

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
June 8, 2015

Attendance

Members:

Vice Chair – (Clara White Mission) Abner Davis
Charter Member – Don Ingram
Blue Lakes Estates – Annette Brown
Budget Automotive – Linda Barrows
Budget Automotive – Darrell Barrows
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
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin

Excused:

Chair - (Council District 10) – Kathy Budd
Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Michael Fisher
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
National Society of Colonial Dames – Gina Bradley
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley

Absent:

West Jax Civic – Ric Dill

Elected Officials:

Staff:

City of Jacksonville Parks and Recreation – Eleanor Robinson
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. Steve Spates
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Public Works – Luis Flores

Staff Excused:

Mayor's Liaison – Angela Spears
City of Jacksonville Parks and Recreation – Keith Meyer
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Karen Taulbee

Guests:

Lara – Hipps Group
Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing
Elizabeth Riddick
P Nettles
Lenee Purdy
David Williams – Onyx Magazine

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. He asked everyone to turn off or silence electronic devices.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

Tom Martin noted the name on the Transportation section of the May report should read: Tom Martin reported on actions of the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee. A motion to approve the summary, as corrected, was made by Len Burroughs and seconded by Sandra Tucker. All were in favor.

3. Staff Reports:

- **Mayor's Representative** – Angela Spears' absence was excused.
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** – Lt. Steve Spates reported:
 - JSO is in a transition phase. The new sheriff, Mike Williams, takes office on July 1.
 - Hurricane season began on June 1. Be prepared.
 - Please visit www.coj.net/jso.
 - A concern was raised about the number of police officers assigned in Riverside. Lt. Spates explained that 15 officers work shifts in ShAdCo Sector J (Juliette). He encouraged residents to contact him at 573-3165 if they have concerns about JSO issues.
 - JSO was commended for the Zone 4 ShAdCo meeting held in Sector J. ShAdCo members and guests welcomed the new sheriff and said farewell and thank you to Sheriff Rutherford.
 - Lt. Spates expressed his condolences to Alice Turknett for the recent passing of her husband.
 - Acting Chair Davis thanked Lt. Spates 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:
 - Two Zone 4 officers are out on medical leave. The zone will be short-staffed for two weeks. Please contact the office if the response time is not satisfactory.
 - 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's absence was excused.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Karen Taulbee's absence was excused. FDOT distributes reports electronically. Ms. Ridderman reported, due to staffing changes, an FDOT representative will attend every other SW CPAC meeting. Jim Green will begin staffing the SW CPAC in August, 2015.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps reported:
 - The Cecil Behind the Scene Bus Tour was well-attended. If residents attended the bus tour, they were asked to please fill out and return surveys.
 - The Navy planes, personnel and support operations are temporarily assigned to Cecil Airport. The airport has received no noise complaints. There have been no issues with ground transportation.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyerl's absence was excused. Eleanor Robinson reported:
 - Parks are gearing up for summer programs.
 - Monday, Rec & Roll vans travel to sites.
 - 12 locations offer extended hours.
 - June 22 – Summer Camp programs begin.
 - June 22 - Summer Night Lights programs begin.
 - June 22 – swimming lessons begin.
 - Pools are open.
- **Planning and Development Department:**
 - **Planning** – Andy Hetzel reported:
 - He had no written report.
 - An administrative deviation application was received for 1745 Geraldine Drive to add a second floor over an existing garage.
 - An administrative deviation application was received for 1200 Cassatt Avenue to redevelop the property and correct property boundary issues.
 - June 19 – request for a reduction in play space at 1102 Murray Drive.
 - June 2 – Council Member Jones' community meeting regarding a proposed 4 way stop and pedestrian crossing at the intersection at Murray Drive and Kingsley Street.

- The Hen Ordinance was approved by the Planning Commission. A brief discussion was held regarding having chickens in residential areas. A concern was expressed about cleanliness of the chicken coops and proximity to neighbors in residential areas.
 - For additional information, please contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.
- **JTA** - Cheryl Riddick reported:
 - Service changes go into effect on July 16. An outreach specialist is riding the affected routes to distribute fliers and route cards. Printed notices were provided to the CPAC.
 - She will report each month on roadways and mobility corridors,
 - On August 10, JTA will report on JTA road projects in the SW District.
 - A question was raised about the JTA Community Advisory Boards. Ms. Reddick explained the Community Advisory Board meetings were not well-attended. JTA decided, instead, to increase community outreach during community meetings to seek residents' input.
 - Acting Chair Abner Davis thanked Ms. Riddick for her report.

4. Presentation: None. The scheduled speakers asked to reschedule.

5. Chair's Report: Acting Chair Abner Davis reported:

- Chair Budd's absence is excused.
- CPAC Chairs sent a letter to the incoming administration to request one seat, to represent all CPACs, on the Planning Commission. The Chairs proposed the Planning Commission seat would be staffed by a member from the Urban Core the first year, then rotate annually to each CPAC.
- A second letter was written to request the Greater Arlington-Beaches CPAC Chair Mike Anania, be named to the Transition Team. The SW CPAC Acting Chair did not sign the letter because the subject had not been discussed and voted on in the SW CPAC meetings.
- Mayor-Elect Curry, during his campaign, said he wants to strengthen the CPACs and perhaps provide an annual budget for printing, advertisements and an annual event.
- The CPAC Chairs plan to schedule a meeting with Mayor Curry in August or September to discuss how the government and CPACs can more effectively work together.
- The CPAC Chairs plan to schedule meetings with City Council Members to discuss how the government and CPACs can more effectively work together.
- A discussion was held about the transition process from the Brown to the Curry administration.

6. Elected Officials' Reports: no reports.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- Membership and Public Relations - Abner Davis reported:
 - He would like to invite young people to the August CPAC meeting.
- Transportation - Tom Martin reported:
 - The North Florida Transportation Organization (NFTPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met June 3, 2015.
 - Members approved the Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaws revision as proposed by the Bylaws Subcommittee.
 - Members approved the Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 2014/2015 through 2015/2016.
 - Members approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal year 2015 – 2016 through 2019-2020.
 - Members approved the FDOT request amending the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for fiscal year 2014/2015 through 2018/2019. Included in the amendment are the Environmental Migration Bank Credit for First Coast Expressway and the Federal Section 5339 Small Urban Grants to St. Johns and Nassau Counties.
 - Members received an update presentation by Pete Vega, FDOT TSM& O Program Manager, regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
 - Members approved the 2015 List of Priority Projects.
 - The next NFTPO CAC regular meeting will be held on August 5, 2015 at 7 p.m.
 - Acting Chair Davis thanked Mr. Martin for his detailed report.
- ShAdCo – Alice Turknnett reported:
 - She is happy to be back at CPAC.
 - She commended Mayor Brown for the personalized letter of condolence she received from him for her husband's passing. She thanked others for their cards, calls and letters.
 - On June 1, the Zone 4 ShAdCo met at the Ortega United Methodist Church to say goodbye to Sheriff Rutherford and to meet Sheriff-Elect Mike Williams.
 - ShAdCo Chairs are meeting with Sheriff Rutherford on Wednesday, June 10.
 - The youngest ShAdCo member is 18 years old. ShAdCo is also interested in recruiting more youth.
 - 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

- o new members are welcome.
- 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.
- o Acting Chair Davis welcomed Ms. Turknett back to the meeting and expressed condolences in behalf of the entire CPAC.
- Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson reported:
 - o The Navy has moved its fixed wing operations from the Naval Air Station (NAS) to Cecil Airport and began full operations today. The reason for the move is NAS is breaking ground for runway construction. Traffic issues are being addressed.
 - o The Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour was great. The food and tour were excellent.
 - o A runway is planned for Cecil Airport Eastside.
 - o The Jacksonville Equestrian Center is growing and receiving excellent support from the new management.
 - o Federal Express opens in three months.
 - o General Electric Oil and Gas is already in production in a finished portion of their new building. The main portion of the building is still under major construction.
- Safety: Bruce Tyson reported:
 - o Hurricane season begins June 1. Plan ahead and be prepared.
- Governmental Affairs and Economic Development – Gina Bradley's absence was excused
 - o Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported:
 - o A TRUE meeting was held on June 2. Pension reform and unfunded liabilities were discussed. Ordinance 2015-258 was approved as a first step toward controlling pension costs.
 - o TRUE will further discuss the pension issue on June 9, 2015, 10 a.m. in Council Member Gulliford' s office, Suite 425 City Hall, 117 West Duval St.
 - o TRUE meets again on July 2, 2015.

8. Unfinished Business – none.

9. New Business – none.

- A concern was expressed that City Council Members do not often attend CPAC meetings. A comment was made that Council Members Love, Carter and Brown have recently attended the SW CPAC meetings. Acting Chair Davis announced he will invite each member of the City Council to attend the CPAC. Alice Turknett announced she will invite Council Member Love and Kevin Kuzel to the SW CPAC meeting.

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

- A new subdivision of 38 homes was approved for construction on Old Middleburg Road. Concerns were expressed for safety/increased traffic on that road and the need for road widening and other improvements. Old Middleburg Road was listed on the Better Jacksonville Plan, but funding was transferred to a project in another district.
- Lee High School and Murray Hill School students are loitering in nearby neighborhoods and in Willowbranch Park. Crime has increased in the park and in the nearby neighborhoods. These concerns have been reported to JSO and DCPS.

11. Motion to Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Len Burroughs and seconded by Tom Martin. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: August 10, 2015~ 7:00 p.m.

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Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: August 10, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
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