

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
May 11, 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
National Society of Colonial Dames – Gina Bradley
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
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
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer
Timuquana Manor N. – Alice Turknett
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
West Jax Civic – Ric Dill

Absent - Pending Removal:

Elected Officials:

Council Member Jim Love

Staff:

Mayor's Liaison – Angela Spears
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. Jesse York
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Sgt. Calvin Anderson
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
JTA – Robert Franques

Staff Excused:

City of Jacksonville Parks and Recreation – Keith Meyerl
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Karen Taulbee

Guests:

Lara – Hipps Group	Elaine Seashole - Lakeside Park
Ethel Mae Nolting - Confederate Point	Michael Seashole - Lakeside Park
Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing	Mary Elizabeth Dunlap – Lakeside Park
Linda Ricker	William Travis - Lakeside Park
H.P. Rumph – Camalot LLC	Betsy Dunlap – Lakeside Park
Lee Stifter – Fishweir	Jeff Mathews – Mathews Family
Tawane Brown - Fishweir	Fred Atwill – Atwill LLC
Vic Snowberger – USS Adams Museum	Dick Jackson

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 announced a correction is needed to correct a scrivener's error on page 3 of the April summary. A motion to approve the summary, as corrected, was made by Tom Martin and seconded by Len Burroughs. The vote : all were in favor.

3. Staff Reports:

•Mayor's Representative – Angela Spears reported:

- On April 25, a tornado caused property damage in several areas of Jacksonville. The Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low interest rate loans to residential and business property owners. Applications may be made at the Henry T. Jones Community Center, 3856 Grant Road, Jacksonville, FL 32207.
- Hurricane season begins June 1. The City of Jacksonville prepared a Hurricane Guide which will have special sections for kids and for military families. The guides will be available at the Times Union, Tax Collector's Office, Supervisor of Elections Office and Senior Centers.
 - Know your evacuation routes.
 - Download the JaxReady mobile app for emergency preparedness.
- Download the MyJAX mobile app to electronically make reports of things in the community that require the city's attention.
- Download the JaxHapps mobile app to find out what events are planned in the city.
- The Jacksonville Jazz Festival is Memorial weekend.
- May 30 – Spring Fling at Lakeside Park Community Center, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

•Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Lt. Jesse York reported:

- Sgt. Calvin Anderson was introduced.
- Business burglaries have increased, particularly in the Jammes Road and Roselle Street areas.
- Auto burglaries have increased, particularly near Normandy and Cassatt.
- Robberies to individuals have increased, particularly at apartment complexes in the late night and early morning hours. Some robberies are at gunpoint.
- Incidents have increased of driving while intoxicated (DUI).
- Pay attention to surroundings.
- Lock cars and remove valuable items from sight.
- Secure property, close garage doors and close windows.
- Report suspicious activity. (630-0500).JSO is understaffed and needs assistance from the community.
- A question was raised about participating in the JSO Ride Along Program. To apply, call 513-3165. A background check will be scheduled. Then a JSO ride-along will be scheduled.
- 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, 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:

- The division added one new officer. One officer has completed training.
- Zone 4 loans officers to other zones.
- 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.

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

- The Navy planes, personnel and support operations have begun the move to Cecil Airport.
- 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 the tour, breakfast and lunch.
- A concern was expressed about additional traffic on 103rd Street, caused by the Navy's move.

• Parks & Recreation – Keith Meyerl' s absence was excused.

• Planning and Development Department:

- **Planning** – Andy Hetzel reported:
 - Two new applications were received for June 4. The Otis Landfill is expanding. Set back of a pond from 25' to 15' on Ricker Road near the B&D Auto Parts Store. He provided information to the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee prior to the meeting.
 - For additional information, please contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.
 - **Housing and Community Development** – Mary Beth Ridderman frequently distributes information electronically.
 - **JTA** - Cheryl Riddick reported:
 - Route Optimization Initiative, effective December, 2014, is successful. Currently, changes are being made, based riders' input. Additional input is requested.
 - She will report each month on roadways and mobility corridors,
 - The First Coast Flyer is a 55 mile system that broke ground downtown last year. In 2015, service will be expanded to the North corridor.
 - On August 10, JTA will report on JTA projects in the SW District. JTA requests to be added to the CPAC staff reports each month.
 - JTA fliers are available.
 - Acting Chair Abner Davis thanked Ms. Riddick for her report and announced JTA will be added to the CPAC agenda.
- 4. Presentation:** Commodore Joseph Snowberger presented information about the USS Adams Museum. The USS Adams will be towed to the Jacksonville Shipyards in Fall 2015 or Spring 2016. It will be Florida's first Naval Warship Museum. Other cities with Naval ships have increased tourism. The Addams is funded by private donations – it receives no government funding. The USS Adams served as a guided missile destroyer and helped shape national defense strategy for 30 years. It is a candidate for status as a National Historic Landmark. A scale model of the USS Adams was displayed. Fliers and wristbands were distributed. To learn more, please visit www.ussadams.com.
- 5. Chair's Report:** Acting Chair Abner Davis reported:
- Chair Budd's absence is excused. She is taking care of her father's estate. She appreciated the card sent from the SW CPAC.
 - Acting Chair Davis met with the CPAC Chairs and Mayor Brown last month. As a result of the meeting, tomorrow the CPAC Chairs will sign and send a letter to request to secure a CPAC appointment to the Planning Commission. The Chairs propose to rotate the position annually.
- 6. Elected Officials' Reports:** The Honorable Jim Love reported:
- A portion of the gas tax funded the Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP). Several BJP projects remain unfinished due to insufficient funding. The gas tax was renewed. JTA is the agency that handles a large part of road building. Three contiguous sections of Collins Road are planned. Another top priority is Westport Road lights.
 - A question was raised about the BJP project planned for Old Middleburg Road. Council Member Love said he will check on the status.
 - He thanked Angela Spears for bringing up the mobile apps.
 - He invited everyone to attend the City Council meetings.
 - He is excited about what's going on in Jacksonville. He appreciates the opportunity to serve as a City Council Member. He welcomes residents' calls.
 - He encouraged everyone to get out and vote!
- 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
- Membership and Public Relations - Abner Davis reported:
 - Looking for new members. He welcomed visitors to see him or Mary Beth for a CPAC nomination form or find the form on the website.
 - He encouraged members and visitors to vote.
 - When the CPAC Chairs met with the Mayor, he raised the subject of social media and websites. The CPAC is not permitted to start a social media or website. The new COJ website will feature CPACs.
 - Transportation - Tom Martin reported on actions of the CPAC representative to NFTPO:
 - The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) met May 6, 2015.
 - NFTPO Members received a presentation of the Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 2015/2016. The list will be adopted in June, 2015.
 - NFTPO Members received a presentation on the draft of the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for fiscal year 2014/2015 through 2018/2019.
 - NFTPO Members approved the FDOT request amending the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for fiscal year 2014/2015 through 2018/2019. Included in the amendment is a Right of Way and Engineering for Blanding Boulevard widening from Long Bay Road to Allie Murray Road.
 - NFTPO Members received an updated on the Buckman Bridge Safety Study, by Atkins. The study will include the connecting interchanges and the new construction express lanes. The study is nearly complete.

- The next NFTPO regular meeting is June 3, 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 via email.
 - The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee previously heard a report from Fred Atwill, agent for 2015-245 and WRF 15-03. Andy Hetzel reported: this application will be heard a LUZ on May 20; the City Council date has yet to be determined. Residents expressed the following concerns:
 - The Lakeside Park Neighborhood Association objected to 2015-245.
 - 19 residents presented a signed petition in opposition to 2015-245.
 - Safety concern - additional traffic congestion would be caused by approval of 2015-245.
 - The 2015-245 application does not show two nearby parks. The parks have no parking. The road is a cut through from Roosevelt Boulevard. There is not adequate parking for construction workers.
 - An additional driveway will not allow sufficient room for emergency vehicle access.
 - An additional house caused by 2015-245 would adversely affect the small neighborhood's historical integrity, and property values.
 - Nearby trees will be adversely affected by fill dirt and construction.
 - The petition and photographs were submitted for the record.
 - Fred Atwill explained that he thought the application would be heard on May 5 and that misinformation triggered an emergency Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee sent City Council a request for a deferral of action. The City Council Public Hearing is scheduled for May 12. The LUZ meeting is May 20. He thanked residents for their comments and said he was available to answer questions.
 - A discussion followed.

2015-245 WRF 15-03	Discussion. Residents' comments were heard. No action was taken.	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.
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- Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported:
 - An extensive TRUE meeting was held last week. The following items were discussed:
 - Pension reform and unfunded liabilities.
 - City payroll and JTA payroll. TRUE is looking at internal weaknesses and contractual issues between the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Vice President and the former CEO. A private investigation was contracted to handle special concerns from residents.

8. Unfinished Business – none.

9. New Business –

- Len Burroughs announced Mayor Brown declared May Bike to Work Month and May 15, 2015 Jacksonville Bike to Work Day. Cyclists will meet at Lakeshore Bicycles, 2108 Blanding Blvd. on May 15 at 7 a.m. A second group will meet at Open Road Bicycles, 4460 Hendricks Ave. Mayor Brown will participate in the ride.

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

- SW CPAC Charter Member Chuck Mann is better. Cards, visits and cellular phone calls will be appreciated.

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 8:44 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: June 8, 2015~ 7:00 p.m.

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Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 8, 2015 ~ 6 p.m.
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Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: June 8, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
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