
- The FSCJ Artist Series presents Broadway musicals, plays and concerts at the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts and at the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts. For more information, please visit <http://www.artistseriesjax.org/>

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Karen Taulbee' s absence was excused.

- FDOT distributes reports electronically.

- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Alberta Hipps reported:

- Preparations are underway for the temporary move of Navy planes and support operations to Cecil Airport. Additional food trucks will be on site during the Navy's move -the Cecil Pines residents are excited
- The Cecil Behind the Scene Bus Tour is May 28, 2015. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The tour concludes at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include breakfast, lunch with a full tour. Breakfast and lunch are provided by Arden's Kafe and Katering.

- **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl reported:

- Bulkhead repairs are in progress at Baker Point Park, near Stinson Park.
- Tennis court refinished at Venetia Elementary School.
- Fliers are available for Summer Night Lights and summer camps. Summer camp spaces are quickly filled – register early. <http://www.coj.net/welcome/news/jaxparks-announces-summer-programs.aspx>
- A question was raised about the permitting system for weddings, other event or gatherings. <http://www.coj.net/departments/parks,-recreation-and-community-services/recreation-and-community-programming/permitting.aspx>
- For more information, please contact Keith Meyerl 255-7936.

- **Planning and Development Department:**

- **Planning** – Andy Hetzel reported:

- He provided information to the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee prior to the meeting. Copies of his report are available at the sign in table.
- Not on the report: 2015-245/4125 Lakeside Drive, an application for a "flag lot", requesting the road frontage requirement be reduced 15' for a driveway, when the existing lot is divided. Application copies were provided by the agent during the earlier Governmental Affairs meeting. This will be introduced at City Council tomorrow night. May 5 is the public hearing.

- Alberta Hipps announced land use amendment 2015-C001 (not on report), companion to listed ordinance 2015-2010, both located at 6972 Lenox R. Ms. Hipps explained the goal of these applications is to allow compliance by the existing property owner, who has operated a commercial mobile tire repair business in a residential area since 1988.
 - For additional information, please contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.
- 4. Presentation:** Belinda Johnson, 630-CITY presented information about how to report neighborhood issues such as overgrown grass, stray dogs, dead trees, appliance pick-up, missed garbage collections, graffiti, sound pollution, mosquito control, junk vehicles, litter or other types of blight. Call for referrals to the correct agency if COJ services are not the issue, such as FDOT, or JEA. 630-CITY also provides information on special events. Staff members provide outreach services for the Fight Blight initiative. Be sure to learn more about the Fight Blight mascot. Ways to contact 630-CITY:
- Call 630 - CITY
 - Email: 630CITY@coj.net
 - Fax 904-255-4968.
 - To download the MYJAX App/Fight Blight App, please visit the APP store. To learn more, please visit <http://www.coj.net/mobile-apps.aspx>
 - 630-City is open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Offices are closed weekends and holidays.
 - An estimated completion date and confirmation number will be provided.
 - Acting Chair Davis thanked Ms. Johnson for her presentation and the CPAC applauded.
- 5. Chair's Report:** Acting Chair Abner Davis, in behalf of Mayor Alvin Brown, presented appointment letters to Linda and Darrell Barrow, representatives of Budget Automotive Repair, Inc. Acting Chair Davis welcomed them to the SW CPAC.
- 6. Elected Officials' Reports:** The Honorable Becki Couch, Duval County School Board, reported:
- Duval County Public Schools invites you to explore its schools and great educational programs through a "Discover Duval Schools" tour. These tours provide citizens a closer look into the successes and challenges Duval County Public Schools faces in fulfilling its mission of providing educational excellence in every school, in every classroom, for every student, every day. During the tours, participants will learn more about how schools play a critical role in the health, well-being and future of an entire community. Two events are scheduled for this area: Ortega Elementary School (a magnet school for museums) April 29, at 9 a.m. and Lakeshore Elementary, an International Baccalaureate Program, May 20, at 9 a.m. To learn more, please visit www.duvalschools.org or <http://www.duvalschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2&PageType=17&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=1&EventDateID=44175>.
 - Boundary change for Stillwell Middle School. This is Stillwell's first year as a military academy. It teaches military leadership skills for each branch of the military. Uniforms are required – parents opt in for uniforms. Stillwell is a dedicated magnet program and it is necessary to apply to attend this school. Children who live in the area and apply, receive priority status. Jefferson Davis and Baldwin are the new neighborhood schools.
 - Increased technology is available at all middle schools.
 - About 70% of middle schools require uniforms. A number of elementary schools are going to uniforms. Uniforms help reduce bullying. Booster clubs help provide uniforms for disadvantaged students.
 - Butler is a dedicated magnet school that requires uniforms. Butler has an all-boy school and an all-girl school.
 - The new state test is called FSA. It is significantly more challenging because of technology. It will likely increase the number of schools with D and F grades, especially in disadvantaged areas. Student gains will no longer be added to the equation for school grades.
- 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
- Membership and Public Relations - Abner Davis reported:
 - He expressed a concern that the CPAC has no social media pages. He plans to take a photo of the CPAC flier and post it to his Facebook page.
 - Transportation- Tom Martin reported:
 - North Florida Transportation Organization (TPO) met April 1, 2015.
 - The amended Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for fiscal year 2014/2015 through 2018/2019. Included in the amendment was operating assistance for Duval County ARC, Clay County Council on Aging, and St. Johns County Council on Aging.
 - A list of Unified Planning Work Program candidate tasks for fiscal year 2015/2016 was received. The list will be adopted in May 2015.
 - A draft of TIP 2015/2016 - 2019/2020 project sections was received.
 - An updated presentation on the I-10/I-95 interchange area improvements was received.
 - The next regular meeting is May 6, 2015 at 7 p.m.
 - ShAdCo – Alice Turknett's absence was excused.
 - Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson had no report.
 - Governmental Affairs and Economic Development – Gina Bradley reported:
 - The subcommittee reviewing zoning application information provided by Andy Hetzel. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee

- Received report from guest Fred Atwill, agent for 2015-245 and WRF 15-03. Mr. Atwill provided copies of the application. (See public comments)
- Discussed:

E 2015-014 AD 2015-014	Discussion. No action.	Reduce parking and allow consumption on premises
2015-245 WRF 15-03	Discussion during Governmental Affairs. Need more information	ORD-Q re Waiver of Minimum Rd Frontage Appl WRF-15-03 at 4125 Lakeside Dr by Dennis H Matthews Trust, from 72' to 15' in RLD-90C. CPAC voted/authorized Governmental Affairs Subcommittee to discuss/vote/ prepare letter from CPAC

- Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported:
 - Sheriff Rutherford presented his budget and discussed annual surpluses. Vacant positions are grant-funded positions and there is no ongoing secure funding. He avoids filling positions when the positions are not sustainable. The JSO budget has a \$10.1 million surplus.
 - The pension and options were discussed. Council Member Boyer presented a proposal. This topic generated a brief discussion.
 - TRUE is reviewing the City Council's work on the Capital Improvement Projects committee.
 - A resident suggested TRUE keep review red-light camera fines and expenditures.

8. Unfinished Business – none.

9. New Business –none

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

- SW CPAC Charter Member Chuck Mann is not well. The CPAC will send a get well card via Len Burroughs, who frequently sees Mr. and Mrs. Mann.
- A concern was expressed about gang graffiti on Northbound SR 23 (FDOT will be notified).
- Fred Atwill asked for a letter of recommendation from the CPAC regarding 2015-245 and WRF 15-03. The Governmental Affairs Chair explained more information and discussion are needed.
- A **motion** was made by Dewey Walker and seconded by Tom Martin to accept the recommendation of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee regarding 2015-245 and WRF 15-03 and the letter be submitted from the CPAC within one week. All were in favor.
- Dewey Walker requested information about the meeting of the Mayor with the CPAC Chairs.
- Tom Martin expressed the following concerns about transportation
 - During the One Spark festival, the skyway was not fully utilized. An insufficient number of cars were in use. This resulted in long waits, which affected One Spark attendance and public opinion of the skyway.
 - Transportation is not part of the City's planning.
 - The new development at Brooklyn (not taxpayers) should have paid for the proposed Skyway extension. The new Shipyards project (not taxpayers) should pay for a Skyway extension to link to the existing system.
 - Transportation plans should eliminate railroad grade crossings. Trains stopped or crossing slowly negatively affect traffic flow and business. The City should pass an ordinance that no new roads/road improvements with grade crossings will be approved. Commuter trains are proposed to add to existing traffic on grade crossings. Commuter trains will cross every 7.5 minutes.

11. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made Dewey Walker and seconded by Len Burroughs. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: May 11, 2015~ 7:00 p.m.

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Next Executive Committee Meeting: May 11, 2015 ~ 6 p.m.
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Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: May 11, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
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Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman, Neighborhood Coordinator (904-255-8260, marybeth@coj.net).
No recording of this meeting is available due to technical difficulties with the recording device.