

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
January 12, 2015

Attendance

Members:

Chair - (Council District 10) – Kathy Budd
Vice Chair – (Clara White Mission) Abner Davis
Blue Lakes Estates – Annette Brown
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
Springtree Village - Dewey Walker
Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
Watermill Master - Thomas Martin
Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller

Excused:

Charter Member – Don Ingram
Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting
National Society of Colonial Dames – Gina Bradley
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

Absent - Pending Removal:

Armstrong & Bosh Insurance – Opal Burgstiner
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly

Removed:

Note: Three consecutive unexcused absences by the organization's representative will result in the organization's removal as a CPAC member. To request an excused absence, please contact Mary Beth Ridderman: marybeth@coj.net or (904) 255-8260.

Elected Officials:

City Council Member Reginald Brown
City Council Member Doyle Carter
City Council Member John Crescimbeni
Assistant to Council Member Kimberly Daniels - Alpha Nickelberry

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 Planning and Development – Folks Huxford
City of Jacksonville Regulatory – Municipal Code Compliance – Dennis Steele
City of Jacksonville Office of General Counsel – Susan Grandin
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. Terrence James

Staff Excused:

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Karen Taulbee
JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority) – Nancy Kilgo

Guests:

Laura Lane - JCCI	Linda Barrow – Hyde Grove Terrace	Jeff Bellamy - Hyde Grove Terrace
Lara Hipps – Hipps Group	Nigel Kohn – Ability Housing	Harry Blanton - Hyde Grove Creek Side
Holland Rumph – Ortega 80	Dwayne Kohn	Patricia Mallery - Hyde Grove Terrace
Richard Minchew- Hyde Grove Terrace	Bycie Minchew - Hyde Grove Terrace	Robbie Peebles
Christopher Szuromi - Hyde Grove Terrace	Robin Benz - Hyde Grove Terrace	Royal Starr - Hyde Grove Terrace
Joy York-Stenz - Hyde Grove Terrace	Katelyn Benz - Hyde Grove Terrace	Michael Hunt - Hyde Grove Terrace
Walter Stenz – Hyde Grove Terrace	Christian Benz - Hyde Grove Terrace	Ben Moody - - Hyde Grove Terrace
Dorothy Cole	Lisa Hamilton – COA Chatham Woods	Mary Kinchen
Anthony Curtis- Techtronics Media	Gary Nickell	Ed Parker
Jamie Stewart	James Richburg	Shirley Houston
Durward Allan - Hyde Grove Terrace	Scott Eldridge - Hyde Grove Terrace	Don Morris - Hyde Grove Terrace
Diana Leon - Hyde Grove Terrace	Janice Eldridge - Hyde Grove Terrace	Royce Baird - Hyde Grove Terrace
Brandon Reichenbach - Hyde Grove Terrace	Nancy Hale - Hyde Grove Terrace	Paul Stewart - Hyde Grove Terrace
Hutley - Hyde Grove Terrace	Leigh Ann Rassler - Hyde Grove Terrace	Tracie Davis

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

- The 2014 Chair, Dewey Walker, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The gavel was passed to 2015 Chair Kathy Budd. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum. Chair Budd welcomed visitors, and recognized Council Member Brown, Council Member Crescimbeni, Council Member Carter and Council Member Daniels’ Executive Assistant, Alpha Nickelberry.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- A motion to approve the summary was made by Tom Martin. Len Burroughs seconded the motion. The vote: all were in favor.

3. Staff Reports:

- **Mayor’s Representative** – Angela Spears announced:
 - The 28th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. is Jan. 16 at the Prime Osborne Convention Center. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are available at JAXMLKBreakfast.com or 630-3690.
- **Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office** – Lt. James reported:
 - Zone 4 is the busiest zone in Jacksonville. No crime trends are outstanding.
 - He was available for questions.
 - Chair Budd thanked Lt. James for attending the SW CPAC meeting.
 - 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.
 - Chair Budd welcomed Lt. James to the SW CPAC and thanked him for his report.
- **Regulatory Compliance** - Municipal Code Compliance Division – Dennis Steele, at the Chair’s request, explained the role of Municipal Code Compliance Division: enforces property maintenance, safety, and zoning codes, which affect the quality of life in Jacksonville. These laws address property nuisance, unsafe structures, residential/commercial minimum building standards, zoning, and (private property) junk vehicle violations. Issues are usually identified through the CARE system – 630-CITY (2489).
 - Please 630-CITY (2489) to report issues.
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Paul McNamara reported:
 - FSCJ, founded in 1965, is celebrating 50 years. Several activities are planned.
 - Feb. 6 - Celebration Kickoff and investiture of FSCJ President Cynthia Bioteau, at Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts, 11901 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32246.
 - FSCJ will host the traveling collection, “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War”.
 - January 27-February 12, 2015
FSCJ Kent Campus Library Learning Commons
3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32205
Exhibit Viewing Times: Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Fri. and Sat. 8 a.m.–3 p.m.
 - February 17-March 5, 2015
FSCJ South Campus Nathan H. Wilson Center
11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32246
Exhibit Viewing Times: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Opening ceremonies and other events are planned. For more information, please visit <http://www.fscj.edu/press-releases/fscj-hosts-lincoln-the-constitution-and-civil-war-exhibition>
 - **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Karen Taulbee’s absence was excused.
 - **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps reported:
 - Feb. 2 – Cecil Airport Advisory Committee Meeting.
 - Feb. 9 – Rusty Chandler will visit the SW CPAC to report on the planes transferring temporarily to Cecil from NAS JAX.
 - The Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour is scheduled for May 28, 2015. Tickets are available @ \$20 each. The ticket includes breakfast, a snack, lunch and the bus tour.
 - **JEA** (Jacksonville Electric Authority) – Nancy Kilgo’s absence was excused.
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Keith Meyers had no report. For more information, please contact Keith Meyers 255-7936.
 - **Planning and Development Department:**
 - **Planning** – Andy Hetzel:
 - Provided information to the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee prior to the meeting.
 - Provided a written report to the CPAC. He reported two items in the report may be of interest:
 - Limes Billiards’ applications were approved by the Planning Commission. The Planning & Development Department and the SW CPAC recommended denial.
 - The Planning Commission approved the application for a liquor store on Lane Avenue near Wilson Boulevard.
 - For additional information, please contact Mr. Hetzel at ahetzel@coj.net or 255-7821.
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** - Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - The division provided CPAC Officers’ training on January 6. More training opportunities are being planned.
 - Contact Ms. Ridderman at marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260.
 - **Duval County Public Schools** – no representative.
4. **Presentation:** Vice Chair Abner Davis introduced the guest speaker, Stephanie Stalvey, President of the North Florida Equestrian Society (NEFES), representing the Jacksonville Equestrian Center (JEC).
- JEC is managed by NEFES, and operated under a business model, used by successful similar venues. JEC will be hosting equestrian events as well as non-equestrian events such as flag football, company picnics, portions of the Jacksonville Fair, dog agility, tractor pulls, etc. Fundraising will include buy-a-brick, naming rights for seats, patron sponsorships, merchandising and grants. JEC’s partner is Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department. The master plan includes community outreach, amphitheater, destination campground and others. JEC plans include a therapeutic center serving adults and children in rehabilitation. Active and retired military will be served. Services will include physical and mental health therapy. Specialized therapy services will be provided to persons with autism, cerebral palsy and traumatic injuries. The community’s support is needed: sponsorship, buy-a-brick, in-kind work, donations of equipment, labor, services, and volunteer hours. A handout was provided with a list of upcoming events.
5. **Chair’s Report:** Chair Kathy Budd:
- Thanked the 2014 Social Subcommittee for their excellent work.
 - Requested members’ suggestions for CPAC 2015 meetings. Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman with suggestions.
 - A letter will be prepared to nominate SW CPAC representatives to the Cecil Airport Advisory Committee: Bruce Tyson, Dewey Walker and Tom Martin. Dewey Walker and Bruce Tyson will serve until such time as Charlie Kelley and Chuck Mann return to their duties.
 - Appointed the Executive Committee: Kathy Budd, Abner Davis and Bruce Tyson.
 - Appointed the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee: Gina Bradley (Chair), Abner Davis, Bruce Tyson, Annette Brown and Jane Miller.
6. **Elected Officials’ Reports:**
- Council Member Doyle Carter, a SW CPAC Charter Member, was present for the meeting.
 - Council Member Warren Jones was present for the meeting.
 - Council Member Kimberly Daniels’ assistant, Alpha Nickelberry, was present for the meeting.
 - Council Member John Crescimbeni briefly explained the Council Members’ role in the appeal process: as a judiciary body, the Council would hear the evidence and make a determination.
 - Folks Huxford said the cost of the appeal is \$600-\$1000. An exception to the fee would be allowed for those residents who were on the 350’ list/live within 350’ of the subject property to someone who submitted evidence or record as an affected party. Chair Budd said the SW CPAC filed a letter of record and people in the room live within 350’ and were directly affected. Mr. Huxford said he would check to see if the Southwest CPAC has standing and he will get back to Chair Budd and Ms. Ridderman.
 - Council Member Reginald Brown reported on the status of the Ability Housing units planned for Wiley Road. He was assisted by Folks Huxford, Planning & Development Department, and Susan Grandin, Office of General Counsel.
 - A list of situations, conversations and timelines has been developed.
 - Council Member Brown and Planning & Development Department staff requested the City stop all

Ability activity until after the proposed Ability in Springfield was settled. Planning & Development Department Director Burney opined the Ability units planned for Springfield offered services. Since Springfield has an overlay which prevents that type of development, the Springfield application was denied. Wiley Road does not have an overlay.

- o Wiley Road is zoned RLD, which allows apartment complexes, supportive housing and independent living facilities. It is not zoned for a supported living facility. Ability's application states it will build an apartment complex.
- o Expressed concerns have been what criteria constitutes multi-family housing and what constitutes supported living: apartments offer no supportive services to residents.
- o He met with Kathy Budd on December 24 and December 31 because of activities on the Ability site. He and the Planning & Development Department staff met and planned to stop activities. During the meeting, Ability applied for building permits.
- o Folks Huxford announced there is currently a stop work order in place, but the Building Department determined Ability has broken no laws, so the work at the Wiley Road site will continue.
- o Forty two visitors signed in at the CPAC meeting. Thirty seven, in addition to several CPAC members, were from the Wiley Road area. Designated speakers expressed concerns about the Ability Housing which they feel will negatively impact the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods.
 - Construction activities begin at 7:15 a.m. at the Ability construction site on Wiley Road. The loud noise is negatively impacting the health and mental health of the next door neighbors. City employees have not been responsive to calls for assistance.
 - Concern for increased crime and lower resale value in neighborhoods near the proposed Ability housing.
 - Concern for no ingress/egress into an adjoining private lot.
 - Concern for children's safety on the road. Dump trucks speed through the neighborhood.
 - Trucks have damaged the right of way and ditch near the site, but the damages have not been repaired.
 - Other concerns: residents wandering/loitering in neighborhoods, traffic congestion, children's safety, sidewalk damage/lack of sidewalks, lack of bus service, disappearing wildlife, nearby schools, publicly-funded debt forgiveness/interest free loans for this project and apartments in a single-family unit neighborhood. Was a wildlife impact study completed?
 - Concern this will become HUD housing.
 - Over 1000 names were filed in opposition to Ability Housing on Wiley. Susan Grandin explained a petition only serves to let the City Council Members know how residents feel about a subject. A petition cannot be a consideration whether to allow a zoning to go through. It needs competent, substantial evidence such as increased noise, or increased traffic or it is not consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.
 - Zoning has not changed. In 1991 the area was zoned for apartments. The site formerly had apartments.
 - Kathy Budd reported 10 Ability sites are planned in Council Member Brown's District. Others are planned in Districts 7, 8 and 9. She expressed concern that specific districts will become saturated with Ability Housing and/or other apartments.
 - Susan Grandin explained apartments and supportive housing units provide no medical services on site. The Fair Housing Act, Civil Right Act, Americans with Disabilities Acts as well as Federal and State laws prohibit discrimination because of disabilities. Permanent supportive housing is allowed in any residential area that is zoned for this type of housing.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- o Membership and Public Relations: Abner Davis invited visitors to join CPAC. He will talk with City staff members to discuss promoting the CPAC on the COJ website and social media sites.
- o Transportation- Tom Martin reported:
 - The North Florida Transportation Organization (TPO) did not meet in December. He had no TPO report.
 - FDOT will begin construction on I-10 Eastbound from I-295 to Cassatt Avenue. The speed limit will be 45 m.p.h. – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The project is expected to be completed in Spring, 2016.
 - LNG Partners will build a liquefied natural gas facility near the Zoo Parkway. Two public hearings are planned: January 14, 6-8 p.m. at the Highlands Library and January 15 at the Zoo.
- o ShAdCo – Alice Turknett's absence was excused. Len Burroughs made the following announcement:
 - Zone 4 ShAdCo Safety Fair – January 17 at Oakleaf Town Center near Target and Panera.
- o Cecil Area – Bruce Tyson had no report.

- o Governmental Affairs – Gina Bradley’s absence was excused.

The Governmental Affairs/Economic Development Subcommittee discussed the following items:

E 14-062 WLD 14-013 Ad 14-056	Discussed	The Planning Commission approved these applications for Limes Billiards and ignored recommendations from the neighborhoods, CPAC, JSO and the Planning & Development Department. Beer and wine were approved although the business is very near a church school.
E-14-065 WLD-14-015	Discussed	The Planning Commission approved these applications for a liquor store on South Lane Avenue, in an already-blighted area, and ignored recommendations from the neighborhoods, CPAC, JSO and the Planning & Development Department.

- A concern was expressed: the Planning Commission approved applications for two businesses and ignored recommendations from the neighborhoods, CPAC, JSO and the Planning & Development Department. A petition with 1000 signatures was ignored. Fat Kats keeps opening and closing, although residents object to its operation. Are CPAC volunteers being effective?
- Folks Huxford said Kathy Budd is making a difference in the Hyde Grove/Lane Avenue area.
- Kathy Budd expressed her concern that JSO Lewis is opposed to the liquor store on Lane Avenue, because it will generate more incidents. JSO resources are already stretched.

- o Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission - Abner Davis reported:

- TRUE met Thursday, January 8. The pension form was discussed. TRUE submitted a letter to City Council to request the 30 year agreement be reviewed. It should be revisited every 3 years.

8. **Unfinished Business** – none.

9. **New Business** –none

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

- Dewey Walker announced Springtree Homeowner Association is being sued by the victim’s family. A drive-by murder occurred in 2014, at about 2 a.m.

11. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Tyson and seconded by Len Burroughs. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

NEXT CPAC MEETING: February 9, 2015~ 7:00 p.m.

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Next Executive Committee Meeting: February 9, 2015 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: February 9, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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