

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, August 11, 2008, 7 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Vice Chair, Charter Member Charles Mann
Charter Member, Don Ingram
Charter Member, Jerry Spinks
Cedar Hills Estates, Johnny Carter
Confederate Point, Jim Nolting
District 10 Appointee, Kathy Budd
FCCJ Cecil North, Paul McNamara
Hyde Grove Creekside, Yvonne Cooke
Murray Hill Preservation, Len Burroughs

Oak Hills Estates, Rosanne Vernon
Timuquana Manor North, Alice Turknett
Timuquana Manor North, Polly Walker
The Family Investment, Robert Smith
Trinity Ministries, Bruce Tyson
Westside Area Residents, Charlie Kelley
Westside Business Leaders, Opal Burgstiner
Westwood, Jim Ross

Excused: Chair Ralph J. Malphurs, Sr., Valerie Bethea, Jean Grimsley, Steve Shaffer.

Guests/Guest Speakers

Ethel Nolting, Conf. Point
Bruce Burgstiner
Donald Drake
Marilyn Lehman, Crystal Creek
Thomas Martin, Water Master
Angela Nixon
Rita Humphries, Timuquana Manor North
Dewey Walker, Springtree Village
Paul Barton

Media/ City Staff/City Officials/ Other Officials

Andy Hetzel, Planning & Development
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Jocelyn Turner, Duval County Health
Wight Greger, Mayor's Liaison
JSO Sgt. D.E. Smith
JSO Officer M.J. Oschner
Jim Libero, Municipal Code Compliance
James O'Quinn, Municipal Code Compliance
Jorge Garcia, Municipal Code Compliance
Hugh Hyatt, Municipal Code Compliance
Denise Ostertag, Senior Services
John Kelly, Recreation Programming
Vicki Drake, Duval County School Board, Dist. 6
Mary Beth Ridderman, Community Development

Call to Order/Quorum:

Vice Chair Chuck Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development Division.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Vice Chair Mann asked for approval of the June SW CPAC Summary. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor. None opposed.*

JSO Report: Officer Don Smith reported a transient problem was reported – transients living under the bridge at Old Middleburg Road near Ed White High School and in shacks in the woods near the bridge on Lenox near Lane Avenue. He said JSO has arranged for a clean up crew to remove the camp sites. He provided photos of the area. Chuck Mann said transient camp out in Murray Hill near the railroad tracks. Residents said JSO officers are doing a great job. The number for the Zone 4 Substation is 573-3165.

Introductions and Acknowledgments:

- Vice Chair Chuck Mann acknowledged that Chair Ralph Malphurs had an excused absence. Mr. Malphurs is very ill and in the hospital - he has a good family support system

and his family has asked for prayers and thoughts. Mr. Mann announced that Mary Beth Ridderman had delivered a letter from the mayor to Mr. Malphurs at the hospital today. Ms. Ridderman read the letter, which expressed the mayor's wishes for Mr. Malphurs' improved health. Mr. Mann announced that he will be acting Chair until Mr. Malphurs returns.

- Acting Chair Mann acknowledged Vicki Drake, Duval County School Board Member, Wight Greger, Director of Housing and Neighborhoods, Paul McNamara, Director of FCCJ Cecil Center and John Kelly, Cecil Field Recreation Services Superintendent.
- Acting Chair Mann announced that Council Member Mia Jones had a scheduling conflict and would not be speaking as previously arranged.
- Guest speaker Denise Ostertag, Senior Services Coordinator was introduced.
- **Guest Speaker:** Denise Ostertag presented information about the nineteen senior centers and one nutrition site in Jacksonville. Free services are available to individuals ages 55 and over. Centers provide hot meals, programs for wellness and health, and recreational opportunities. Transportation is available. Seniors may elect to participate in programs or may volunteer for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Senior Workers Available Today (SWAT) or Tale Tellers. Other seniors choose to work for a small stipend in the Independent Living Program. Senior Services provides respite for family members caring for seniors diagnosed with Early Alzheimer's Disease. Ms. Ostertag explained that Senior Services offers special events for seniors, such as the Fishathon, the Mayor's Holiday Dinner for Seniors and Senior Games. For more information, Ms. Ostertag may be reached at 630-4908 or Ostertag@coj.net.
- Acting Chair Mann announced that the Membership Committee had suggested and Chair Malphurs agreed that it is necessary to be reminded of the purpose of the CPACs. Rosanne Vernon, Membership Chair, read the purpose from the Executive Order: " The primary purpose of the CPACs is to maintain open and effective lines of communication between Jacksonville residents, businesses, neighborhoods, community organizations, educational institutions and government". Acting Chair Mann asked members to bring a guest to each meeting. Kathy Budd introduced new member, Yvonne Cooke from Hyde Grove Creekside Neighborhood Watch.
- **Public Comments:**
 - Jim Ross reported the City will be installing new playground equipment at Westwood Park.
 - Yvonne Cooke announced that part of the Wills Branch Creek dredging project has been completed – from Lane Avenue to Old Middleburg Road.
 - Chuck Mann reported that a home was dented on Venue. The City planted trees from Cool Air to Plymouth Street. He announced that JEA installed a new street light on Ingleside Avenue.
 - Thomas Martin announced a road project will begin on September 9 to improve Collins Road from Old Middleburg Road to Shindler Avenue.
 - The Acting Chair recognized Alberta Hipps and thanked her for being present. Alberta Hipps thanked residents who have attended the Cecil Field Master Plan meetings. Paul McNamara said he had found the meetings interesting and informative. Opal Burgstiner said she had toured Flag Star. Mrs. Hipps said JAA has been a good community partner.

Staff Reports & Announcements:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** Wight Greger reported that she has been working with the residents' ideas and concerns from the Mayor's (June) visit to the CPAC. She provided brochures on a new Housing and Neighborhoods initiative – foreclosure intervention. The program is free and provides cash mitigation for families who complete financial counseling. The strategy is to improve neighborhoods by preventing abandoned homes. The City has created a pool of funds to purchase properties that have already been foreclosed. For more information about the program call 630-CITY. To contact Ms. Greger, call 255-8200 or send e-mail to WGreger@coj.net.
- **Duval County School Board:** Ms. Drake reported that the school budget was cut by \$70 million and will be cut again in November 2008 and the Spring of 2009. The teachers' contract is still in negotiations. She announced that three amendments will be on the ballot this fall – and none of them are beneficial for public schools. She said that school starts on Monday, August 18. Ms. Drake may be contacted at 390-2000 or drakev@educationcentral.org.
- **Planning and Development:**
 - **Current Planning Division:** Andy Hetzel provided an update on proposed land use amendments. An application has been made for an exception for Perfect Rack Billiards on Edgewood Avenue – they want to extend the hours for beer sales to 1 a.m. and close at 2 a.m.. The issue will be heard on Thursday, August 14. Mr. Mann said the residents voted to approve the change, contingent upon police officers being on duty at the door. Mr. Hetzel said the CarMax on Blanding wants to alter signage. Other proposed changes were announced. Mrs. Hipps said she is the authorized agent for a new building on 103rd Street storage near Connie Jean Street – the "Power Company" which will provide boat and recreational vehicles. For more information, call Andy Hetzel at 630-7157.
- **Building Inspection:** No report. Andee Camp may be reached at 255-8638.
- **Environmental and Compliance Department:**
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division:** Code Compliance Officers Lebrero and Quinn announced that the officers handle about 400 cases per week. Currently they have 1012 active cases in Zone 4. To report concerns/violations call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Duval County Health Department,** Jocelyn Turner said her prayers go out to the Malphurs family. She announced this is National Health Care Center Week. The health department offers free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings this week. Jacksonville has five locations to provide services to uninsured individuals. For more information, call 253-1000. Ms. Turner may be reached at 253-2037.
- **FCCJ Cecil North,** Paul McNamara reported FCCJ has been approved for an Air Traffic Controller School. A simulator will be operational in the fall of 2008. The school also offers a Commercial Truck Driving Program. They are currently accepting applications for the Fire School, Nursing, IT Management, Supervision/Management and Early Childhood Education. FCCJ is slated to become a state college authorized to issue Bachelors Degrees by the end of 2008 - this could result in a name change, but FCCJ plans to retain the identity and logo. The focus will be on adult high school, vocational training, AA/AS Degree Programs, and the Bachelor's Degree Programs. Paul McNamara may be reached at 779-4030.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority:** No report.
- **FDOT,** Milton Locklear reported he is available to answer questions. Mr. Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.
- **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**
 - **Community Development Division:** Mary Beth Ridderman provided a written report to save time during the meeting. Acting Chair Mann asked that other divisions provide written reports to save time.

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 - McGirts Creek Park - ADA accessible field.
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- See the Not Just for Baby Boomers Film Series
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 - o Introduction to Word Processing Basics I
Main, August 19, 2008
 - o Pizza and the Pursuit of Resources
Main, August 26, 2008
 - o Grant Seeking Basics for Nonprofit Organizations
Main, September 4, 2008

To learn more, visit www.coj.netJaxKids appears on Comcast Channel 29 Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

- You may have heard about the overwhelming need for mentors in our community. Studies show that there are currently about 45,000 children in Jacksonville who could benefit from a mentor relationship, but there are only about 3,500 volunteer mentors. While there are undoubtedly thousands of informal mentors serving in schools, neighborhoods and houses of worship throughout the city, there is still a huge need to be filled.

<http://www.uwnefl.org/mentor/> - United Way

<http://www.takestockinchildren.com/> Take Stock in Children

<http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.diJKKYPLJvH/b.1539751/k.BDB6/Home.htm> Big Brothers Big Sisters

- The Jacksonville Senior Games is an Olympic style event involving more than 20 sports for men and women 50 years of age or older. This year's games will be held Sept. 22-28.
- Save water and save our river. For information on new lawn irrigation and fertilizer rules and tips on how you can help preserve our environment, read the [Irrigation](#) and [Fertilizer](#) fliers. More information is available at www.coj.net. To register a concern or ask a question about city services, call 630-CITY (2489).
- Mayor John Peyton has asked for letters or e-mails from residents to their City Council Members to voice their support for his proposed budget, which includes increased funding for fire and police but does not include a raise in the millage rate. To review the budget, see www.coj.net.

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Subcommittee Reports and Announcements:

- **Council Members' Announcements:** None.
- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Chuck Mann announced
- **Economic Subcommittee:** Jim Ross reported a CVS Pharmacy is being constructed on the corner of 103rd Street and Blanding Blvd.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** Johnny Carter reported the playground at Forest Apartments was started and completed in four hours with help from 200 volunteers and the sponsor, Kaboom.
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** Vice Chair Mann asked for volunteers. Rosanne Vernon volunteered to chair the subcommittee.
- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Parliamentarian:** Opal Burgstiner reported that several people ran over three minutes. The Acting Chair announced he will appoint a committee of Parliamentarians. Rosanne Vernon and Len Burroughs were appointed in addition to Opal Burgstiner.
- **ShAdCo Subcommittee:** Alice Turknnett announced that the ShAdCo J meetings have moved to the Ortega United Methodist Church, on Highway 17 at the corner of Longfellow. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month. She thanked Don Ingram for his assistance in obtaining the space – the church members have been very gracious and helpful – and parking is no longer a problem. Mrs. Turknnett reported that all ShAdCos will meet in November – no date has been set. Rosanne Vernon reported that ShAdCo K usually meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday at the Lane Wiley Center. In September, they will meet on Sept. 8 because of the on Sept. 1. At the last

ShAdCo meeting, 94 people attended. For more information about ShAdCo, call Alice Turknett at 778-2686 or the JSO Zone 4 Substation at 573-3165.

- **Ad Hoc Subcommittees** (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):
 - Rosanne Vernon, Membership Subcommittee Chair announced that the membership committee had met and had a really good turn-out with a guest, Gloria Stephens, from the SE CPAC. She reminded everyone that it is difficult to recruit and maintain members when the CPAC has such long meetings. She encouraged members to join a subcommittee, that all subcommittees provide notice/meet monthly. She said that a suggestion has been made for all subcommittees to meet at the same time to plan and work together on a project.
- **Chairman's Report:** Acting Chair Mann announced a nomination committee will be appointed on September 8. The slate of CPAC officers will be announced on October 13. The election will be held on 3 November.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: *A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote - all in favor, none opposed. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.*

After the meeting was adjourned: Bob Harms announced that he is running for City Council Member at Large and he is available for questions after the meeting. Angela Nixon announced she is running for City Council Member and she is available for questions after the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2008, at FCCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., G-125 and G-126, at 7 p.m. Please call Chuck Mann at 387-0636 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 for more information.