

# District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Abner Davis

Vice Chair: Len Burroughs

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville Kent Campus  
3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Room E-112F  
January 11, 2016

### Attendance

#### **Members:**

Chair - (Clara White Mission) Abner Davis  
Vice Chair - (Murray Hill Preservation) Len Burroughs  
Charter Member - Don Ingram  
Confederate Point Civic - James Nolting  
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch - Bernice Gremer  
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara  
Hyde Grove Creek Side - Kathy Budd  
Hyde Grove Terrace - Shirley Lowry  
Hyde Grove Terrace - Peggy Meyers  
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker  
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin

#### **Excused:**

Charter Member - Chuck Mann  
Budget Automotive - Linda Barrows  
Budget Automotive - Darrell Barrows  
Timuquana Manor N. - Alice Turknett  
Timuquana Manor N. - Polly Walker  
Trinity Ministries - Bruce Tyson  
Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley

#### **Absent:**

Camalot - Pierce Rumph

**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](mailto:marybeth@coj.net) if members will be absent.**

#### **Pending Removal:**

Blue Lakes Estates - Annette Brown  
Gleaner's Dispatch - Terry Fountain  
St. Ives Townhomes - Sandra Tucker  
West Jax Civic - Ric Dill

#### **Removed:**

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

#### **Elected Officials:**

Honorable John Crescimbeni - At Large Council Member  
Honorable Jim Love - Council Member District 14  
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 - Housing & Community Development - Barbara Florio  
City of Jacksonville Planning and Development - Housing & Community Development - Dayatra Coles  
City of Jacksonville Planning and Development - Andy Hetzel  
City of Jacksonville Public Works - Luis Flores  
City of Jacksonville Regulatory, Municipal Code Compliance - Dennis Steele  
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Jim Green  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office - JSO - Lt. Mike Eason  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office - JSO - Assistant Chief Larry Gayle  
JFRD - Chief Jessie General  
JTA - Cheryl Riddick  
JTA - Chris Le Dew  
Military Affairs - Harrison Conyers

**Staff Absent:** Mayor's Representative - E. Denise Lee

#### **Guests:**

Lara - Hipps Group, Representing JAA  
Greg Huntington - Advanced Disposal  
Illegible Name Rogers

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair Abner Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis recognized the Honorable John Crescimbeni, the Honorable Jim Love and Kevin Kuzel, Assistant to Council Member Jim Love. Chair Davis welcomed Barbara Florio, Housing and Community Development Division Operations Manager/Neighborhood Coordinator's supervisor.

**2. Pass the Gavel Ceremony:** The 2015 Chair Kathy Budd passed the gavel to the 2016 Chair Abner Davis and thanked him for his past service as Vice Chair. Mary Beth Ridderman, in behalf of Mayor Lenny Curry, presented Certificates of Appreciation, signed by Mayor Curry to Abner Davis in recognition for his service as 2015 Vice Chair, Membership Subcommittee Chair and TRUE Representative.

**3. 2015 Certificates of Appreciation** were presented by the 2015 Chair to CPAC representatives and staff members who were unable to attend the December meeting.

**4. Verify Quorum/Approve the November and December summaries:** Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum. Tom Martin made a motion to approve the November and December summaries. A second was received from Kathy Budd. The vote: all were in favor.

**5. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** Lt. Mike Eason introduced Assistant Chief/Zone 4 Commander Larry Gayle. Assistant Chief Gayle reported:

- A recent crime trend involves burglaries to model homes and new homes still under construction. Five burglaries occurred in the past month in Zone 4. Entries are made through sliding glass doors. Appliances and televisions are stolen. Suspects are a white female with brown hair and white male with brown hair. If residents observe late-night or early morning activity at new construction homes or model homes, please call 911.
- An ongoing trend in Zone 4 involves auto burglaries. Most vehicles were unlocked. Incidents primarily occur at single family homes between the hours of 9 p.m. – 11 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday and Sundays. A possible suspect vehicle is a stolen/unrecovered 2014 White Dodge Challenger. Suspects gain entry into locked vehicles by smashing the vehicle's windows. Items stolen include cell phones, guns, loose change, glasses and other items. Council Member Love added information - a suspected vehicle is a brown semi-truck with the words "Neighbors Towing" printed on the door.
- Zone 4 ShAdCo Safety Fair January 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Oakleaf Town Center, 9525 Crosshill Blvd., 32222. This is a free event, with safety exhibits, demonstrations, displays, K-9 unit, JFRD Fire and Rescue units, Bomb Squad Vehicles, turn in unused/outdated medications, ShAdCo membership drive, bike helmet fittings and (while supplies last) free bike helmets for kids.
- Zone 4 is #1 in violent crimes and #1 in property crimes. 26% of all of Jacksonville's crime occurs in Zone 4.
- Zone 4 is understaffed. Twenty four officers were lost to resignations, retirements and transfers. Eight officers were transferred to Zone 4, but 10 officers were lost.
- JSO strategies include:
  - Citywide, CPR squads review crime incidents or clusters of crime. In Zone 4, hotspots include Eureka Gardens and the surrounding area, the 1500 block of Lane Avenue South and Ricker Road near 103rd. Ricker Road has the most problems. CPR squads develop lists of names/persons of interest. Westside High School has a number of students whose names appear on the list – kids arrested for or suspected in residential burglaries, car-jackings and other crimes. Information on social media indicates the listed Westside High School students have formed a loose association, but the group is not a certified gang.
  - Increased bike patrols in certain areas, for example Timothy's Landing (Melissa Court), and Indian Lakes Condominiums. Both neighborhoods are where several persons of interest reside.
  - Sheriff's Walk at King and Post – in a commercial area.
- Abductions increased, robberies to individuals increased, car-jackings increased, Aggravated battery increased, auto thefts decreased, burglaries to residences decreased, and auto theft decreased.
- Residents were encouraged to attend ShAdCo Meetings, lock car doors, leave nothing of value in view in vehicles automobiles, and utilize JSO's crime-mapping <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/crime-statistics-information-acceptance.aspx> <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/patrol-division/zone-4.aspx>
- Chair Davis thanked JSO for CPAC involvement and for a detailed report. The CPAC applauded Assistant Chief Gayle and Lt. Eason.
- For JSO information, call the JSO Zone 4 Office at 513-3165. The Zone 4 office is located in the Cedar Hills Shopping Center. <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/patrol-division/zone-4.aspx>
- To report suspicious activity, call 630-0500.
- To report a crime in progress, call 911.

**6. Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department:** Chief Jesse General was present for the meeting, but he was required to respond to an emergency before time for his report.

- JFRD website: <http://www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue.aspx>
- The JFRD non-emergency number is 630-0434.
- To report an emergency, please call 911.

- 7. Presentations:** The Honorable John Crescimbeni, City Council Member At Large, presented "Talking Trash with John", information about Jacksonville's recycling program and the next automated recycling program rollout.
- A new single-stream recycling process is in place, which has increased collections. The expanded stream will collect all plastics, all paper, all metal packaging, all cardboard, all glass and all styrofoam.
    - He displayed over 50 potential recycling items and provided a printed quiz about the items. He provided feedback on why each item was or was not appropriate for recycling.
    - The State of Florida has mandated 60% of all waste be recycled in 2016. By 2018, 70%, by 2020, 75% of waste must be recycled. The City receives \$41 per ton of recycled materials. Recycling reduces solid waste costs, reduces environmental impact and reduces landfill costs.
  - Greg Huntington, Advance Disposal, presented a PowerPoint about recycling.
    - Advanced Disposal will begin a new recycling program on March 7, 2016.
    - Residents will receive new brown and yellow, 94 gallon rolling recycling bins in February. Please call 630-CITY (2489) if bins are not delivered by March 7.
    - Each home is assigned one bin inscribed with a serial number and embedded computer chip. The bin is identified with the specific address and remains with the home if the resident moves away. Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report unoccupied homes with unattended recycling bins.
    - Collections will be scheduled every two weeks. Each home will receive a printed calendar with collection dates.
    - The filled bin will need be placed facing the curb, within 3 feet of the curb, to allow the automated collection truck to remove the recycled materials. The bin must be placed at least 3 feet away from obstacles such as parked vehicles or overhead utility lines. The first bin's cost will be covered by existing taxes, with no additional costs to the resident. Additional bins may be purchased for \$65. Damaged bins will be replaced at no cost. Call 630-CITY (2489) for more information.
  - Chair Davis expressed his appreciation in behalf of the entire CPAC for Council Member Crescimbeni's informational and entertaining report and for Greg Huntington's educational Advanced Disposal PowerPoint. The CPAC applauded.

**8. Elected Officials' Reports:**

- Council Member Crescimbeni was the guest speaker (see above). He reported:
  - The importance of pension reform. Pension costs comprise 20% of the total budget and costs rise each year, driving up the city's unfunded liability.
  - Mayor Curry suggested using sales tax to help fund the pension costs.
  - Recycle!
- Council Member Love reported:
  - Council Member Crescimbeni was commended for his presentation.
  - Council Member Brosche is working on public service grants.
  - A vote may be forthcoming to address continued sales tax to partially fund pension costs.
  - On January 12, Council Members will consider approval of appointed employees.

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

- **Mayor's Representative:** No representative/no report.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Municipal Code Compliance Division – Dennis Steele reported:
  - From Nov. 10 – Dec. 10, citations were issued for 200 junk vehicles, 396 nuisance lots, 68 zoning issues and other issues. A total of 1,268 cases were cited in Zone 4.
  - From Dec. 10 – January 11, citations were written for 237 junk vehicles, 404 nuisance properties, 507 residential, 81 zoning issues and others. A total of 1,329 cases were cited in Zone 4.
  - To report concerns, please call 630-CITY (630-2489), email [630city@coj.net](mailto: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 reported:
  - Projects will begin soon:
    - Spring 2016 – I-10 and US 301 – access modification ramps.
    - Summer 2016 – Ortega River Bridge on Roosevelt Boulevard.
    - Summer 2016 – I-95/I-10 improvements – multiuse path.
  - Other projects are continuing.
  - Due to FDOT staff resources, each month Jim Green alternates between Greater Arlington-Beaches CPAC and SW CPAC meetings. 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](mailto:james.green@dot.state.fl.us).

- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** : Lara Hipps reported:
  - Future Cecil Airport Advisory Committee meetings will be held at lunch time. The next meeting is Feb. 1.
- **Parks & Recreation:** Keith Meyerl was present for questions.
- **Planning and Development Department: Planning** – Andy Hetzel provided a written report

Type	Date	PD	CD	Application			Development/Location	RE Number	Owner/Agent
PC	12/3/15	4	9	970	Conv	15-771	LaBelle St	066235-0000	James Johns
		4	10	974	MM	15-21	Firestone Rd at Ricker Rd	015754-0000	Fred Atwill
		4	12		E	15-77	11137 Normandy Bv	012851-0010	Martina Moenckert
		4	12		AD	15-73	11137 Normandy Bv	012851-0010	Martina Moenckert
		4	12		V	15-17	908 Halsema Rd S	001930-0020	Tim Strickland
PC	1/7/16	4	10	967	C	15-0806	5305 Cemetery Rd	014387-0000	Robert Fleet
		4	14	978	C	15-0808	3102 Lake Shore	094298-0000	Cynthia Segraves
PC	1/21/16	4	14	946	P	15-0850	Pine Grove Deli	092870-0000	Steve Diebenow
AD	1/22/16	4	12		AD	15-83	4508 Zambito Rd	013048-0200	Tin Nguyen

- Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at [ahetzel@coj.net](mailto:ahetzel@coj.net) or 255-7821.
- **JTA-** Cheryl Riddick announced:
  - Blanding Boulevard/Park Street Community Charrette – Jan 26 – 28, at Riverside Baptist Church, 2650 Park St. Safety and mobility improvements will be discussed. Public participation is solicited.
  - Tom Martin expressed a concern – a Better Jacksonville Plan sign remains up near the intersection of Argyle Forest Boulevard and Collins Road. Ms. Riddick said she will follow-up on the sign.
- **Public Works** – Luis Flores reported:
  - Public Works is ramping up for Public Works Capital Improvement Plan, identifying issues related to public buildings.
  - The protocol for reporting concerns about public buildings, solid waste, traffic, real estate, mowing, right-of-way or engineering: call 630-CITY or contact Ms. Ridderman, who will forward the issues to the appropriate division chief.
  - A concern was expressed: a traffic hazard for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists on Argyle Forest Boulevard near Staples Mills Drive. The school and church entrance creates serious safety issues for residents. A traffic signal is needed at the intersection of Argyle Forest Boulevard and Staples Mills Drive. Chief of Public Buildings, Luis Flores, said he will follow-up.

**10. Chair's Report:** Chair Abner Davis requested everyone bring a guest to the next meeting.

**11. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**

- Membership and Public Relations – Abner Davis reported increased CPAC membership is contingent upon increased CPAC promotion.
- Transportation - Tom Martin reported the North Florida Transportation Organization (NFTPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met on December 2, 2015
  - 2015 elected officers will continue to serve in 2016.
  - Approved amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal years 2014/2015 through 2015/2016. The amendments include two TPO planning tasks: Ponte Vedra Traffic study and transit planning for the City of St. Augustine and 3 JTA planning tasks.
  - Approved the FDOT request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2015/2016 – 2019/2020 to include funds for a number of projects in Duval and St. Johns Counties. These project are for Liberty Street bridge replacement construction, Coastline Drive bridge replacement construction, and ITS interconnect construction, North Florid a Regional propane AutoGas deployment station and EV charging station, alternate fuels, JAXPRT clean truck program and roadway lighting of a section of SR 16.
  - Received St. Augustine Truck Study presentation.

- Received FDOT Tentative Work Program 2016/2017-20120/2021 presentation.
- The next NFTPO CAC regular meeting will be held on February 3, 2016 at 7 p.m.
- ShAdCo – Alice Turknett's absence was excused.
  - 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 new members are welcome.
  - 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's absence was excused.
- Governmental Affairs and Economic Development – Volunteers are needed.
- Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported the TRUE Commission met on Jan. 7. Chair Davis will send the TRUE minutes for Ms. Ridderman to forward to CPAC members.

**12. Unfinished Business:** none.

**13. New Business:** none.

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

- Dayatra Coles announced "Leap to Homeownership", a special event to educate potential homebuyers with information on:
  - City of Jacksonville's Head Start to Homeownership Assistance.
  - Florida's Hardest Hit Down Payment Assistance.
  - Leap to Homeownership presentation: January 30, 2016 class times: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Attendees will receive free priority placement into the required 8 hour Homebuyer Education course.

**15. Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Martin and seconded by Dewey Walker. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**NEXT CPAC MEETING: February 8, 2016~ 7:00 p.m.**  
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