

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
March 9, 2015

Attendance

Members:

Chair - (Council District 10) – Kathy Budd
Vice Chair – (Clara White Mission) Abner Davis
Charter Member – Don Ingram
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer
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
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin

Excused:

Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Blue Lakes Estates – Annette Brown
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Michael Fisher
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
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:

Elected Officials:

Jacksonville City Council - Kevin Kuzel for City Council Member Jim Love
Duval County School Board - Tyler Loehnert for Becki Couch
Duval County School Board - Kelly Coker for Becki Couch
Duval County School Board - Brandon Mack for Becki Couch

Staff:

Mayor's Liaison – Angela Spears
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 Public Works – Luis Flores
City of Jacksonville Regulatory – Municipal Code Compliance – Dennis Steele
City of Jacksonville Regulatory – Consumer Affairs – Valerie Williams
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Karen Taulbee
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. T.C. James

Guests:

Darrell Barrow – Hyde Grove Terrace
Linda Barrow – Hyde Grove Terrace
Lara Hipps – Hipps Group
Marilyn Sharko - LAPS
Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing

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 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 Len Burroughs. The vote: all were in

favor.

3. Staff Reports:

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

- The Mayor's Environmental Awards Luncheon is March 12 at the Jacksonville Zoo. Tickets are \$25.
- Mayor Brown's summer jobs program applications will be on line March 18. Mayor Brown is asking businesses to participate by hiring youth.
- Mayor Brown's Senior Fish-A-Thon is March 18 at Hannah Park.
- Community Empowerment Days provides resources to residents. The event was held at Eureka Gardens and Washington Heights in February. Other events are scheduled through May, 2015.
- The Tire and Sign Buyback event is March 28. The City will pay \$2 for up to 10 tires and .50 for up to 40 signs. No political signs will be accepted. Participants must be Duval County residents.

• **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** – Lt. James reported:

- Zone 4 is the busiest zone in the city.
- Riverside is experiencing a number of auto burglaries. Half of the autos were unlocked.
- Riverside is experiencing a rise in residential burglaries. Criminals drive around to look for easy targets. Use alarm signs (real or fake) and dog signs (with or without dog ownership. Beware of someone knocking on the door and asking for the name of a person who does not live in the home. Beware of criminals who knock, receive no answer, then go around back and break in.
- Lock cars and do not leave valuable items in sight.
- Do not leave valuable items in sight inside the house.
- Create a record of serial number and photos of personal items.
- Abner Davis requested a list of Zone 4 JSO officers.
- Chair Budd thanked Lt. James 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:

- The Tire and Sign Buyback is March 28, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at EverBank Field. Lot J. \$2 per tire up to 10 tires. Signs .50 per sign up to 40 signs. No political signs will be accepted.
- Litter signs are covered by ordinance. They are on the right of way.
- Campaign signs must be posted on private property – not on the right of way.
- Real estate signs must have a permit number and may be posted Friday – Sunday at 5 p.m.
- The division is experiencing a temporary winter lull, while there are fewer grass calls.
- Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report issues.

• **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Paul McNamara's absence was excused.

• **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Karen Taulbee reported:

- FDOT distributes reports electronically.

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

- 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 and a full tour.

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

- March 14 and 15 Living History Weekend at Camp Milton. Free.
- March 21 8 a.m. – noon, St. Johns River Celebration – 20th Annual Cleanup. For information call 630-3420. Fliers were provided.
- The COJ reopened 5 community centers. One is at Lou Brantley Park at McGirts Creek. Staff has been hired and after school programming is in place. 15 kids are currently enrolled in activities.
- 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:
- Folks Huxford is the Acting Director. Mr. Huxford continues in his role as Division Chief.
- For additional information, please contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.

• **Public Works** – Luis Flores reported:

- Public Buildings has over 100 structures in Zone 4. Employees are gearing up for the summer season. Call 630-CITY to report concerns about buildings.
- Ms. Ridderman requested information about recycling and solid waste for a future meeting.

- 4. Chair's Report:** Chair Kathy Budd reported:
- Tonight's speaker asked to be rescheduled.
 - The North CPAC sent a letter to all Chairs to request assistance to promote an ordinance that would regulate residents playing basketball in the right of way. Chair Budd inquired if this is an issue in the SW CPAC with no response. No letter of support will be issued.
 - The SW CPAC issued two letters in February to support the AquaJax aquarium.
 - The CPAC Chairs requested meetings with Mayoral Candidates Bill Bishop and Lenny Curry. They met with Bill Bishop. Vice Chair Abner Davis will attend the meeting with Lenny Curry.
 - Abner Davis offered to head a new committee called the Interagency Exchange Committee, to gain access to City Hall and to improve the planning processes. By the time the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee learns about applications, it is often too late to provide any meaningful input. The committee members are: Abner Davis, Bruce Tyson, Kathy Budd and Gina Bradley. Chair Budd expressed a concern that zoning regulations and rules are being disregarded.
- 5. Elected Officials' Reports:**
- Kevin Kuzel reported for Council Member Love. He attended a town hall meeting regarding dredging. The meeting was held at UNF.
 - Kelly Coker, Tyler Loehnert and Brandon Mack reported for Becki Couch.
 - Superintendent Viti will be giving the State of Schools address.
 - They thanked the COJ for the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program, which benefits kids.
 - Two major initiatives:
 - Discover Duval Schools invites residents to explore schools and educational programs. The program provides parents and community members an opportunity to participate in a guided school tour or request a district professional to speak about the successes and challenges in Duval County Public Schools.
 - Parent Academy engages parents/caregivers and provides free courses.
 - The Douglas Anderson School of the Arts project has been completed. Growth in the area is being monitored.
 - Tickets are available for the Teacher of the Year Awards. Call 390-2000 to attend.
 - Please visit www.DuvalSchools.org for more information.
 - The Honorable Ms. Couch plans to attend the CPAC meeting in April.
 - Chair Budd thanked Duval Schools for the report.
- 6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
- Membership and Public Relations - Abner Davis reported:
 - He has been promoting CPACs when he is a guest at events.
 - He purchased Cecil Behind the Scenes ticket for Clay County Chamber and Oakleaf Business Council members.
 - He will meet with Mayoral Candidate Lenny Curry tomorrow to explore his ideas on how to get the message out about CPAC.
 - 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 March 4, 2015.
 - The amended Transportation Plan was reviewed.
 - A presentation was made regarding alternate fuels and the Fuel Mast Plan reviewed.
 - ShAdCo – Alice Turknett's absence was excused.
 - Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson had no report.
 - Governmental Affairs and Economic Development – Gina Bradley reported:
 - Subcommittee members and Council Member Brown went to view the damage to homes and yards in the Randia neighborhood where there are ongoing issues due to flooding and erosion. The CPAC members contacted the COJ and as a result, the COJ will reimburse residents for receipted expenses.
 - The subcommittee reviewing zoning application information provided by Andy Hetzel. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee took no action.
 - Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported:
 - TRUE sent a letter to oppose the passage of 2015-150, and 2015-151. These bills address JEA's pension funding. A discussion was held about pension funding and JEA's salary budget.
- 7. Unfinished Business** – none.
- 8. New Business** –none

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

- Don Ingram announced Elder Affairs reviewed the status of Senior Centers. Chuck Mann and Don Ingram worked on the project. He commended the COJ for doing a great job responding to the Senior Centers' needs. He thanked Luis Flores for his work with the centers.
- Don Ingram introduced Marilyn Sharko, Lakeshore Preservation Association. She was welcomed to CPAC.
- Valerie Williams, Consumer Affairs Manager, introduced herself and explained the role of the Office of Consumer Affairs:
 - Enforces [Jacksonville, Florida, Code of Ordinances](#), Chapter 250; Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Chapter 696; Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices and Chapter 804; Charitable Solicitations by Permit.
 - Issues and enforces ice cream truck permits, which require the operator to pass a background check.
 - Issue permits to feed the homeless, for example at parks or churches.
 - Investigates and mediates consumer complaints that cover a myriad of areas as they pertain to consumer fraud and/or protection, for example nuisance street vendors and peddlers.
 - Please call 630-CITY to report concerns
- Bernice Gremer expressed her concerns about Geraldine Drive. The street is rated at 15 tons, yet 18 wheelers frequently use the street and the street is being destroyed. Safety is an issue. FDOT was contacted, but it is not a FDOT property – it is a City-owned street. The City reported there is no law to enforce the weight restrictions. The street is being destroyed by 18 wheelers. Luis Flores, Public Works, said he will follow-up.
- Mary Beth Ridderman announced FSCJ completed their review of the Facilities Use Policy. The 2015 SW CPAC meeting space arrangements were approved at no cost to the COJ. She thanked the FSCJ and COJ staff persons who worked on this project. She thanked Lane Wiley Senior Center staff member, Ms. Kidd, for providing alternate meeting arrangements. The alternate meeting arrangements have been cancelled.
- Lara Hipps announced a VIP groundbreaking ceremony at the Orange Park Medical Center's Park West Emergency Center at 6447103rd Street near Jammes Road. March 6, 11 a.m. – noon.
- Lara Hipps reported the Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour is scheduled for May 28, 2015. Several tickets have been sold but tickets are still available @ \$20 each. The ticket includes breakfast, a snack, lunch and the bus tour.

10. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made Len Burroughs and seconded by Bruce Tyson. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: April 13, 2015~ 7:00 p.m.

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Next Executive Committee Meeting: April 13, 2015 ~ 6:00 p.m.
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Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: April 13, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
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