

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT # 4
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
FCCJ - Kent Campus Student Union G-121, 3939 Roosevelt Boulevard

June 14, 2004

Committee Members Present

Matthew Bevis	Sally Robson
Johnny Carter	Steve Shaffer
Richard Darby	Alice Turknnett
Curtis L. Johnson	Bruce J. Tyson, Sr.
Andrea Kemp	Polly Walker
Ralph J. Malphurs, Sr.	Arnold Whisenant
Jean McCorkle	

Staff/Elected Officials/Guests/Media Present

Sharon Barker	Brittany Blalock	Len Burroughs
Rusty Chandler	Susan Chappell	Aimee Clancy
Will Dixon	Janice Eggleton Davis	Kate Estep
Rita Humphries	Sherrie Kearney	Tree Kilbourn
Peter King	Elizabeth Kohler	Milton Locklear
Jason Seiple	Bob Simpson	Tim Starling
Sandy Strickland	Pete Sutherland	Nancy Wilkerson
Julie Williamson	Amanda Wright	

(1) Call to Order – 7:02 p.m.

- Excused were: Don Ingram, Charles Mann, Lee Martin and Carl Moore, Jr.
- Motion and approval of May meeting minutes.

(2) Presentations –

Sharon Barker – Jax CERT – Sharon Barker gave a brief description of Jax CERT and outlined what training is available to persons interested in volunteering and entering the training classes. Everyone is encouraged to attend the training.

Elizabeth Kohler – The Preservation Project Jacksonville, “From the Biggest to the Best” – Elizabeth Kohler and Christian Hardin presented information regarding the next phase of the Preservation Project; making parks and preservation lands accessible with parking, trails, and amenities such as restrooms, boat launches, etc. This phase to increase accessibility to the Preservation lands will take approximately 2 years to complete and invest about \$13.5 million dollars, with a 40% contribution from the City, which is already in the Preservation Project budget. For the Southwest, the present plans are for Sal Taylor Creek Preserve south of Normandy Boulevard, Baldwin Rails to Trails and Camp Milton Preserve. Ms. Kohler closed with an invitation for anyone to call her with questions at 630-4920.

Rusty Chandler – Cecil Field Airport Update – Rusty Chandler provided a status of the current operations, developments and improvements at Cecil Field Airport, including an

overview of the current operations, the increase in flights into Cecil Field (nearly 86,000 in 2003), and traffic improvements for New World Drive into Cecil Commerce Center. Mr. Chandler outlined the current corporations and organizations currently located at the Airport and Commerce Center. Ms. Susan Chappell of FCCJ Kent Campus informed the CPAC that three portable buildings were being placed at Cecil Field to accommodate classes scheduled at Cecil. Ms. Chappell provided a listing of the courses available at Cecil.

(3) Subcommittee Reports & Announcements

- **Chairman's Report** – Arnold Whisenant chaired the meeting in the absence of Carl Moore, Jr., who is recovering from surgery, and Lee Martin, excused for out of town travel. Arnold Whisenant presented some items on Carl's behalf:

A volunteer from the CPAC should attend the Clean It Up Jacksonville Planning meeting on **June 22 at 2:00 p.m.** at City Hall St. James, Conference Room 3E on the 3rd Floor. Jean McCorkle volunteered to attend this meeting

The Mayor's Award is to be presented on September 16, 2004 at the opening reception to the Florida Neighborhoods Conference. The Floor was opened for nominations. Charles Mann and Randy Mallory were both nominated for the individual award, and Murray Hill Preservation was nominated for the neighborhood award. Nominations will continue to be accepted through the July meeting, at which time a vote will be held.

The CPAC Chairs and Vice-Chairs met with the Mayor last week. Two items of interest discussed within the CPAC were the rough travel lanes at the base of the southbound Fuller-Warren bridge, and the need for electricity and water in the horse barns at the Equestrian Center. Carl will discuss this more at the July meeting.

The CPAC Bus Tour is **August 26, 2004**. A request was made at the last meeting for a disabled access bus and it appears the City will be able to accommodate that request. The seating will therefore be limited to 49 on that bus. The Westside Business Leaders are working on providing the second bus. The route has been roughed out and will begin and end at Cecil Commerce Recreation Center with a box lunch being brought in. The route will start with a tour of the Equestrian Center and then travel around through Maxville, back around to Brannen Field – Chaffee Road and go south to highlight the Oak Leaf Plantation development plans. The route will continue through Argyle to Collins and around to Ringhaver Park to highlight the trail and canoe launches. The tour will then travel up to Murray Hill to see the First Block improvements, continue down Normandy around back through 103rd, possibly into the Cecil Commerce Center entrance, and return to Cecil Recreation Center. Any route suggestions or highlights should be sent to Carl Moore carl49@bellsouth.net. Also, reservations will be required and seats are reserved on a first come basis. E-mail your reservations to Carl at carl49@bellsouth.net

- **Council Member's Announcements** – No report.
- **Education** – No report. Ralph Malphurs raised issues later in the meeting regarding Ramona Boulevard Elementary incident after FCAT testing. Arnold Whisenant said this issue would be better addressed at a future meeting.
- **Economic Development/Beautification** – 103rd Street Town Center Project is going well through the planning meetings. 76 people attend the first public meeting. The next meeting is **June 21, 2004** from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bishop John J. Snyder High School on 103rd Street.
- **Beautification, Community Facilities and Services** - The Clean It Up Jacksonville planning meeting for the clean up day in October is scheduled for **June 22, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.** in Conference Room 3E on the 3rd Floor of City Hall-St. James. The CPAC is asked

to have a member present at that meeting. Jean McCorkle agreed to attend on behalf of the CPAC. Curtis Johnson gave a report on the Mary Lena Gibbs Athletic Field developments. Work is to begin very soon and is planned for completion by the end of August.

- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation** - Sally Robson – She has a stack of rezoning notices if anyone wishes to review them. The public hearing has already passed. The two current is 98.28 acres for the Northwest Corner of Argyle Forest Boulevard and Old Middleburg Road and north of Collins Road west of Old Middleburg Road (change from MDR and LDR to Community General Commercial and MDR) and a restaurant at 2511 Blanding Boulevard to reduce off-street parking. The Murray Hill First Block improvements are going well and should be completed in time for the August Bus Tour to see the results. Walgreens at Rampart was defeated. One is planned at Oak Leaf. Publix and a commercial area have opened near Brannen Field Chaffee Road. Oak Leaf Plantation developments will be covered on the August Bus Tour. Peter King will contact Thad Crowe to try to get current site plans for Oak Leaf. The bridge work is slowing the Argyle Forest widening project.

(4) Staff Reports/Announcements

- **Mayor's Representative** – Janice Eggleton Davis, Director of the Environmental Resource Management Department, opened the floor to questions and concerns.

Richard Darby had complaints about no / late pickups in Argyle area. He did not get response from BFI when he called with complaints. Ms. Davis encouraged residents with complaints to notify the City through 630-CITY. If you do call the hauler directly, be sure to get an issue number from them to be able to follow up on the complaint. He was asked to give his contact information to Ms. Davis after the meeting and she would follow up with him.

Ralph Malphurs discussed the issue of a BFI truck which one week took out the telephone line in his neighborhood and then on another week, took out the electricity line, pulling it from the house connection. When he called BFI, he was told that the resident was required to make the repairs for the house connection. Ms. Davis informed the CPAC that the best course of action is to call the City with the complaint so that the City is able to track the complaint and the progress of the resolution. In the case of the disabled or residents with medical needs, they are encouraged to contact the Emergency Preparedness Division (EPD) at 630-2472 to register their needs with EPD. Ms. Davis also notified the CPAC that BFI no longer operates in Duval County and has been replaced by Waste Services of Florida.

An additional question was whether appliance pick up days could be moved to the day following regular collections. Ms. Davis informed the CPAC that the schedule cannot be set by the City, but is set by the contractor. The best course of action is to call in advance to schedule the appliance pickup and then place the appliance curbside no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the evening before the scheduled day of pick up and no later than 6:00 a.m. of the scheduled day. Appliances being left curbside without doors secured or removed should be reported to the City or JSO as being dangerous.

Mr. Malphurs raised another issue of Asplundh / Trees, Inc. vehicles and equipment being parked/stored on JEA property in the district, including property at Lane and Normandy. He indicated he had not received a return call from Walt Bussell's secretary at JEA and is frustrated as to why the vehicles are allowed to be parked/stored on JEA property. Both Mr. Whisenant and Ms. Davis said they would contact JEA regarding the issue.

Ms. Davis asked everyone with concerns to see her after the meeting so that she

could get names, addresses and phone numbers to follow up on the issues.

- **Duval County School Board** – No report.
- **Office of the Sheriff** – No report.
- **Planning & Development and Zoning Enforcement** – Peter King reiterated the few matters raised by Sally Robson and the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee. No further report. A question was asked from the floor about the new subdivisions in the Morse Avenue area. Mr. King informed the CPAC that if no zoning signs were posted, the development is in line with the current property use and rights and no notice is required to proceed with development within your use rights. Mr. King offered to take any Zoning Enforcement issues back to Kenny Logsdon for investigation.

- **Neighborhoods Department**

Property Safety – Pete Sutherland introduced himself as the newly assigned inspector to our district and explained that many delays that occur in responding to resident complaints are due to the notice requirements under the law. Minimum housing violations second inspection is 60 days later. A condemned building, once secured, can stay vacate for up to seven years as long as the lot is maintained and the structure remains sound and secured. No issues or complaints were raised at this meeting. If you do call in a complaint, please be sure to give a correct and detailed street address to property to be investigated.

Neighborhood Services – Tree Kilbourn had a few announcements:

Progress is being made on the updating of membership records and recruitment of new organizations and membership. CPAC members are asked to notify Tree of any subcommittees they serve on and whether or not they chair a subcommittee.

The Northeast Florida Center for Community Initiatives is holding a public forum to discuss impediments to fair housing in our neighborhoods on **June 22 at 7pm** at Murray Hill Branch Library. All are encouraged to attend.

Tickets to the Jacksonville Zoo are available to neighborhoods and organizations, especially those wishing to serve kids in the community. Contact Tree at 630-7043 for more information and to get tickets (tickets are limited, first come, first serve).

Registration booklets for the Florida Neighborhoods Conference are at the printers and should be going out soon. Please let Tree know if you need more booklets after you receive them.

Finally, the Mayor's Matching Grant Applications are due June 30. An all day workshop is available on **June 24 from 8 to 5** at City Hall to ask final questions regarding your completed applications prior to submitting them. Everyone applying for a grant is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Consumer Affairs – No report.

(5) **Motion to Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, July 9, 2004, FCCJ Kent Campus, room G-121 (In the building located under the parking garage. If you park in the overhang area on the ground floor of the outside of the garage, this is the door nearest the meeting room).