

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus

3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL

Monday, August 9, 2010

MEETING SUMMARY

Members and Representatives

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Chair Bruce Tyson	Murray Hill Preservation - Len Burroughs
Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon	SMG Equestrian Center - Jean Ellen DeSpain
Charter Member - Don Ingram	Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker
Charter Member - Chuck Mann	Timuquana Manor North - Alice Turknett
Confederate Point - James Nolting	The Village Salon - Steve Shaffer
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter	Watermill Master Association - Thomas Martin
Crystal Springs HOA - Marilyn Lehman	Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley
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
Mayor's Liaison - Wight Greger	Charter Member Jerry Spinks
Council Member John R. Crescimbeni	Family Investment - Robert Smith
Duval County School Board - Vicki Drake	Florida Dep't. Transportation - Milton Locklear
Housing & Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman	N. E. FL Equestrian Society - Olwen Busch
JSO - Lt. S.T. Spates	RAP - Jean Grimsley
Municipal Code Compliance - Pete Sutherland	Westwood - Jim Ross
Municipal Code Compliance - Bruce Chauncey	Absent
Planning and Development - Andy Hetzel	Duval County Health Dep't. - Jocelyn Turner
Recreation and Community - John Kelly	Westside Business Leaders - Jane Miller
Guests	
Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group Inc.	
Kathy Budd, Hyde Grove Creek Side	
Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace	
Bruce Burgstiner	
Ethel Nolting, Confederate Point	
Andrew Nemeth	
Donald Drake	
Gayle Garrison	

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, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Chair Tyson asked for approval of the June summary. There was no July meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary with corrections: scrivener's error of meeting dates. The vote: all in favor.

JSO Report: Lt. Spates reported

- The largest numbers of crimes are auto burglaries, primarily because residents leave car doors unlocked and make it easy for thieves. Areas with high number of auto burglaries are Crystal Springs, Purcell Drive, Lamplighter and San Juan near Hugh Edwards Drive. Several burglaries have occurred at General Dollar

- Stores. A suspect was arrested and admitted to the crimes. Please call 573-3172 for more information.
- A concern was expressed about incidents of armed car jacking on the Westside. Lt. Spates reported no arrests have been made. He suggested residents limit night travel.
 - Lt. Spates asked residents to call the Zone 4 office at 573-3165 or 573-3172 with concerns, call 630-0500 for non-emergencies and 911 for emergencies. Chair Tyson thanked Lt. Spates for his report.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Tyson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the guests for attending. He acknowledged Alberta Hipps and introduced Council Member John Crescimbeni.

Presentation: Council Member John Crescimbeni presented information about the 2010 budget. For the first time since Consolidation in 1968 a millage increase is needed. A nine percent increase in property tax millage is needed to maintain last year's taxes because last year's valuations slipped. The same rate would result in a 40 million reduction. Alternately, City Council will need to cut 40 million from the budget. Budgets for the city's business units are down from prior years, but overall, the budget is up because budgets of constitutional officers are up. Hot topics are library closure and possible reduction of hours; pensions; naming rights to the stadium, the Jaguars' contract and animal control issues. A lengthy question/ comment and answer session followed the presentation.

Public Comments:

- Kathy Budd reported the Hyde Grove Avenue footbridge is in dangerous condition for joggers, dog walkers or bicyclists. The boards and supporting timbers are rotten. She is frustrated because she has repeatedly reported the condition of this bridge and it was scheduled to be replaced in 2009. She is concerned about children walking to and from school who cross this bridge.
- Gail Harrison announced that her husband, Sam Harrison, is running for Circuit Court Judge. Early voting was today. She has literature available and will be glad to meet with residents.
- Tom Martin said the sidewalks on Argyle Forest Boulevard were no longer ADA accessible but now they are being repaired and he thanked the City.
- Len Burroughs announced a severed pipe was repaired in Murray Hill.
- Alberta Hipps reported the JAA held a good meeting last Monday, The next meeting of the Cecil Field Advisory Committee is November 1 and Hillwood, Cecil Commerce Master Developer, will be the guest speaker. Ms. Hipps thanked the SW CPAC for their support of Hillwood. The proposed West Jacksonville Hospital is scheduled for an administrative hearing in January, 2011. She expressed her appreciation for the CPAC's support of the proposed hospital and for their support on the Internet Café issue.
- Jim Kelly announced the Westside Business Leader's Kick Off of Dollars for Scholars. Tickets are available at no cost to 501c-3 organizations for a 50/50 split of each ticket sold at one dollar per ticket. For more information on tickets, please call Jim Kelly at 742-4903.
- Chuck Mann announced the Friends of the Murray Hill Library now has 850 members. They intend to get back all library hours. A rally is scheduled for Sunday, August 15, 7 p.m. at the Murray Hill Library.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- Mayor's Liaison: Wight Greger announced she had no report.
- Council Members' Reports: Council Member John Crescimbeni was the guest speaker.
- Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake announced the Duval County School Board (DCSB) met today. They have made major budget cuts for the past two years. Teachers received step raises although no other staff received raises. This year there will be no raises for staff or teachers although the teachers' contract states they will have a step raise. The DCSB filed a state of "Financial Urgency", which allows no raises for teachers, and will allow DCSB to meet the budget and go to the bargaining unit. The issue will be on the news tonight.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel provided a written report. Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-255-8721 or AHetzel@coj.net.
- Municipal Code Compliance – Pete Sutherland reported Westport Mobile Home Park at 7040 103rd Street will have a six foot chain link fence installed because people are ripping the siding off of the mobile homes. This is his last CPAC meeting. Bruce Chauncey will be taking over as representative to the CPAC. To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489).
- Recreation and Community Services – John Kelly announced:
 - This is the last week the school pools will be open. Other pools will be open through Labor Day.
 - He provided copies of brochures: Summer 2010 Sensational Summers Start in JaxParks.
 - Cecil Aquatics Center will host a swim meet for over 1000 swimmers from 24 city pools.
 - Announced movies will be offered at Riverside Arts Market on August 18 and at Cecil Aquatics Center on Sept. 10. Movies begin at 6:30 p.m.
 - John Kelly may be contacted at 904- 630-7918 or jkelly@coj.net.
- Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner was absent. Ms. Turner may be contacted at 253-2037.
- Florida State College at Jacksonville, Cecil North – Paul McNamara's absence was excused.
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – no representative/no report.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Milton Locklear's absence was excused.
- Housing and Neighborhoods Department – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
 - The CommUniverCity classes begin on August 10, 6 p.m. at 214 North Hogan Street, Room 110.
 - She provided a printed report.
 - Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann announced school will start on August 23. He asked Vicki Drake to explain the drop in FCAT scores. Ms. Drake reported counties throughout Florida feel there was a mistake with the State's FCAT grading this year. The State admitted they made a mistake in 2006.
- Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
 - Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported the following major items were discussed at the last meeting of the Commission on Thursday, June 3, 2010:
 - Received and discussed a presentation by Ron Barton, JDEC Executive Director, on the proposed Cecil Commerce Center master developer contract.

- o Adopted a resolution regarding bill 2010-153, urging the Mayor and City Council to reinforce with city departments the importance of proper inventory control and adherence to standard operating procedures with regard to tracking and disposition of city tangible personal property.
- o Adopted a resolution supporting the Cecil Commerce Center master developer contract and recommended that the City Council amend the ordinance to direct the proceeds from the land sale land sales at Cecil Commerce Center to the Cecil Field Trust Fund.
- o Adopted a resolution urging the City Council amend bill 2010-353 creating a Victim Assistance Advisory Council Trust Fund to provide that no City funds shall be deposited onto the new trust fund.
- o No meetings were held in July and August 2010.
- o The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.
- o Mr. Martin may be reached at 904-778-2265.
- Economic Development – Jim Kelly announced:
 - o There is little growth to report in the SW District.
 - o The Family Dollar Store at 103rd Street will open in September.
 - o Mr. Kelly may be reached at 742-4903.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter had no report. Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett reported:
 - o A joint ShAdCo meeting was held on July 12 at the Ortega United Methodist Church. Director Edwards was the guest speaker. A video about the H.O.M.E. program was shown with explanations by Sgt. D.E. Smith and Officer Dees.
 - o ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church.
 - o ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center.
 - o ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Maxville Community Center.
 - o Rosanne Vernon announced ShAdCo held a safety fair at the Avenues Mall on Saturday. At the last meeting of ShAdCo K, the bomb squad gave a presentation.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon reported Hillwood is the Master Developer for Cecil Commerce Center.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon welcomed new members: West Jacksonville Civic Association, Treetop, and The Village Salon.
- Safety – Chair Tyson announced JSO covered the topic of crime.
- Chair's Report –Chair Tyson reported:
 - o CPAC chairs met with Mayor John Peyton on July 22. Mayor Peyton expressed his appreciation for the CPACs and CPAC members. He thanked the SW CPAC for their help with the Hillwood project and said the SW CPAC's letter of support helped Hillwood be chosen as the Cecil Commerce Center Master Developer.
 - o Old Middleburg Road South is being resurfaced although the Better Jacksonville Plan funded it to be widened. The current width of the road is a safety issue. Old Middleburg Road South is a heavily congested, cut-through road from Argyle, Clay County and other outlying areas. The road has deep ditches with many curves, no sidewalks, no bike lanes and no lighting. Residents must walk or ride bikes in the roadway and motorists are unable to see pedestrians or bicyclists until it is almost too late to avoid hitting them. One area is called "Dead Man's Curve". Repaving instead of widening will only serve to increase speeds, traffic and dangers to pedestrians and bicyclists as well as motorists. He raised the issue of Old

rd Street and Old Middleburg Road South, which is always congested, but currently the Town Center construction is causing increased congestion and more problems with safety and traffic. Mayor Peyton asked Kerri Stewart to look into the issue.

- o During the meeting with the mayor, Chair Tyson also requested CPAC members be provided with identification badges, which will help them when visiting neighborhoods and trying to promote new membership. Mayor Peyton arranged for CPAC members to receive a photo i.d. badge at City Hall. An application packet was provided.
- o Volunteers are needed for a welcoming committee to greet members and guests and to help them sign in.

New Business/Old Business –

- o Vicki Drake announced the primary election is August 24. She encouraged everyone to get out and vote. Her term ends on November 16, 2010 and she is not seeking re-election.
- o Alice Turknnett thanked Ms. Drake for her years of service. The CPAC gave a round of applause.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Len Burroughs. A second was made by Dewey Walker. The vote: all in favor. Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 13 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112 F. The Executive Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112 F. For more information, please contact Bruce Tyson at 771-4924 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260. CPAC meetings and subcommittee 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, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.

City of Jacksonville
Housing and Neighborhoods Department Neighborhood Initiative Team
Coordinator's Report
August 2010

City Council Budget Hearings

City Council Finance Committee Budget Hearings: 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Council Chamber. Notice is hereby given that Finance Chair, Daniel Davis, will meet with the Finance Committee members in Council Chambers located at 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, St. James Building to discuss the 2010-2011 Budget. All interested parties are invited to attend. Contact: Jessica Stephens, Legislative Assistant at 630-1404.

Thursday, August 12, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Thursday, August 19, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Thursday, August 26, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- **FREE Training - CommUniverCity** (CU) Training Neighborhood Leaders "Back to School" will be held on Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. Classes begin August 10. To register, please call Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260.
- Stay Home Program - If someone you know is worried about losing their home, call 255-8200 or 630-2489 and ask to register for a free **foreclosure prevention** program. To learn more, please visit the website at:
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) is a \$26 million initiative that utilizes HUD money to buy foreclosed houses. Developers purchase the homes, renovate them to strict standards including new Energy Star-rated appliances and the homes are sold to qualified homebuyers. Homes are available in the 32206, 32208, 32209, 32244 and 32254 zip codes. Twenty-eight homes have sold so far and there are currently 29 homes remaining to be sold that do not have potential homebuyers. Families and individuals with an adjusted family income of up to 120 percent of the area household median income are eligible to participate. A family of four can earn as much as \$78,000 and qualify for an NSP home with as little as \$500 down and may qualify for purchase assistance. For more information about NSP go to www.nspjax.com or call (904)398-HOME (4663).
- The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (NWJEDF) has public funds used to provide capital for project development. The prospective applicant must be a business located within the Northwest Jacksonville area or a business that is expanding its operations into this targeted area.
- The Town Center Program is intended to revitalize older neighborhoods by providing planning, design and infrastructure improvements to public spaces along key business areas and corridors. A Town Center is under construction on 103rd Street near Old Middleburg Road. For more information contact Kenny Logsdon at 255-8237.

Administrative Lien Amnesty Program - Aug. 1 to Oct. 29, 2010, the Municipal Code Compliance Division will accept applications to cancel administrative fines assessed on properties by a Municipal Code Enforcement Special Magistrate or the Municipal Code Enforcement Board for failing to correct property or zoning code violations. Community Meeting Aug. 18 Hosted by City Councilmember E. Denise Lee (District 8) and representatives from the Municipal Code Compliance Division, a community meeting at Stanton High School, 1149 W. 13th St., 5 - 7 p.m., Aug. 18, will provide a chance to have questions answered. Please bring any information about existing liens or fines on your property.
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Municipal+Code+Compliance/Administrative+Lien+Amnesty+Program+2010.htm>

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, **August 19**, 2010 at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor. All Information can be viewed at www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey all meetings are broadcast live and recordings are available on the website within 48 Hours of each meeting. For info call Tina Rehmel 630-1273

Duval County School Board - Duval County School Board meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., School Board Building, 1701 Prudential Dr. For information call 390-2000. Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org
The **first day of school** for Duval County is Monday, **August 23**, 2010. For other info "Save Duval Schools" - www.saveduvalschools.org

Recreation and Community Services –

- Riverside Arts Market presents Movies in the Park - Saturday, August 14, August 21, August 28, 2010 at 7 p.m. (movie starts at dusk) 2821 Riverside Ave. - Riverside Arts Market Come watch the stars under the star at the beautiful Riverside Arts Market. With plenty of entertainment before show time. Food vendors will also be on hand. This is a free JaxParks event. For information call 904 255-7911
- Deutsche Bank presents JaxParks Arts on the Go on Friday, **September 17**, 2010, 6 - 8 p.m., J.S. Johnson Community Center - 1112 Jackson St. Parents and kids come release your artistic talents. Come draw, paint, and create take-home crafts. Or learn to be a star in 5-minutes playing the keyboards. Art instructors will be on hand to assist. And it's all FREE. For information call 904 630-CITY.
- Nickelodeon's World Wide Day of Play on Saturday, **September 25**, 2010 12 - 3 p.m. Clanzel T. Brown Park - 4545 Moncrief Road. Parents and kids here's your chance to get slimed!!! Come out and enjoy C.T. Brown Park there will be a variety of games challenges, contests, entertainment and more. Plus nutritionists will be on hand making healthy, delicious snacks and treats. And it's free. For more information call 904 630-CITY.
- For more information on events and activities hosted by the Recreation and Community Services Department, call 630-CITY or visit www.jaxparks.com. For more information on this and other downtown events and dining options, visit www.downtownjacksonville.org.

Riverside Arts Market – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville.

Emergency Preparedness - Make preparations for your family for hurricane season, which is from June 1 through Nov. 30. The COJ [Emergency Preparedness Division](#) has information and links to other hurricane preparedness websites. For more information, contact COJ Emergency Preparedness at 630-2472 or visit bosborne@coj.net

- Make a plan. Please visit <http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/index.html>
- Ask your children to help the family prepare. Visit <http://stormstruck.org/>
- Prepare for your pets. If you need to evacuate – your pet needs to evacuate. Pet Friendly Public Evacuation Shelter Program offers shelters at the following schools: [Landmark Middle School](#), [Mandarin Middle School](#), and [Chimney Lakes Elementary School](#).
 - The following animals will be accepted: dogs, cats, rodents, rabbits and birds. No reptiles will be allowed. All pets must have proof of vaccination and registration, be properly crated or caged and be maintained by their owners. Animals may be housed in a separate room from their owners.
 - Owners must provide all necessary supplies to maintain their pet, including a pet emergency kit.
 - Pet friendly shelters need volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at a pet friendly shelter, please contact Volunteer Services. Call 630-2489 for more information.
 - Transportation - If a person will need transportation to a shelter during an emergency, they must pre-register by calling 630-7833.

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue: Please check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

State Tax Free Holidays: **August 13-15**, 2010. Applies to books, clothing, and footwear (\$50 or less); school supplies (\$10 or less)

Phone Numbers

- City Link- 630-CITY (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office) [Http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu)
- Elder Source is the State Designated Aging Resource Center for NE Florida. Elder Helpline – 1- 888-242-4464 or myeldersource.org.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- JOBS - WorkSource Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 www.employflorida.com