

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Florida State College, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL

Monday, Jan. 11, 2010

MEETING SUMMARY

Members and Representatives

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Chair Bruce Tyson	N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Gary Shook
Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon	SMG Equestrian Center – Jean Ellen DeSpain
Charter Member – Don Ingram	Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker
Charter Member – Chuck Mann	Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknett
Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter	Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin
Confederate Point – James Nolting	Westside Business Leaders – Opal Burgstiner
FL State College at Jax, Cecil North – Paul McNamara	
Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly	ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Murray Hill Preserv. – Len Burroughs	Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker

Media/Staff/Officials	Excused
Mayor's Liaison–Wight Greger	Charter Member Jerry Spinks
City Council Assistant, Daphne Colbert	Crystal Creek HOA - Marilyn Lehman
Florida Dep't. Transportation – Milton Locklear	Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner
Housing & Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman	Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake
JSO – Lt. C.A. Wall	Family Investment - Robert Smith
JSO – Sgt. Bill Nelson	Lexington Square – Steve Shaffer
Municipal Code Compliance – Pete Sutherland	N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch
Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel	RAP – Jean Grimsley
Recreation & Community – John Kelly	Westwood – Jim Ross
Guests	Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
Ethel Nolting – Confederate Point	
Alberta Hipps – Hipps Group	
Bruce Burgstiner – Westside Business Leaders	
G. Hollea Rachal - Westside Business Leaders	
Linda Stacy – Manotak Oaks Point	
Brad Garcia – Memorial Health	
James Wood – Memorial Health	
Linda Mosley - Memorial Health	

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development, Housing and Neighborhoods.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Chair Tyson asked for approval of the December summary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor.

JSO Report: Lt. Charles Wall introduced Sgt. Bill Nelson. Lt. Wall thanked the CPAC for the opportunity to report and asked for their help in the community because, due to the extreme cold weather, the number of auto thefts is significantly up because residents are leaving their car motors running at homes or at convenience stores and thieves are watching. He stressed the importance of not unattended leaving car motors running. Insurance companies will refuse to pay the claim if the car is stolen. If JSO finds an

unattended car running – they will wait and write a citation for the driver. Crime is down across the nation, city and Zone 4. JSO attributes a portion of the decrease to residents who are working to keep their communities safe. In Zone 4, in the past 30 days, calls for service were down but there were increased numbers of robberies to individuals, residential burglaries, with significant increases in auto thefts and auto burglaries. He asked residents to remove or conceal valuables in their cars and keep a permanent record of all identification numbers of valuables such as electronics. Chair Tyson thanked Lt. Wall and Sgt. Nelson for their report.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Tyson thanked members and guests for attending the meeting. He introduced Alberta Hipps who, in turn, introduced James Wood, the guest speaker.

Guest Speaker: James Wood, CEO of Memorial Hospital, discussed Memorial's proposal for a hospital on Jacksonville's Westside. Three large sites are being considered along Brannan-Field Chaffee Parkway near New World Avenue and on Normandy Boulevard also in the Cecil Field area. The first construction phase would include an 85 bed hospital offering a full range of services, including obstetrical, diagnostic, surgery and emergency services. An adjacent medical office building is also planned. The State Certificate of Need was approved on Dec. 11, 2009 but appeals are expected from other hospitals. At this time, no other hospitals have plans to expand to West Jacksonville. Mr. Woods asked for letters of community support for a hospital in Jacksonville's Westside. To learn more, visit www.WestJaxMedical.com.

Public Comments:

- Jim Kelley commented the SW CPAC Annual Awards Dinner was a success. Discussion followed about the choir, the visit from Santa Claus, the decorations and the food.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- Mayor's Liaison: Wight Greger announced a new web site will be launched on Jan. 20 and public meetings are being planned to involve residents in the budget process. She will provide more information when it is available.
- Council Members' Reports: Council Member Reginald Brown's assistant, Daphne Colbert, was available for questions.
- Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake's absence was excused.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel provided a printed report. Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-630-7157 or AHetzel@coj.net.
- Municipal Code Compliance – Pete Sutherland reported officers have been responding to calls through 630-City and officers are proactive, generating a large percentage of their own work. Officers are usually successful in gaining compliance before the scheduled hearing date. He introduced Supervisor Robert Prado.
 - To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489).
- Recreation and Community Services – John Kelly announced:
 - The Road to Olustee event, Jan. 30-31 at Camp Milton Historic Preserve, 1175 Halsema Road. A flyer was provided.
 - The 2009 Fall –Winter JaxParks guide was provided.
 - Mr. Kelly may be contacted at 904- 630-3570 or jkelly@coj.net.
- Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner's absence was excused. Ms. Turner may be contacted at 253-2037.
- Florida State College at Jacksonville, Cecil North – Paul McNamara reported:
 - The Commercial Drivers Training facility is in the design phase. A skills range, driving track, simulator and classrooms are planned. The college is seeking

- o congressional funds for the project because with current funding, the project may take 5 years to complete.
- o The painting hangar is scheduled for occupancy in 2010-2011.
- o The college has a 170 percent increase in enrollment. Five full time faculty members are at Cecil North, four are at Cecil South.
- o A discussion was held about the air traffic control school and the need for more instructors. Seventy students are currently enrolled with one full time instructor.
- o Mr. McNamara may be reached at 779-4030
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – Alberta Hipps reported
 - o The SW CPAC representatives are loyal in attending the Cecil Field Advisory Committee meetings.
 - o The next Cecil Field Advisory Committee meeting is Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Cecil Field Conference Center. For more information, call Steve Grossman at 781-2654.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Milton Locklear was available for questions. A question arose about completion of the I-295 and Blanding intersection. He reported the I-295 and Blanding intersection will be completed after the Collins Road project has been completed. A brief discussion was held about the proposed toll road on Brannan-Field Chaffee Parkway. A resident, Dewey Walker, asked to go on record as opposing a toll road. Weekly FDOT reports are available electronically. Mr. Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.
- Community Development – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
 - o A written report was provided.
 - o A list of 2010 SW CPAC meeting dates was provided.
 - o Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann was excused. Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported the TRUE Commission:
 - o The commission is reviewing FCCI.
 - o Council Member Webb is scheduled to visit an upcoming TRUE meeting.
 - o The next meeting is Feb 4 in the City Council Chambers.
 - o Mr. Martin may be reached at 904-778-2265.
- Economic Development – volunteers are needed.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter referred to
 - o Ms. Ridderman's report regarding the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful volunteer project to plant flowers and collect litter at Jacksonville senior centers: Sat., Jan. 16, 9-11 a.m. To learn more, call Clean It Up, Green It Up at (904) 630-3420 or call Mr. Carter to join his volunteer team.
 - o Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett reported:
 - o ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church. A Community Service Officer will be the next guest speaker.
 - o ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center.
 - o ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Maxville Community Center.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon discussed the need for new members. She said she will be calling members to ask for help in recruiting.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon discussed the possibility of breaking out during the CPAC meetings for subcommittee meetings, provided a written report is received.

- Safety – Chair Tyson allowed the Social Subcommittee time on the agenda.
- Social Subcommittee – Jim Nolting thanked everyone who participated in the SW CPAC Annual Awards Dinner. He thanked the people who served on the subcommittee: Rita Humphreys, Polly Walker, Marilyn Lehman, Bruce Tyson and Ethel Nolting. He said Mary Beth kept them busy decorating and another member said the decorations were outstanding. Mr. Nolting reported there was plenty of good food with a separate table for punch and hors d'oeuvres before the meeting began. Members of the choir were dressed in black evening dresses/tuxedos. Santa Claus visited children of all ages and photos were taken. Mr. Nolting thanked Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) for the use of the facilities and for the assistance of the FSCJ staff in setting up the tables and chairs. A brief discussion was held and a vote taken to prepare a letter of thanks to the VIP choir, Santa Claus and FSCJ.
- Chair's Report –Chair Tyson reported:
 - The focus for the year will be on increasing membership.
 - The hospital project will attract new CPAC members.
 - Photo identification tags are needed for Membership Subcommittee members who will be going into neighborhoods and businesses.
 - Up for discussion at the next meeting - the possibility of breaking out for subcommittee meetings during the scheduled CPAC meetings.
 - Up for discussion at the next meeting – a new meeting location. Is another meeting location needed to attract new members/retain existing members?
 - Chair Tyson opened the floor for discussion about the proposed Westside Hospital. A motion was made and seconded to provide a letter of support for a hospital on the Westside. The vote: all in favor/none opposed.

New Business/Old Business –

- Rosanne Vernon asked residents to be safe during the extreme cold weather because Station 32 had responded to 5 structure fires.
- Len Burroughs asked about contacting previous CPAC members to ask them to return to CPAC. He volunteered to call.
- Rosanne Vernon suggested contacting ShAdCo members and perhaps giving a short presentation at ShAdCo meetings.
- Mary Beth Ridderman suggested members of the Membership Subcommittee call members who have unexcused absences to see if they are okay and to let them know they were missed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Len Burroughs. A second was made by Johnny Carter. Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112 F. For more information, please contact Bruce Tyson at 771-4924 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260. CPAC meetings are open to the public.

The following provision is required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes: If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development Division, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.



Housing and Neighborhoods Department
Coordinator's Report Submitted by Mary Beth Ridderman
January 2010

Mayor's Office:

- Mayor John Peyton asks residents to volunteer in the community as part of the Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department offers free information about foreclosure prevention at *Stay Home*, www.coj.net or call 255-8200.
- The Community Development Division administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program awarded annually to the COJ through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG program funds are sub-granted annually to public and private non-profit agencies responsible for developing and implementing programs that principally benefit low and moderate-income citizens or aid in the prevention/elimination of slums and blight. For more information about upcoming grant opportunities, please call 255-8241.

- **CDBG Technical Assistance Workshops**

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010 – 6 p.m.
Housing and Neighborhoods Department
214 N. Hogan St., Suite 800
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010 – 6 p.m.
Community Rehabilitation Center (CRC)
623 Beechwood St.
Jacksonville, FL 32206

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010 – 6 p.m.
Housing and Neighborhoods Department
214 N. Hogan St., Suite 800
Jacksonville, FL 32202

- **CDBG Budget Workshop – New Agencies Only**

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 – 4 p.m.
Housing and Neighborhoods Department
214 N. Hogan St., Suite 800
Jacksonville, FL 32202

- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), assists local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households.

Central Operations:

Household Hazardous Waste – Collection sites:

- Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 2675 Commonwealth Ave., Mon. – Sat., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Crystal Springs Park, 9800 Crystal Springs Road, 1.5 miles east of Chaffee Road and Crystal Springs Road intersection, Saturday, March 27, 2010, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Types of waste which may be brought to one of the mobile events or to the HHW Facility include
 - Paint
 - Paint thinners and paint strippers
 - Rechargeable batteries
 - Photographic chemicals
 - Thermometers and thermostats
 - Drain cleaners
 - Pool chemicals
 - Aerosol cans
 - Pesticides
 - Antifreeze
 - Fertilizer
 - Acids
 - Gun powder
 - Ammunition and fireworks

- o Fluorescent bulbs and tubes, including CFL light bulbs
 - o 20-pound propane cylinders
- For more information or to arrange for special handling of unusual waste material, call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or visit www.coj.net

Recreation and Community:

- MLK Dance. Jan.15, 6 - 9:30 p.m., Mary Lena Gibbs - 6974 Wilson Blvd.
Come two-step with us, as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day. There will be music, dancing, and fun. Free refreshments will be provided. Admission is free. For more information call 904 630-4100.
- ARTS ON THE GO @ Murray Hill Community Center, Jan. 29, 6:00 - 8:00p.m.,4327 Kerle St.
Release your artistic talent and come draw, paint, and make take-home crafts or take a spin on the pottery wheel with this free art class. Art instructors will be on hand to assist. For more information call 904 630-4100
- The Road to Olustee, Jan .29 through Jan. 31, times vary each day. Camp Milton Historical Preserve, 1175 Halsema Road, 32221.Join historical re-enactors as they retrace the road to Olustee. Scripted scenarios will provide first person interpretation of activities and lifestyles in Jacksonville around February 1864. The event is free for all spectators. Contact: Shorty Robbins: shortyr@coj.net Diane Gleason: bzquiltn@aol.com Mike Meek: rolfvonsmirker@comcast.net

Libraries:

- **Ride to Read:** Kids get a FREE "Ride to Read" with a Jacksonville Public Library card. Just flash your library card at any library location and receive a coupon to hop on a JTA bus. JTA offers children 17 & under*, FREE transportation to all library locations. For more information call (904) 630-3100 or (904) 630-BOOK. *Children, 7 & under, must be accompanied by a parent. Children, ages 8-17, must have parental consent.
- First Wednesday Art Walk: First Wednesday of each month @ 5:00 - 8:00 PM ,[Main Library](http://www.coj.net), Third Floor Gallery,303 North Laura St,32202. for more information, call (904) 630-2665
- All libraries will be closed on **Closed January 18 (Martin Luther King Day)**
- For a full list of library events, please visit <http://jpl.coj.net/>

Schools - Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org

Jacksonville Journey:

- Jan. 21, 4 p.m., Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor. For more info contact: Tina Rehmel (904) 630-1273 or visit <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

Keep Jacksonville Beautiful – KJB invites residents to participate in a volunteer project to plant flowers and collect litter at Jacksonville senior centers: Sat., Jan. 16, 9-11 a.m. To learn more, call Clean It Up, Green It Up at (904) 630-3420 or visit www.coj.net, key word search *KJB*

Farmers' Riverside Arts Market – Saturdays, 9 a.m. – noon. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Riverside Avenue.. Free admission.

Phone Numbers

- Sign up for e-mail notifications from the Mayor's Office at: <http://mayornotification.coj.net/>
- City Link- 630-CITY (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number with estimated date of completion.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office) [Http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 924-1710.
- If you have questions please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or Marybeth@coj.net