

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Monday, Nov. 12, 2009

MEETING SUMMARY

Members and Representatives

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Chair Bruce Tyson	Murray Hill Preserv. - Len Burroughs (Parliamentarian)
Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon	N. E. FL Equestrian Society - Gary Shook
Charter Member - Don Ingram	SMG Equestrian Center - Jean Ellen DeSpain
Charter Member - Chuck Mann	Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker
Confederate Point - James Nolting	Timuquana Manor North - Alice Turknett
Crystal Creek HOA - Marilyn Lehman	Watermill Master Association - Thomas Martin
FL State College at Jax, Cecil North - Paul McNamara	ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly	Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker

Media/Staff/Officials	Excused
City Council Member Reginald Brown	Charter Member Jerry Spinks
City Council Assistant, Daphne Colbert	Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter
Mayor's Liaison-Wight Greger	Family Investment - Robert Smith
Community Development - LaCree Carswell	Lexington Square - Steve Shaffer
Duval County Health Dep't. - Jocelyn Turner	N. E. FL Equestrian Society - Olwen Busch
Duval County School Board - Vicki Drake	RAP - Jean Grimsley
Florida Dep't. Transportation - Milton Locklear	Westwood - Jim Ross
Housing & Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman	Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley
JSO - Sgt. Rod Feacher	Westside Business Leaders - Opal Burgstiner
Municipal Code Compliance - Jorge Garcia	Guests
Planning and Development - Andy Hetzel	Ethel Nolting - Confederate Point
Recreation & Community - Shorty Robbins	Stephanie Stalvey

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 November summary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor.

JSO Report: Sgt. Feacher reported no murders in Sectors J and L with one murder in Sector K. Robberies increased in Sector K, with no reported increases in J and L. Zone 4 had a decrease in burglaries and vehicle thefts. The largest increase in robberies occurred in Sector K due to a lot of kids violating curfew. He asked residents to call 630-5505 to report juveniles who are out after curfew (Sunday - Thursday 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday - midnight) and to report juveniles who are seen out of school during school hours. Chair Tyson thanked Sgt. Feacher for his report and expressed the CPAC's appreciation for all JSO officers' hard work in Zone 4. The CPAC followed with a round of applause.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Tyson recognized the following guests and thanked them for attending the meeting: Council Member Reginald Brown, Council

Assistant Daphne Colbert, Community Development Division Chief LaCree Carswell and visitor Stephanie Stalvey, owner of Santee Farms/member of N.E. FI Equestrian Society.

Guest Speaker: City Council Member (CM) Reginald Brown Council Member Brown discussed the problems of juveniles who drop out of school and those who get into trouble during the daytime because of the legal drop out age (16). He asked residents to contact their State Representatives and ask that the legal drop out age be raised to 18 years old. He also asked that residents notify the Duval County School Board that residents want no more out-of-school suspensions and that the State Attorney's Office be contacted to actively pursue parents whose children have dropped out before age 16. CM Brown said he would like to see kids back in school, back on track and into vocational-technical programs. He stressed the importance of calling JSO and the schools if you see juveniles in your neighborhood – or anywhere out of school - during school hours. CM Brown said he was elected to represent District 10, but he supports the entire city. Some of the things he is working on are changing legislation to support Code Enforcement Officers to allow them to inspect vehicles and other items in residents' back yards. He is pushing for beautification at Wilson and Firestone using the tree mitigation fund and he wants it to look like I-295 in Mandarin. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Veterans Day Parade and to help seniors and others access City and State services. CM Brown asked residents to call him at 630-1684 or call his excellent assistant, Daphne Colbert at 630-7231. Chair Tyson thanked Council Member Brown for his visit to the SW CPAC and the group applauded.

Election of Officers: Chair Tyson turned the meeting over the Polly Walker, Nomination Subcommittee Chair and the election was conducted. Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Vernon were unanimously elected to serve another year. Mrs. Walker thanked the officers for their work in 2009 and expressed appreciation for their willingness to serve another year.

Public Comments: Tom Martin commented that a coalition of churches is working to refurbish Habijax homes near 29th Street in NW Jacksonville. The project is improving the appearance of the entire neighborhood.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** LaCree Carswell announced that Wight Greger was absent due to other work requirements. She had no report but said she was available for questions. Chair Tyson said the CPAC was happy to have Ms. Carswell present at the CPAC meeting.
- **Council Members' Reports:** Council Member Brown was the guest speaker.
- **Duval County School Board** – Vicki Drake reported the DCSB has asked the legislature to increase the drop out age to age 18 but the legislature responded that it would cost too much money. She said a current concern is that the State Attorney's Office does not pursue parents whose children drop out before age 16. The Drop Out Prevention Centers are working well with principals encouraging parents to send kids to the center and they are experiencing good results with the children who do attend.
- **Planning and Development** – Andy Hetzel was available for questions. Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-630-7157 or AHetzel@coj.net.
- **Municipal Code Compliance** – Jorge Garcia reported Zone 4 officers are working on trouble spots created by the real estate market – so many properties are abandoned due to foreclosure proceedings and kids often break into the homes, vandalizing/destroying the inside. The situation is causing blight in some

neighborhoods. He asked that residents call in homes that are abandoned or unsecured. To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489).

- Recreation and Community Services – Shorty Robbins announced she was attending for John Kelly, who had other work duties.
 - The entry sign at the Tillie Fowler Regional Park has been approved.
 - Jax Parks has several events planned. Please visit www.coj.net for more information about specific events.
 - 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:
 - Construction has begun on the Aviation Hangar and completion is planned in approximately one year.
 - A Commercial Driving License training facility is in the design phase on Cecil Center North. Mr. McNamara may be reached at 779-4030
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – No representative, no report.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Milton Locklear's absence was excused. Weekly FDOT reports are available electronically. Mr. Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.
- Community Development – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
 - The dedication ceremony for the Cecil Equestrian Trails pavilion "The Charles Kelley Pavilion" is scheduled for Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. The SW CPAC will host a reception immediately following the dedication ceremony. The reception will be held at the Cecil Aquatics Community Center. The Edgewood Bakery is preparing the cake and will help defray the cost of the cake.
 - A written report was provided.
 - Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann announced:
 - Mentoring works. He encouraged residents to get involved in schools.
 - He thanked everyone who attended the ceremony at City Council and the SW CPAC reception held in his honor on Oct. 13. He thanked Mary Beth Ridderman for her work in organizing the event.
 - Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported the TRUE Commission:
 - The Nov. 5 Legislative Tracking Committee reviewed three proposed ordinances.
 - The Performance Subcommittee reported on newly purchased software which is designed to make the City budget more user-friendly.
 - The next meeting is Dec. 3 in the City Council Chambers.
 - Mr. Martin may be reached at 904-778-2265.
- Economic Development – volunteers are needed.
 - Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter was not present.
 - Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett reported:
 - JSO Zone 4 Assistant Chief Tom Hackney was transferred to the Detective Division. The new Zone 4 Commander is Ron Lendvay. These were lateral moves. She appreciated the work done by Chief Hackney and looks forward to working with Chief Lendvay.

- The annual citywide ShAdCo meeting will be held on Nov. 12. Reservations are needed for the bus. No November meeting will be held in ShAdCo J. ShAdCo K will host a pot luck dinner during their December meeting.
- She encouraged residents to use JSO's mail-in form or call 630-0500 to report suspicious activities. Call 911 for emergencies.
- She has applications for ShAdCo membership and new guests are welcome at any ShAdCo meeting.
- 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.
- ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center.
- 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 provided a written report.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon provided a written report.
- Nomination Subcommittee – Polly Walker reported the election results. Chair Tyson and Vice Chair Vernon were unanimously elected to serve another year.
- Safety – Bruce Tyson reported this is the season for crimes of opportunity. He asked residents to be safe in shopping areas: park in lighted areas, keep packages out of sight, ask someone from the store to accompany you to the car, keep your keys in your hand and walk with a purpose (don't be distracted). He said parents have a lot of pressure to provide for their children during this season and as a result, make others victims.
- Chair's Report –Chair Tyson reported:
 - Jim Nolting will chair the Social Subcommittee and Mrs. Nolting will assist him. They have volunteered on the subcommittee for several years and he thanked them for their work and their willingness to step up to new duties. Please contact Mr. and Mrs. Nolting at 771-1229 to let them know what foods you will bring.

Old Business – None.

New Business -

- Jim Nolting expressed his concern about the salaries published in the Times Union. He thought the Under Sheriff should be a salaried employee with no overtime.
- Jim Kelly announced Sheriff Rutherford will be the guest speaker at the November Westside Business Leaders meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Len Burroughs. A second was made by Chuck Mann. Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building D-120.

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.