

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT # 4
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
FCCJ - Kent Campus Student Union G-121, 3939 Roosevelt Boulevard
October 18, 2004

Committee Members Present

	Opal Burgstiner	Johnny Carter	Michelle Frericks
	Don Ingram	Charles Kelley	Ralph J. Malphurs,
Sr.	Charles Mann	Leila Miller	Carl Moore, Jr., <i>Chair</i>
	Sally Robson	Steve Schaffer	Robert Smith
	Alice Turknett	Bruce J. Tyson, Sr.	Polly Walker

Staff/Elected Officials/Media Present

	Mike Brost	Dr. Susan Chappell	Harrison Conyers
	Sgt. T.C. Davis	Lara Diettrich	Janice Eggleton Davis
	David Jones	Tree Kilbourn	Ptlm. MJ Meissner
	Tim Starling	Pete Sutherland	Matt Thompson

Residents and Guests Present

	Bruce Burgstiner	Rita Humphries	Mark Jarolinseht
	Sonya Johnson	Oscarene Knighten	Ethel Nolting
	James Nolting	Jacquelyn Woods	

Summary of Motions and Votes:

- Motion and second to approve September minutes: approved.

(1) Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

- Excused were: Len Burroughs, Andrea Kemp, Lee Martin, Jerry Spinks
- September, 2004 minutes approved

(2) Presentations –

- Harrison Conyers and Matt Thompson – Jacksonville Children’s Commission New Ways Initiative Grant Program:

Matt Thompson gave a brief history of the “CPAC” grant, which is in its seventh or eighth year and thanked everyone in the CPAC who has been involved in the grant process to date. He began the process with the CPACs but he is no longer the coordinator. Harrison Conyers will be the CPAC coordinator for the grant program. With the motto “Stand Up, Speak Up, Shut Up and Sit Down,” he introduced Harrison to speak.

This grant process is designed to fund small neighborhood groups at the neighborhood level because the neighborhoods in some instances know better what they need. Many of the individual smaller grants have been encompassed in this new grant process.

Each CPAC has \$25,000 to be awarded at a maximum of \$5,000 per grant. The grant is designed to benefit children in the community with innovative ideas. The JCC recommends projects involved youth in the planning and execution of grant projects. The grant cannot fund salaries and is not designed for start up of a non-profit organization. Grant guidelines,

applications and accounting forms are available at www.jaxkids.org. The deadline for the applications this year will be March 11, 2005.

The funding problems that we have had the past two years have been addressed. The JCC will no longer use a middleman for distribution of funds. The JCC will set up the grant recipients as vendors in the City system, will process the legal documents directly and will process the checks directly.

Last year the SW CPAC funded the Children's Enrichment Workshops, \$2,500; Christ is the Way Community Church for a summer youth program, \$2,500; Duval County PTA eyeglass program, \$3,300; Family Nurturing Centers of Florida for playground equipment in the family visitation area, \$4,700; Lakeshore Baptist Church summer youth program, \$5,000; Riverside Avenue Christian Church drama workshop, \$2,000; Westside Business Leaders Association, scholarship program.

Other grant programs are available through the Jacksonville Children's Commission and the JCC is heavily involved in the new Rally Jacksonville literacy program that the CPAC and neighborhoods can get involved in. All that information can be found at www.jaxkids.org.

- David Jones – Duval County Health Department, Topic: Cheers - Household Pesticide Study on Very Young Children (4 mos.–3yrs.) and West Nile Virus and DEET:

David distributed cans of Deep Woods Off containing DEET. Duval County has two reported two cases of human West Nile virus in the Urban Core about 4 weeks ago. Avoid being outside at dusk if you can. If you are going to be outside, especially at dusk, use a repellent with DEET. Areas with standing water are being treated with a chemical on a schedule. Aerial spraying has also begun. Janice Eggleton Davis informed the CPAC that the state has a contractor that began spraying all of the Westside last Sunday. Generally, to help control the problem, keep your ditches and drains clear of debris. If you notice a mosquito problem in your neighborhood, call to request services from Mosquito Control at 630-CITY.

The CHEERS – Children's Environmental Research study will look at pesticide use where children live. Most home pesticides are used at an infant and toddlers' level, floors, floorboards and stored under the sink. We have no data on how these pesticides affect very young children. They will study the food the children eat, the air quality, the soil, and the pesticides used in the house. The information will be obtained by study the children's waste that will show what chemicals the child has metabolized. The study participants will be visited several times during the year and will be compensated.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in the study, please call David Jones at 630-3259.

Jean McCorkle asked what she could do about getting a pond on private property cleaned up. David said he would look into the matter for Jean.

- Mike Brost – JEA:

Mike gave an overview and history of JEA. The first job of JEA was to light lights downtown about 100 years ago. JEA has 3,000 megawatts of generating capacity. JEA has moved from 100% oil based energy and are now diversified with coal, natural gas and solar. JEA's latest project will generate 190 megawatts of electricity from waste and steam with no emissions. These improvements have moved JEA them from having the highest electrical rates in the state to having the lowest in the state and the eighth lowest in the nation. JEA's rates have held steady over the last four years of oil and energy cost increases. This November, JEA will for the first time raise their rate \$4 per 1000 units. This is an average increase on homeowners' electric bills of 5%.

Over the last decade JEA has invested almost \$1 billion in sewage improvements including rebuilding pipes and redoing water treatment facilities. JEA has significantly reduced safety accidents from 200 a year to 40 a year, cave-ins from 2,000 a year to about 200 a year and reduced sanitary sewer overflows.

JEA will continue to focus on operational excellence, efficient and reliable.

Questions and comments were presented about tree trimming of trees in rights-of-way and power outages and restoration. Mike confirmed that trees in the right-of-way are the City and/or JEA's responsibility to trim and maintain. To request service for a tree in the right-of-way, call 630-CITY and request tree-trimming service. Have an exact street address or an intersection to request service. Street light problems in some neighborhoods were due to a blown fuse, which took time to identify and correct. JEA is working on improving response and communication in times of storms. When asked whether JEA will help homeowners to tie in to generators, JEA does not help install the generators. When asked about solar programs, JEA does have a solar program that has an incentive by offering a 30% discount on the system costs. Information is available at www.jea.com/services/electric/solar.asp. Concern was also raised about how long JEA contractors take to accomplish work and the increase cost that must entail.

(3) Subcommittee Reports & Announcements

- Chairman's Report:

The Florida Neighborhoods Conference was a superb job of Jacksonville promoting itself. The next one is in Lakeland and you should consider attending. Next Month, Lee will be chairing the meeting.

Nominating Subcommittee – Steve Shaffer: The committee members were originally Bob Smith, Ralph Malphurs and Steve Shaffer. Ralph Malphurs resigned from the committee and Chuck Mann took his place. They met at Arden's, a new restaurant at St. Johns Avenue and Hamilton. Steve highly recommends it. They went over the membership list. The nominating committee discussed by-law changes regarding changing from a one-year term to a two-year term for officers. Steve moved to amend the by-laws, but the by-law changes need to be taken up by a subcommittee. The motion was not moved and a subcommittee has been established.

The subcommittee's nominations are Lee Martin for Chair and Ralph Malphurs for Vice-Chair. No nominations were presented from the floor at that time. Voting will be at the November meeting. There will be a write-in space on the ballot.

December Social on December 13, 2004. Please let Jean McCorkle know what food or other items you will be bringing and what you can do to help.

- Council Member's Announcements: None.
- Education: None.
- Economic Development: None.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services: Due to storm weariness and continued clean up from the hurricanes, the Clean It Up Jacksonville Day has been cancelled and combined into the Super Bowl clean up day scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2005. More information will follow.

- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Sally Robson:
 - Administrative Deviations:
 - 1520 Copeland Street for a shed
 - 2164 Gilmore Street for a fence and reduce setbacks
 - 3536 Park Street for a garage
 - 3685 Pine Street to reduce set backs
 - 4903 Robert Gordon Road for detached garage
 - 8356 Carlbury for a fence
 - 4710 Apachee Avenue to reduce front yard
 - 6539 Townsend Road to reduce front yard
 - Sign Waiver: 4818 San Juan to reduce set back
 - Exception:
 - 1343 South Lane for auto sales and minor auto repairs
 - 103rd Street for a School with 768 children
 - Rezoning:
 - 7.5 acres for Delmar Street north of Lenox from Industrial Business Park to Industrial Light
 - 12 acres north of Townsend Road and East of Blanding Boulevard from Light Density Residential to Medium Density Residential
 - 3 acres on southwest corner of Normandy Boulevard and Solomon Road from Agriculture to Community General Commercial
 - 64 acres Beaver Street between Dennis Young Drive and Halcema Road from Rural Residential and Commercial Office for development of 133 lots
 - 7135 Luke Street from Community Commercial General to Low Density Residential
 - North of Masters Road and east of Alta Drive from Heavy Industrial to Medium Density Residential

(4) Staff Reports/Announcements:

- Mayor’s Representative (Environmental Resource Management Department) – Janice Eggleton Davis:
 - Please help your friends and neighbors with special needs and urge them to register with the Emergency Operations Center at 630-2472. The EOC will call them prior to a storm to make arrangements for them. Special needs residents will have to go to a special needs shelter. It is the only way to ensure their needs will be met. The City and JEA cannot guarantee services to special needs residents once a storm hits.
 - Mosquito Control issues are being addressed and spraying and treating have begun. Avoid being outside at dawn or dusk. Private ponds and pools cannot be treated without permission of the property owner. If you know of a place that needs treatment, please call 630-CITY with the exact street address or Real Estate Number of the property and request Mosquito Control service.
 - Debris clearing continues seven days a week. City employees and contractors are working on it as well as additional contractors. Regular schedules for pick up have been suspended, but not collection. This means that collection is now being done on a grid instead of the regular route to be more efficient. You may not see collection on your normal day, but collection will be made eventually. Since the storms debris and yard waste collection has increased almost 13 times over the usual 10,000 tons per month. Different trucks pick up

different types of debris so it may take several passes to collect all of the debris. If you have not had any pick up at all since Frances, please notify the City at 630-CITY.

Residents may still take their debris directly to the collection sites at 7000 Imeson Road and 11600 block of Davis Creek Road at no charge. Tree trimming companies may register at the collection sites to be able to take storm related tree trimming debris to those collection sites at no charge. At no time is a tree trimming company allowed to place tree trimming debris on the right-of-way for pickup. As a homeowner, do not allow a service you have contracted with to leave the debris in the right-of-way.

Once debris has been processed, mulch will be made available to residents. The City has been told that if you use anything but Cypress mulch next to your home, you could ruin your termite bond. Notice will be posted at mulch sites.

- Duval County School Board – None.
- Office of the Sheriff – Sgt. T.C. Davis and Ptlm. Meissner were available for any complaints or problems.
- Planning and Development Department:
Lara Deitrich for Peter King: Gave further update on land use applications pending. Don Ingram asked Lara about Peter King's project to publish a book on the planning process. Lara will let Peter know of Don's interest. Lara is chairing the 2005 Florida Brownfield Conference. Citizens are underrepresented on the committee and in the process. Lara will be coming to the CPACs to engage the citizens in the conference.

Zoning Enforcement - None.

- Building Inspection Division – None.
- Neighborhoods Department:
*Property Safety Division – Pete Sutherland and Tim Starling: Pete stated they are in the district daily working on problem areas. If you know of a property safety issue that needs to be investigated, contact 630-CITY or call Tree Kilbourn at 630-7043 and they will investigate it. They have worked extensively with Melissa Estates area to clean up their pond and other property issues. Pete also said he would work with Jean McCorkle on her pond issue. The problem property from the last meeting on Seaboard Avenue has been abandoned and has been condemned and will be demolished.

*Neighborhood Services Division – Tree Kilbourn:

Thank you again to Property Safety for being so active in the Southwest District. Thank you to everyone who came to the Florida Neighborhoods Conference. We hosted approximately 1300 residents, exhibitors and presenters. It was a lot of fun. Now that the conference is over, we have moved to outreach again. We are processing paperwork for a new organization, Ortega Crossing Homeowners Association. We will continue member recruiting efforts.

The Mayor's Town Hall meeting for our district is scheduled for November 29, 2004. Tree will be attending the ShAdCo meetings on October 26, November 1 and November 2 to share information and listen for concerns. If you have issues or concerns, please let Tree know

at 630-7043. The location is yet to be determined, but a notice will be sent as soon as it is determined.

We are continuing to work with HabiJax to attend a meeting.

Jean McCorkle would like us to follow up on Mayor Town Hall meetings to specifically address Better Jacksonville Plan projects in each district.

*Consumer Affairs Division – Thelma Jackson is out with an illness.

(5) Old Business/New Business:

No old business. Under new business, at the request of several members, namely Bob Smith and Ralph Malphurs, a By-Law sub-committee is being formed to address amendments to the By-Laws. Ralph Malphurs will chair the sub-committee and was asked to recruit 4-6 members (odd number on the sub-committee) to bring proposed By-Law amendments to the CPAC body. Ralph Malphurs is to notify the Chair and Tree Kilbourn at Neighborhood Services of the members of the subcommittee.

(6) Comments From the Public.

(7) Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, November 8, 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).

Voting for the 2005 Chair and Vice-Chair will take place during the November meeting. Please note: Only ONE vote per organization with valid CPAC membership will be permitted. All original individual memberships will have one vote. All Charter Members will have one vote. Voting will be by paper ballot with organization name clearly designated on the ballot.

If you have any questions at all regarding your organization's membership status, please contact Tree Kilbourn at 630-7043 before October 26, 2004.