

MEETING SUMMARY SW CPAC
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – Student Union Building G-125
Monday, March 14, 2005
7 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Ralph Malphurs, Vice Chair
Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills Estates
Marlaine Jordan-Mills, Cedar Hills
Leila Miller, ShAdCo Sector J
Steve Shaffer, Lexington Square
Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries
Jacquelyn Woods, Charter Member

Liza Adkison, Ortega Bluff
Don Ingram, Charter Member
Charles Kelley, WARA
James Nolting, Confederate Point
Jerry Spinks, Charter Member
Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor

Rhonda Brewer, RAP
Dick Jackson, RSVP
Chuck Mann, Charter Member
Sally Robson, RSVP
Alice Turknett, Timuquana Manor
Arnold Whisenant, WORD

City Officials/Staff/Media/Guests

Honorable Sheriff John Rutherford
Cal Ray, Mayor's Liaison
John Brown, Consumer Affairs
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NSD
Thad Danson, JSO
Gary Dickinson, JSO-ShAdCo
Jim Kelly, Clay Today
Scott Sanborn, JCCI
Mary Krause
Todd Jones
Brandon Rogers
Linda Fluker
Joyce Kunjufe
U. Stillimeyar
Becky Rhoden
Bob Brooks

Honorable Vicki Drake, School Board District 6
Dianne Smith, Assistant to Councilman Corrigan – District 14
Michael Allen, Property Safety
George Baker, Building Inspection
Chief Wayne Clark, Patrol West
Lauri-Ellen Smith, JSO
Aimee Clancy, JAA-Herlong
Ivan Jennings
Lymus James Bulter III
Norma Laverne Liueg
Betty & Cecil Beggs
Doris Birchholtz
Makuimba Kuntafu
Rita Humphries
Mazola Crews
Chiquita Buckholtz

Rose Powell, Jax. Human Rights
Folks Huxford, Planning & Dev.
Lt. C.A. Wall, JSO
A/C Mark Richardson, JSO –Zone 4
Paul Stella, Jax. Public Library
Dave, Amanda & Molly Siebert
Sonia Williams
Anne Wilburn
Slychet Stone
Lonnie Sims
Jackie Brown
Polly Walker
H. Sakrcar
Ernest & Helen Morris

Excused: Lee Martin, Carl Moore, Jean McCorkle, Tree Kilbourn and Len Burroughs

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Ralph Malphurs called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m. at the FCCJ Kent Campus – Student Union G-125 – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. and welcomed everyone. He will be Chair of the meeting tonight in the excused absence of the Chair Lee Martin. He then introduced our very special guest speaker Sheriff John Rutherford to talk on “Tasers in the Schools.”

Guest Speakers:

Sheriff John Rutherford explained that he has raised the hiring practice of his officers wanting the men and women of JSO to have character and he is tightening up the standards of the officers already in place. He wants his staff to have the latest equipment to do their job more efficiently. They are in the force business and not the school discipline business. They are there to protect lives and property. Tasers create one more way of overcoming resistance when lawfully arresting someone. School Resource Officers (SRO) are there to protect lives and property as well. He talked about the super human strength that some people have when they are experiencing mental delirium as well as people who have drug problems. He wants to give the community an opportunity to be heard on this issue. He has not made up his mind. He thanked the SW CPAC for allowing him to speak and then entertained questions from the CPAC members and guests. If you need information on ShAdCo meetings please call Zone 4 Sub Station at 573-3165 located in the Cedar Hills Shopping Center.

Scott Sanborn, JCCI told members that Jacksonville Community Council Inc. does a study a year, which starts in the fall and lasts for 8 months. They meet at 8:15a.m. to 9:45a.m. Then it takes 2 years to implement the study with about an 80% success rating. Ideas for the study are going now. There is also JCCI Forward, which discusses issues every other month at 5:30p.m. - 7 p.m. You can become a member for \$50 but you do not have to be a member to participate in a study. A calendar of events was passed out.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the February 14, 2005 SW CPAC summary as written was made by SteveSteve Shaffer and a second by Chuck Mann. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Sub Committee Reports & Announcements:

Chairman's Report: Vice Chairman Malphurs welcomed SW CPAC New Members: James Nolting, Robert Morrell, Tree Kilbourn, Liza Adkison and Marlaine Jordan-Mills. No other report.

Council Member's Announcements: Dianne Smith, Assistant to Councilman Corrigan – District 14 announced the Grand Opening of the Argyle Branch Library on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 2:30p.m. located at 7973 Old Middleburg Road South

Membership Subcommittee: No report.

Grants Subcommittee: The New Ways Grant deadline was the 11th and hopefully we have some wonderful applications. Member Sally Robson will be calling a meeting as soon as she receives the grants.

Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee: No report.

Economic Subcommittee: No report.

Beautification Subcommittee: The River City Celebration Cleanup will be this Saturday, March 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. please remember to wear old clothes, boots and gloves.

Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee: Tree Kilbourn prepared and sent in the LUZ report, which was passed out to members and will be included with the minutes.

Community Safety Subcommittee: No report.

Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social): No report.

Staff Reports

Mayor's Liaison: Cal Ray had no report.

Duval County School Board Vicki Drake – District 6 – Reported that exciting and positive things were happening in the high schools. They are doing a better job at increasing the **Graduation Rate**. The District looked at school districts that are being successful and they have created a “**school within a school.**” A core group of teachers will, as much as possible, follow the students from grade to grade thus getting to know the students individually. The teachers will be able to help the students take the courses they need to reach their goals. We really can help them be successful - know them - respect them – and respond to their needs. There will be 6 pilot schools of which Forrest and Ed White will be participating. The District is in the process of **buying 185 acres on Chaffee Road**. The large parcel of land will be able to house a K-12 complex especially for this area of Duval County that is growing rapidly. Whitehouse is overcrowded and Crystal Springs will be over crowded due to the growth on the Westside. They plan to build the elementary school first. **Fair Share** – The City Council has a special committee working on Fair Share and Council member Sharon Copeland is Chair. They will be studying this for some time. If you build a structure the road capacity within a 2-mile radius must support the traffic. The School District wants to be excluded from this since they are not a developer. When building a school they have to prove to the State that 75% to 80% of the school will be full for the State to let a school be built. Currently they have a very limited budget for building and maintaining the 160 schools currently in the system. With the Fair Share they have to pay to support the roads and with the new Mandarin High School the price tag could be \$1.2 million dollars for Fair Share alone. The North CPAC voted to write a letter in support of the School Board being exempt from Fair Share. They are in the process of revamping the **Alternative Schools** from a 45-day assignment to 90 or 180 day. The children that attend these schools have problems and need help in what is causing their behavior. There is also a need for an Alternative School for elementary school age children. Members talked about some concerns with various schools. There is also a problem with non-custodial parents trying to pickup their children. Members also mentioned how they tried to get land at Cecil for schools but were unsuccessful when the price of the land was low. Member Chuck Mann complimented the Honorable Drake for the best complete school report to date.

Planning & Development: No report.

Zoning Enforcement: No report.

Building Inspection Division: Member Don Ingram from Ortega United Methodist Church complimented George Baker for a job well done. He was very helpful and created a very positive experience. Thank you and I tip my hat off to you. George Baker reported that they handle complaints concerning unlicensed building and contractors. Please call the office to check on a license. They also are responsible for the illegal signs.

Neighborhoods Department

Property Safety: Michael Allen reported that their office works to service the community on unsafe structures, code violations, nuisance and abandoned properties as well as junk vehicles. Please call 630-CITY or 630-2489 to report a problem. The current system is changing. Once someone is a repeat violator the Property Safety Officer can issue a citation immediately.

Consumer Affairs: John Brown reported that his office follows up on business fraud and taken citizens that are taken advantage of by unlicensed contractors. They work with the Building Inspectors and Tenant/Landlord issues.

Neighborhood Services: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported that JEA/Greenscape would like to do a workshop on “Right Tree/Right Place” in April with a few dates. Members wanted to combine the workshop with the SW CPAC meeting. **A Motion to change the SW CPAC meeting to Tuesday, April 12th at Forrest High School if available at 6:30pm for the JEA Workshop was made by Arnold Whisenant and a second by Jacquelyn Woods. The Vote: All were in favor with one no vote.**

- Neighborhood District Doings are due if you would like to have a story on a great neighborhood happening and possibly put in the Neighborhoods Magazine please let Marilyn know as soon as possible.
- The Property Safety Division is moving to 1801 Art Museum Drive – Bldg 3500 Suite 200 2nd floor
- The Wisdom Sculpture on the Main Library was dedicated today. It is an amazing piece of public art not to be missed.

- Subcommittees – there is a new form for minutes that was created from the CPAC training. Please don't forget to let Neighborhood Services know when the subcommittee will meet so that it may be noticed at City Hall.
- Keep Jax Beautiful needs Commissioners – if you are interested please let Marilyn know
- Please SAVE the Date:
 - April 4, 2005 next Mayor's Town Hall meeting 6pm for the NW CPAC at Northwestern Middle School 2100 W 45th Street
 - JAX CERT begins Tuesday, April 5th or Sat. April 15th for 9 weeks – this is emergency training for neighborhood leaders to prepare in case City Rescue can't come to your neighborhood i.e. trees down from hurricanes
 - Friday, June 24th Mayor's Neighborhood Summit
 - Leadership Institute – July 12 till Sept. 1st
 - Oct 20-22 State Neighborhood Conference in Lakeland, Fl
- Mayor's Matching Grant workshops begin on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 6:30 pm at City Hall in the Renaissance Room
- Upcoming City Events:
 - Bob Hayes Track – Sat. March 19 Raines High School at 1pm
 - Blessing of the Fleet – Sunday, March 20th Northbank Riverfront Park 2pm
 - Jax. Jazz Festival April 8 & 9 & 10
 - 3 venues Metro Park, Ritz and Friendship Fountain
 - World of Nations April 29 to May 1st \$3 one day and \$5 2 days

Vice Chair Malphurs complimented Member Arnold Whisenant on relating his story on a personal issue with his grandchildren that occurred at school that related to discipline. Thank you Arnold. He also introduced Rose Powell from the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission who will be observing our meetings.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comments: Mary Krause had major concerns with the Argyle Road widening process. Dianne Smith agreed to talk with her on this project after the meeting.

Announcements:

Jim Kelly offered Clay Today Magazines for members and guests

Vice Chair Malphurs thanked everyone for staying for the extended meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chuck Mann and a second by Arnold Whisenant. The Vote: All in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Different Day, Time and Location

The **next meeting** will be on **Tuesday, April 12, 2005** at Forrest High School
5530 Firestone Road 6:30 p.m. Special Workshop and 7:30 p.m. Meeting