

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
August 10, 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
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Meyers
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
St. Ives Townhomes – Sandra Tucker
Timuquana Manor N. – Alice Turknett
Timuquana Manor N. – Polly Walker
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin

Excused:

Chair - (Council District 10) – Kathy Budd
Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Blue Lakes Estates – Annette Brown
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley

Absent:

Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
National Society of Colonial Dames – Gina Bradley
West Jax Civic – Ric Dill

Elected Officials:

Honorable Jim Love – Council District 14
Kevin Kuzel – Executive Assistant – Council District 14

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
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. Jesse York
JTA – Cheryl Riddick

Staff Excused:

Guests:

Lara Hipps – Hipps Group
Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing
Moire Walker

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 thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He announced severe weather and traffic accidents were creating safety issues that may affect attendance. Acting Chair Davis recognized Council Member Jim Love and his assistant, Keven Kuzel and thanked them for attending the meeting. The CPAC applauded.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

Tom Martin made a motion to approve the summary. Linda Barrow seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Staff Reports:

• **Mayor's Representative** – staff has not yet been assigned.

• **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** – Lt. Jesse York thanked CPAC Members for their commitment to making Jacksonville a better city. He introduced Sgt. Eddie Carrie, Officer Ashley Sowers, and Officer Adrian Cabasos. He reported:

- Zone 4 leads Jacksonville in violent crime.
- The Ramona Flea Market was burglarized. Surveillance cameras monitored and reported the incident. The suspect attempted to use his vehicle to hit a JSO Officer who was in pursuit.
- A home invasion robbery occurred: wife and son were robbed at gunpoint. The husband arrived and followed the suspects, who shot at the husband. A chase ensued and the suspect crashed his vehicle.
- A suspicious person was reported on Chestnut Avenue. The suspicious person was arrested. Cocaine and a handgun were found.
- A stolen handgun was used in a 103rd Street auto burglary. Please secure weapons – do not leave them in unlocked vehicles.
- When residents see a police officer, please let them know they are appreciated. Keep them and their families in your thoughts. The people the officers are confronting now are more violent than ever.
- Alice Turknett and Polly Walker thanked JSO for their response on Timuquana when the rail crossing was closed.
- A brief discussion was held about the murder at Post and King. The incident is under active investigation.
- Acting Chair Davis thanked Lt. York for his report.
- 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>
- For more information, call the JSO Zone 4 Office at 513-3165. The Zone 4 office is located in the Cedar Hills Shopping Center.
- 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 officers enforce the sign ordinance: about 60 signs each week are removed. City wide, approximately 100 signs are removed each week.
- A concern was expressed about vendors parking/setting up business on the right-of-way along Argyle Forest Boulevard. The vendors and related traffic create unsafe conditions for drivers.
- To report concerns, please call 630-CITY (630-2489), email 630city@coj.net or via the MyJAX app.
- Acting Chair Davis thanked Mr. Steele for his report.

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

- Dr. Newhart was promoted to FSCJ Vice President. FSCJ Cecil is searching for a new campus president.
- College classes begin August 24. Enrollment has increased.
- Introduction to Commercial Space Operations introduces students to unmanned aerial vehicles (drones). FSCJ is seeking FAA authority to operate drones.

• **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green reported:

- Due to staffing issues, a FDOT representative will attend every other month. Alternately, Mr. Green staffs the Greater Arlington Beaches CPAC meeting, which is held the same night as the SW CPAC meeting.
- State Road 23 is under construction. SR 23 up to Beaver Street will be completed in Fall, 2018. With access to I-10.
- The I-10 Marietta interchange will be completed in approximately one year.
- Drainage improvements are being made at I-10 and Cassatt Avenue.
- I-295/Wilson Boulevard improvements are almost finished.
- Resurfacing Roosevelt Boulevard was completed through to Woodmere.
- A brief discussion was held regarding the toll road SR 23 and funding/access through St. Johns County.
- Mr. Green is available by telephone (904-360-5684) or e-mail (james.green@dot.state.fl.us).

• **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps reported:

- Members of the Cecil Airport Advisory Committee will have a lunch meeting and tour of the Cecil Airport facilities.
- Navy personnel are happy with the temporary assignment of Navy planes, personnel and support

- o operations at Cecil Airport.
 - o A Cecil Behind the Scenes 2015 Bus Tour evaluation meeting is being arranged.
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl reported:
 - o Bakers Point – landscape and bulkhead renovations are in progress
 - o Tillie Fowler Regional Park - NAS personnel scheduled August 19 as a clean-up day.
 - o Summer programs have ended and after school programs have begun, offering crafts, games, recreational sports, cooking, games, special events and homework assistance.
 - o Club Rec – after school program at several sites for kids Kindergarten – grade 5. On-site registration is open on a first come-first served basis. Mary Lena Gibbs and Crystal Springs will offer services to 40 children at each site. A flier was distributed. Call 630-2489 for more information.
 - o A concern was expressed about Fiddlers Green. The golfing green at Fiddlers Green is in very poor condition. The green' poor condition is embarrassing and it is causing the lunch vendor and the golf course to lose business. An investment needs to be made in this golf course to support the area's economic growth (i.e. FSCJ, Cecil Airport, Cecil Commerce Center, Memorial West Hospital, Argyle Town Center, and the spaceport.) Mr. Meyerl said he will investigate and report to the CPAC.
 - o A concern was expressed regarding Lane Wiley Senior Center where inadequate lighting creates safety hazards. Concern for personal safety is causing lower ShAdCo K attendance and may be affecting attendance at evening senior activities. Mr. Meyerl said he will investigate and report to the CPAC.
 - o A concern was expressed about McGirts Creek Park - inadequate parking lot lighting creates safety hazards. Mr. Meyerl reported the sports associations control the field lights, which are timed to turn off at 10 p.m. He said he will check on the scheduling and parking lot lighting, then report to the CPAC. Acting Chair Davis said he will discuss the issue with Council Member Brown.
 - **Planning and Development Department:**
 - **Planning** – Andy Hetzel provided a written report. For additional information, please contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.
- 4. Presentation:** JTA Projects by Cheryl Riddick
- Route Optimization Initiatives 2015.
 - JTA Mobility Works – program designed to complete projects funded by the Local Option Gas Tax extension. JTA has issued bonds to cover the cost of the projects: 13 roadway projects and 14 mobility corridors in all Jax areas. A flier was provided.
 - First Coast Flyer (North Corridor) Open House Thursday, August 13, 2015, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Gateway Town Center Meeting Area, 5000 Norwood Ave, 32208. For more information, please visit jtafla.com. A flier was distributed.
 - The bus to the Orange Park Mall has been eliminated. Clay Transit provides service to NAS Jax.
- 5. Chair's Report:** Acting Chair Abner Davis reported:
- Mary Beth Ridderman was asked to provide an update on the Chair, Kathy Budd. Ms. Ridderman reported Chair Budd is still involved in settling her father's estate and personal business. She expects to return in September.
- 6. Elected Officials' Reports:**
- Council Member Jim Love reported:
 - o The City Council met with 11 new members and other experienced members. Committee members were assigned new jobs/committees. CM Love serves on the following committees: Council Chaplain, Jacksonville Waterways Commission (Vice Chair), Keep Jacksonville Beautiful: A Clean City Commission, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office - Council Liaison, Military/Veterans Affairs - Council Liaison Alternate and Transfer Stations Special Committee.
 - o He serves his country in the Naval Air Reserve.
 - o Crime was the largest discussion topic during the recent vote. More JSO officers and neighborhood walks are anticipated.
 - o JSO has a new mobile app for use with mobile phones and tablets that are on Android or IOS platforms. The application, *found in Play/App Stores under "Jax Sheriff"*, easily downloads for free, and provides one touch connections for citizens with popularly used features such as Crime Reporting – Crime Tips – Crime Mapping – Offender and Predator Maps.
 - o Car burglaries remain the #1 crime in the city – primarily because people don't lock vehicle doors.
 - o Report crime tips at 866-845-TIPS. Report suspicious activity to 630-0500.
 - o A \$7000 reward is available for information leading to an arrest in the Post and King murder case.
 - o To reduce the risk of crime, get to know your neighbors and perhaps get a dog. Post "Beware of Dog" signs. Consider purchasing and installing an alarm system with cameras. Self-recording cameras are available at a reasonable cost from local stores.
 - o He is excited about the new administration, which is supportive of JSO.
 - o JSO needs help with crime issues – please become involved: consider forming or becoming active in Neighborhood Watch; participate in Citizens Police Academy, ShAdCo, JSO Ride-along Program, Community Posse and/or JSO Reserves.

- o CM Love and his assistant, Kevin Kuzel, are happy to be working with residents for the next four years. Please call 630-1390) to express concerns or ask for assistance.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- Membership and Public Relations - Abner Davis reported:
 - o To help build CPAC membership, he invited Council Members to the SW CPAC for the September or October meetings.
- Transportation - Tom Martin reported:
 - o The North Florida Transportation Organization (NFTPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met on August 5, 2015. The committee:
 - Approved James Harrelson, to represent Green Cove Springs.
 - Approved project recommendations for programming of the Surface Urbanized Funds, federal funds allocated to the North Florida TPO. The majority of the funds will fund constructions of the Jacksonville National Cemetery Road.
 - Approved project recommendations for programming of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds, federal funds allocated to the NFTPO. These funds will continue the deployment of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and the alternative fuels initiatives.
 - Approved FDOT request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2015/2016 through FY 2019/2020 to include projects in the Roll Forward Report. TIP projects from FY 2015/2014 that were approved, but not authorized or started by July, 2, 2015 are "rolled forward" to the first year of the new TIP.
 - Received presentation by Mark Maxwell with ETM on Clay County SR 220 Traffic Study.
 - Received a copy of a letter on the Buckman Bridge Safety Study – Summary of Findings. After the meeting, members received the full report electronically. The study is 665 pages in length.
 - o The next NFTPO CAC regular meeting will be held on September 2, 2015.
 - o Acting Chair Davis thanked Mr. Martin for his detailed report.
- ShAdCo – Alice Turknett reported:
 - o Sector J is meeting temporarily in the Ortega United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, due to construction in the usual meeting space. Nominations will be accepted for Chair and Vice Chair.
 - o 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.
 - o 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. In September, Sector K will meet on September 14, due to the holiday.
 - o 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.
- Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson reported this topic was covered in the JAA segment.
- Governmental Affairs and Economic Development – Gina Bradley was absent.
- Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported he was unable to attend the TRUE meeting.

8. Unfinished Business – none.

9. New Business – none.

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

- Concern was expressed about the unsolved murder in Riverside. Public Works and JEA were recognized for promptly installing additional lighting in the immediate area.
- Council Member Love was thanked for attending the CPAC meetings and for his prompt responses to residents in Lakeshore.
- Jenna Emmons, Ability Housing, announced the Village on Wiley, at 6970 Wiley Rd., will be completed this month. Residents begin moving in tomorrow. An open house is planned for September 22, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

11. Motion to Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Dewey Walker and seconded by Shirley Lowry. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: September 14, 2015~ 7:00 p.m.

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