

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
November 9, 2015

Attendance

Members:

Chair - (Council District 10) – Kathy Budd
Vice Chair – (Clara White Mission) Abner Davis
Budget Automotive – Linda Barrows
Budget Automotive – Darrell Barrows
Camalot – Pierce Rumph
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Michael Fisher
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin

Excused:

Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Charter Member – Don Ingram
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Meyers
St. Ives Townhomes – Sandra Tucker
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
Timuquana Manor N. – Alice Turknett
Timuquana Manor N. – Polly Walker
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley

Absent:

Blue Lakes Estates – Annette Brown
Gleaner's Dispatch – Terry Fountain
West Jax Civic – Ric Dill

**Three consecutive unexcused absences will result in the organization's removal as a CPAC member.
Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net if members will be absent.**

Resigned:

The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer
Gleaner's Dispatch – Jim Kelley

Pending Removal:

Armstrong & Bosch – Opal Burgstiner
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter

Elected Officials:

Honorable Jim Love – City Council Member Council District 14
Honorable Becki Couch – Duval School Board Member
Kevin Kuzel – Executive Assistant – Council District 14

Staff:

City of Jacksonville Parks and Recreation – Keith Meyerl
City of Jacksonville Planning and Development – Neighborhood Initiatives - 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. Mike Eason
JFRD – Chief Jessie General
JTA – Cheryl Riddick

Staff Excused:

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green

Guests:

Lara – Hipps Group, Representing JAA
Jenna Emmons – Ability Housing
Jack Green - Advanced Disposal
Lore Major – City of Jacksonville Solid Waste

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 recognized the Honorable Jim Love, the Honorable Becki Couch and Kevin Kuzel, Assistant to Council Member Jim Love.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:

Len Burroughs made a motion to approve the summary. Bruce Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Lt. Mike Eason reported:

- The numbers of most types of crime have decreased.
- The number of reported auto burglaries are up, primarily due to the vehicles' doors being left unlocked. Please remove valuables and lock vehicles.
- The numbers of robberies are up. Please be aware of your surroundings and walk with others.
- JSO has fewer and fewer resources. A large number of JSO officers are leaving. Many are retiring because of concerns about pension changes. Other officers are actively being recruited to other cities for more pay, better benefits, better pensions and more job security. Other cities and states offer higher starting salaries, less expensive insurance costs, less expensive retiree insurance, hiring bonuses and moving costs. JSO has become a training ground for officers to go to other cities, at a training cost of \$60,000 per officer. Residents expressed concerns.
- Lt. Eason reported JSO is grateful for Council Member Love's support for JSO.
- The CPAC thanked Lt. Eason and JSO with applause.
- For JSO 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.

Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department: Chair Budd welcomed JFRD to the CPAC. Chief Jessie General reported this is the first CPAC meeting he has attended and he planned to stay for the entire meeting. JFRD is present for the community. Chief Wilson is very receptive and he promotes quality service.

- Residents expressed concern that construction has not begun on a planned new fire station at Collins Road and Old Middleburg Road. Chief General explained the process is lengthy to build a station and often the delay is due to funding issues.
- A question was raised about firefighters wearing pink shirts in October. Chief General discussed JFRD's support for October's Breast Cancer Awareness month.
- The JFRD non-emergency number is 630-0434.
- To report an emergency, please call 911.

4. Duval School Board: The Honorable Becki Couch, Duval County School Board Member, reported she has been attending meetings regarding boundary changes. Superintendent Viti proposed the following changes:

- Stillwell and Edward White High School will become a magnet program for Military Leadership Academy for grades 6 – 12. A working group has been established. Meetings are Mondays at 6 p.m. at Stillwell. Approximately 75 people attended the first meeting.
- Hyde Park would become grades 3 – 5. The focus would be on intense literacy. Hyde Grove would become grades Pre-K – 2. The proposed Hyde Grove focus will be intense literacy – more resources are available in a Pre-K setting.
- Both working groups meet on Mondays at 5 p.m. the public is welcome.
- Ms. Couch encouraged residents with or without children to attend the working group and School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings.
- Discover Duval tours will begin soon. Residents are encouraged to tour schools. Ms. Couch will send more information when it becomes available.
- Ms. Couch may be contacted at couchr@duvalschools.org.
- Chair Budd thanked Ms. Couch for attending the SW CPAC.

5. Presentation: The Honorable Jim Love, City Council Member District 14, reported:

- The Jacksonville City Council meets tomorrow night at 5 p.m.
- He serves on the following committees: Land Use & Zoning, Rules (Chair), Keep Jacksonville Beautiful, Council Chaplain, Jacksonville Waterways Commission - Vice Chair, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office - Council Liaison, Military/Veterans Affairs - Council Liaison Alternate and Transfer Stations Special Committee
- The Week of Valor includes a Veteran's Day parade, Mental Health Counseling Summit, job fair, traveling photo exhibit and other activities. Fliers were provided with a complete list of activities.
- John Gorrie Dog Park will be constructed. Residents raised funds which Council Member Love matched. In addition, a donation of \$50,000 was made.
- Council Member Love plans to vote against the City Council's resolution to restore a 2 percent pay cut. Other City, JSO and JFRD employees have not had prior pay cuts restored.
- Fliers were provided: JAX DIGS TREES.

- New chiefs and employees have been identified: John Pappas – Public Works Chief; Folks Huxford, Planning Chief, and Dave Harrell, Sports & Entertainment Officer.
- He commended JSO and JFRD for their work in the community.
- Membership changes are being made or proposed to the JEA board: Warren Jones (new) and Ed Burr (proposed).
- IKEA is scheduled to open in 2016. The store will generate approximately \$10 million annually in real estate and sales tax.
- Fidelity Investment will hire 300 people.
- Council Member led a discussion about speeding and speed limits.
- Questions were raised about Costco, Wal-Mart and the Collins Road area. Council Member Love said the Super Wal-Mart is scheduled to open by December 2015. Collins Road will be widened, but in the meantime, traffic will be congested. Funding is set aside for Paramore Road extension. Costco will pay the other portion.
- Council Member Love was commended for his ethical decision not to support a 2% reinstatement/raise for Council Members. JSO, JFRD and other city employees have not had the prior 2% (salary cut) reinstated.
- Please contact Council Member Love and his assistant, Kevin Kuzel, at 630-1390 or 710-4200.
- Chair Budd expressed her appreciation in behalf of the entire CPAC for Council Member Love's frequent CPAC attendance. The CPAC applauded.

Presentation: Automated Recycling Cart Rollout by Loretta Major. Jack Green, with Advance Disposal, assisted Ms. Major.

- Ms. Major asked how many Veterans were in the room (12, by show of hands). She recognized and thanked military veterans for their service.
- Automated services (Advance Disposal) are scheduled to begin Spring 2016.
- Recycling will be picked up every two weeks. An additional bin may be purchased for \$65 each.
- Recycling material must be placed inside of the new bins. Items left outside the bins are not acceptable.
- Please place blue recycling bins inside the new automated bin.
- Brochures were distributed: Residents' Guide to Solid Waste and Collection and Disposal.
- New recycling bins were shown and discussed. Each bin has an identification number which matches it to one home address.
- Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report vacant homes where bins are not being used or picked up.
- Contact 630-CITY (2489) for additional information.

6. Elected Officials' Reports: (see Council Member Love's presentation, above)

7. Staff Reports: Staff members were asked to provide written reports or limit necessary reports to 2 minutes.

- **Mayor's Representative:** No report.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Municipal Code Compliance Division – Dennis Steele was available for questions.
 - A concern was expressed about temporary structures, such as carports and tarped items, in place for years on residential properties. These structures are creating blight. COJ staff members (PDD and MCC) advised residents there is no legislation to enforce temporary structures. A suggestion was made that the resident call the Mayor's Representative, E. Denise Lee (Blight).
 - To report concerns, please call 630-CITY (630-2489), email 630city@coj.net or use the MyJAX app.
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ):** Paul McNamara's absence was excused.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):** Jim Green's absence was excused. Due to FDOT staff resources, each month Jim Green alternates between Greater Arlington-Beaches CPAC and the SW CPAC. If information is needed in between his scheduled meetings, please contact Mr. Green by telephone at (904)360-5684 or by e-mail at james.green@dot.state.fl.us.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) :** Lara Hipps reported:
 - The JAA Christmas party is December 9, at noon, at the Cecil Airport tower.
 - Chair Budd requested a written summary be provided to the Chair through Mary Beth Ridderman, regarding the 2015 Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour August 20 final bus tour meeting, with ad detailed accounting of the funds.
- **Parks & Recreation:** Keith Meyerl was present for questions.
 - **Planning and Development Department: Planning –** Andy Hetzel provided a written report.

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LUZ	12/1/15	4	14	15-07	SW	15-725	4610 San Juan Av	093777-0000	John Parr	reduce sign setb
PC	12/3/15	4	9	970	Conv	15-771	LaBelle St	066235-0000	James Johns	RMD-D to CCG-
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- o A concern was expressed about the application to reduce required parking spaces (AD 15-73.). The CPAC has no Governmental Affairs Subcommittee at this time. Len Burroughs will research the application and report back to the CPAC.
- o Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.

• **JTA-** Cheryl Riddick announced:

- o The First Coast Flyer (Bus Rapid Transit) service begins on December 7. The Flyer offers frequent, limited stops. Fliers were distributed: First Coast Flyer Get Hooked!.

8. Chair's Report: Chair Kathy Budd announced:

- The 2016 meeting dates were approved by FSCJ. The Mayor's Representative E. Denise Lee announced at the October meeting that she intends to change the CPAC meeting dates because of her scheduling conflict the SW and Greater Arlington-Beaches meet on the same night. A brief discussion was held. A motion was made by Len Burroughs to continue meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. A second was made by Mike Fisher. The Chair asked Mary Beth Ridderman to verify that a quorum was present – Ms. Ridderman verified a quorum was present. The vote: all were in favor. None were opposed.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- Membership and Public Relations - Abner Davis was present for questions.
- Transportation - Tom Martin reported:
 - o The North Florida Transportation Organization (NFTPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) did not meet in November. The next NFTPO CAC regular meeting will be held on December 2, 2015 at 7 p.m.
 - o The North Florida Regional Transportation Management Center and NFTPO Grand Opening, at 980 Jefferson St., is Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. RSVP by Nov. 10 to Gina Montgomery, 306-7500.
- ShAdCo – Alice Turknett's absence was excused.
 - o Individual Sector ShAdCos will not meet in November. Instead, the Annual ShAdCo meeting will be held on November 17 at the First Baptist Church in downtown Jacksonville – doors open at 4 p.m.
 - 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.
 - 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 was present for questions.
- Governmental Affairs and Economic Development – Volunteers are needed.
- Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported the TRUE Commission met on October 1, 2015. A motion was made by Mike Fisher, seconded by Len Burroughs and members voted to adopt the TRUE meeting recommendations:
 - o 2015-631 (allocation of Loblolly wetlands mitigation funds to 14 Council district funds for park improvements). Approve.
 - o 2015-396 (expansion of the JIA Community Redevelopment Area to include the Thomas Creek parcel). Approve
 - o 2015-683 (Charter amendment to permit and require the employees of the Police and Fire Pension Fund board of trustees to be members of the General Employees' Pension Plan defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Approve.
 - o Audit #762 – City Payroll Audit. Approve.
- Nomination Subcommittee –Tom Martin:
 - o Announced the Slate of Officers: Chair: Abner Davis and Bruce Tyson. One person was nominated for SW CPAC Vice Chair: Len Burroughs.
 - o Requested nominations from the floor. No nominations were received.
 - o Ballots were distributed and votes counted by the Nomination Subcommittee.
 - o Tom Martin announced the 2016 Officers: Abner Davis, Chair and Len Burroughs, Vice Chair.
- Social Subcommittee:
 - o The annual SW CPAC Social and Awards Ceremony will be held on Dec. 14, 2015 at 6 p.m. at FSCJ Kent Campus, Room D-120. (Note changes in time and location.
 - o A food sign-up sheet was distributed, then returned to Mary Beth Ridderman.

10. Unfinished Business: none

11. New Business:

- Abner Davis announced he had invited Jacoby Pittman to attend the November meeting to make an announcement during Public Comments. Because of the community's support for funding the Veteran's housing, it was unnecessary for Ms. Pittman to request the CPAC's support for a grant application. Clara White Mission appreciates the CPAC's ongoing support.

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

- Lara Hipps announced the Board of NE Florida Equestrian Society is hosting a Meet and Greet event on Nov. 12 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center, 13611 Normandy Blvd. Please contact Lara Hipps at 781-2654 to RSVP.
- Lara Hipps the Backwoods Country Jam is this weekend at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.

13. Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Tyson and seconded by Tom Martin. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: December 14, 2015~ 6:00 p.m.

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