

# District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Kathy Budd

Vice Chair: Abner Davis

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville Kent Campus  
3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Room E-112F  
February 9, 2015

### Attendance

#### **Members:**

Chair - (Council District 10) – Kathy Budd  
Vice Chair – (Clara White Mission) Abner Davis  
Blue Lakes Estates – Annette Brown  
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter  
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer  
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Michael Fisher  
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara  
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry  
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Meyers  
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs  
National Society of Colonial Dames – Gina Bradley  
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker  
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson  
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin

#### **Excused:**

Charter Member – Don Ingram  
Charter Member – Chuck Mann  
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting  
The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer  
Timuquana Manor N. – Alice Turknett  
Timuquana Manor N. – Polly Walker  
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley  
West Jax Civic – Ric Dill  
Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller

#### **Absent - Pending Removal:**

Armstrong & Bosh Insurance – Opal Burgstiner  
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](mailto:marybeth@coj.net) or (904) 255-8260.*

#### **Elected Officials:**

City Council Member – Doyle Carter  
City Council Member Jim Love

#### **Staff:**

Mayor's Liaison – Angela Spears  
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) – Karen Taulbee  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. Michael Eason

#### **Staff Excused:**

#### **Guests:**

Dan Maloney, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens representing AquaJax  
Erika Sepega, AquaJax Advocacy Group  
Darrell Barrow – Hyde Grove Terrace  
Linda Barrow – Hyde Grove Terrace  
Lara Hipps – Hipps Group  
Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing  
Melanie Homer – LAPS  
Bill Klimer – Fishweir Neighborhood Watch

### 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- Chair Kathy Budd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum. Chair Budd welcomed everyone to the meeting, recognized Council Member Carter and Council Member Love and thanked them for attending the meeting. Chair Budd asked everyone to turn off or silence electronic devices. She asked that candidates restrict their comments to their names and names of the offices sought – and please meet with residents after the meeting to distribute material or provide additional information.

### 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- A motion to approve the summary was made by Paul McNamara. Len Burroughs seconded the motion. The vote: all were in favor.

### 3. Staff Reports:

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

- Chair Kathy Budd and other CPAC Chairs met with Mayor Brown. Chair Budd expressed concerns regarding Westside issues. The Chairs discussed ways to find more members and get more people involved in CPAC.
- Mayor Brown joined others to announce a partnership to support the health of the St. Johns River.
- Mayor Brown is working on the Trailblazer awards.
- Mayor's Environmental Awards Luncheon is March 12 at the Jacksonville Zoo. Tickets are \$25.
- Mayor Brown's Senior Fish-A-Thon is March 18 at Hannah Park.

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

- Break-ins at ice machines have created a crime trend in Zone 4.
- Thefts of appliances from homes under construction are continuing.
- Suspects recently entered businesses through rooftops to avoid setting off door, glass or motion sensors.
- Auto burglaries continued - 80% of vehicles were unlocked.
- Several high-profile incidents have occurred in the past few weeks. With officers running from call to call, without enough time for community engagement.
- JSO was thanked for the tremendous amount of work in Cedar Hills Estates to close down a house of prostitution and a separate meth lab.
- JSO was thanked for their work in Grand Park.
- Chair Budd thanked Lt. Eason for his report.
- 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:

- An App, MyJAX, will be available soon to enhance the CARE system.
- Municipal Code Compliance was thanked for their prompt assistance with two issues.
- A concern was expressed regarding raising roosters in a residential area. Mr. Steele said he would investigate the address to verify the site is part of the pilot program. The pilot program includes only hens – no roosters.
- Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report issues.

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

- FSCJ is celebrating 50 years.
  - Feb. 6 - Celebration Kickoff and investiture of FSCJ President Cynthia Bioteau. President Bioteau is the fifth FSCJ president and the first female president.
  - FSCJ is hosting the traveling collection, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War".
    - January 27-February 12, 2015  
FSCJ Kent Campus Library Learning Commons  
3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32205  
Exhibit Viewing Times: Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 8 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Kent Campus activities include a flag ceremony, cannon salute, color guard and a FSCJ Aircraft and Dreamland Squad flyby at 5:30 on Thursday, February 12.
    - February 17-March 5, 2015  
FSCJ South Campus Nathan H. Wilson Center  
11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32246  
Exhibit Viewing Times: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
  - As part of the 50 year celebration, FSCJ Cecil is partnering with the SW CPAC and other community organizations to host the 2015 Cecil Behind the Scenes Tour on May 28, 2015.

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Karen Taulbee reported:**
    - FDOT distributes reports electronically.
    - Regional visioning forum – Feb. 1, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the FDOT District 2 Urban Office Training Facility 2198 Edison Ave. The forum will provide input into the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Policy Plan. The FTP defines Florida’s future transportation vision and identifies goals, objectives, and strategies to accomplish that vision. The FTP is the statewide long-range transportation plan for all of Florida.
    - Public hearing on the I-10 and I-95 Interchange. Feb. 26, Open House - 4:30 p.m., Presentation 6:30 p.m., at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 1100 Stockton Street.
    - North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) co-hosts Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFV) Expo on Feb. 19, 8:30 a.m. at University of North Florida. Included: highlight of fleet conversion successes, funding for alternative fuel vehicles/infrastructure, panel discussion, static display of LNG cars, electric cars and other vehicles.
    - Chair Budd thanked Ms. Taulbee for her report.
  - **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) – Rusty Chandler reported:**
    - Cecil airport is leasing former Navy buildings and has expanded 50%.
    - West Cecil Airport is completed leased.
    - East Cecil Airport will provide space for the Spaceport - infrastructure is being planned. East Cecil Airport on the northern side, a new approach road will be constructed. 150 acres have been cleared for expansion. A taxi way is under construction.
    - NAS Jax is closing runways to improve its runways, taxiways and airfield lighting. U.S. Navy planes will be moved to Cecil Airport about May through June. Included in the move will be fixed-wing operational equipment, P-8 planes and P-3 planes. The air traffic control tower will begin operating 24 hours a day, rather than closing at 10 p.m. but few noise complaints are expected because the P-8 and P-3 aircraft are quieter than FA-18s. Cecil only had two noise complaints last year. During the time the Navy planes are at Cecil, noise complaints will be segregated to identify noise from Cecil Airport or Navy planes. The Cecil-NAS agreement is for one year, with an option to extend the contract for six months.
    - May 28, 2015 JAA is co-sponsoring the 2015 Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour. The tour will view the Flightstar hangar and other tenants at Cecil Airport and Cecil Commerce Center.
    - Chair Budd thanked Mr. Chandler for his visit and for his report.
  - **Parks & Recreation – Keith Meyerl reported:**
    - Love Boone Park Day, tree planting and pruning event, Feb. 14, 9 a.m. – noon. Meet by the St. Johns Van Wert playground.
    - Parks is recruiting summer staff members: lifeguards, education facilitators, outdoor staff, etc.
    - For more information, please contact Keith Meyerl 255-7936.
  - **Planning and Development Department:**
    - **Planning – Andy Hetzel:**
      - Provided information to the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee prior to the meeting. The following items were provided:
      - MM 15-03 - application to allow 12 high fencing in certain areas of Clairmont Creek.
      - AD 15-04 - application for a side porch expansion for the Wiley Road Assisted Living Facility.
      - For additional information, please contact Mr. Hetzel at [ahetzel@coj.net](mailto:ahetzel@coj.net) or 255-7821.
4. **Presentation:** Vice Chair Abner Davis introduced the guest speaker, Dan Maloney, from the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, assisted by Erika Sepega. Both Mr. Maloney and Ms. Sepega are members of the AquaJax Advocacy Group, which proposes to place a world-class aquarium on the Northbank St. Johns Riverfront in the Shipyards area of downtown Jacksonville. AquaJax won first place in the Science Division at the 2014 One Spark Festival. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens board passed a resolution to endorse bringing an aquarium to Jacksonville with the Zoo managing the aquarium as zoos in other major cities manage their aquariums. The group proposes to link the aquarium and zoo via river taxis. The aquarium would provide an educational and entertaining alternative in the event inclement weather affects school field trips. Project commitments have been made by four major stakeholders. Currently money is being raised for a feasibility study. The first fund-raising event will be held Feb. 28, from 6-10 p.m. at the Jacksonville Landing. For more information please visit <http://www.aquajax.net/the-aquarium-project/>. Chair Budd presented Mr. Maloney with a certificate of appreciation from the SW CPAC.
- Len Burroughs made a motion to provide a letter of support for the AquaJax project. Tom Martin seconded the motion. All were in favor.
5. **Chair’s Report:** Chair Kathy Budd reported:
- CPAC Chairs met with Mayor Brown. The Chairs are expecting follow-up to questions and concerns.
  - Concerns the Westside will be negatively affected by the Planning Commission’s approval of Limes Billiards and a liquor store despite the CPAC’s and neighborhoods’ objections.
  - Concerns about the negative impact on Westside neighborhoods by Ability Housing apartments.

## 6. Elected Officials' Reports:

- Council Member Doyle Carter, a SW CPAC Charter Member, reported:
  - JEA was commended for doing a great job at Jacksonville International Airport and at Cecil Airport.
  - He attended a meeting with Hillwood in Texas.
  - Flightstar has 1100 employees.
  - Jacksonville Equestrian Center has over 1000 contestants.
  - The annual RV show is Feb. 26- Mar. 1 at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center (JEC). The RV show is the largest show hosted by JEC.
  - Cecil Recreation Center hosted umpire training in January.
  - The I-10 Marietta Interchange is on schedule.
  - His office has received reports of automobiles speeding in subdivisions. JSO was contacted.
  - Chair Budd thanked Council Member Carter for his report.
- Council Member Jim Love reported:
  - The Love Boone Park clean-up is Saturday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m. – noon.
  - Costco is moving forward with plans to build at Collins Road and I-295.
  - Super Walmart at Collins Road and I-295 is breaking ground.
  - He has been serving on the Blight Committee. The committee is making progress cleaning up the city.
    - JSO purchased cameras to address ongoing illegal dumping (blight) issues. Camera installation has begun.
    - A second snipe sign and tire buy-back event is scheduled for March 28, 2015.
    - The Blight Committee addressed bus routes and bus stops. Some routes have remained unchanged for years. Some bus stops created blight and others opportunities for crime. JTA has changed bus routes and stops. "Next bus features" provide real time bus information [www.nextbus.com](http://www.nextbus.com). Trash cans were added to bus stops where blight was a problem.
  - General Electric, at the Cecil Commerce Center, created new, good-paying jobs.
  - Pension discussions are continuing.
  - Exciting things are happening in Jacksonville – dream big!
  - Chair Budd thanked Council Member Love for his report.

## 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- Membership and Public Relations: Abner Davis asked members to bring a guest to the March meeting.
- He has not yet had a reply from James Croft about what the CPAC is allowed to do regarding public relations, such as promotion via internet and social media sites.
  - Transportation- Tom Martin reported the following items were discussed at the Feb. 4 North Florida Transportation Organization (TPO) meeting:
    - A new member was received and a committee was established to discuss bylaws.
    - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) installation on State Road 16 in St. Johns County.
    - Update on Butler Boulevard and State Road 9B projects - in the environmental phase.
    - JTA's request to discuss ferry and bus rapid transit phase 2.
    - Presentation about the I-95 and Airport Road Access Management Concepts. Feb. 16, 2015 public hearing at Hilton Garden Inn, 4:30 p.m. open house/6:30 p.m. presentation.
    - Mr. Martin expressed a concern about the lack of transportation infrastructure. Jacksonville needs a rapid transit system. A brief discussion was held regarding transportation.
    - The next TPO meeting is March 9, 2015
- ShAdCo – Alice Turknett's absence was excused. Linda Barrow announced the first ShAdCo Zone 4 Safety Fair was held on Jan. 17. The weather was good and the turnout excellent. In the future, to efficiently use resources, 3 zones will join for one safety fair. The next safety fair is April 18, 2015 at Regence Square, ShAdCo 2. Chair Budd thanked Ms. Barrow for volunteering at the ShAdCo Safety Fair.
- Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson reported that Rusty Chandler had provided updates on the Cecil area.
- Governmental Affairs – Gina Bradley reported the subcommittee met to discuss how the Governmental Affairs/Economic Development Subcommittee can be improved- staff support and the committee members' better understanding of the process are needed.
- Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported:
  - TRUE met Thursday, Feb. 5. The following items were discussed: the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund, pension reform, JSO budget and JSO positions.

## 8. Unfinished Business – none.

## 9. New Business –none

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

- The Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour is scheduled for May 28, 2015. Tickets are available @ \$20 each. The ticket includes breakfast, a snack, lunch and the bus tour. Tour sites and other details are still being planned.
- A guest expressed a concern – a JSO Zone 3 officer displayed very unprofessional behavior at the scene of a hit and run accident near Deerwood. A brief discussion was held with input by Council Member Love. Chair Budd

will assist the resident with making contact with the appropriate zone commander.

- A member expressed a concern about the roadway project on Roosevelt Boulevard between Roosevelt Boulevard Bridge and Timuquana Avenue. Workers are littering the area with personal trash. Tubes and sandbags also litter the area. She has contacted FDOT, but the issue remains unresolved. Karen Taulbee said she will ask FDOT to follow up with the contractor.
- The Westside Business Leaders Association will host a candidate forum on Feb. 12, noon.

**11. Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Tyson and seconded by Len Burroughs. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**NEXT CPAC MEETING: March 9, 2015~ 7:00 p.m.**

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Next Executive Committee Meeting: March 9, 2015 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: March 9, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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