

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 FCCJ Kent Campus - 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
 Monday, January 12, 2009

MEETING SUMMARY

Committee Members

Chair Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries
Vice Chair Roseanne Vernon, Oak Hills
Charter Member – Don Ingram
Charter Member – Charles Mann
Charter Member – Jerry Spinks
Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter
FCCJ Cecil North – Paul McNamara

Committee Members

Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch
Riverside Area Preservation- Jean Grimsley
SMG Equestrian Center – Lesa Williams
Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin
Westside Business Leaders – Opal Burgstiner

Guests

Sonya Williams
Marilyn Lehman, Crystal Creek HOA
Dewey Walker, Springtree Village HOA
Lisa Walker, Springtree Village HOA
Ethel Nolting, Confederate Point
Bruce Burgstiner
Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group

Media/Staff/Officials

JSO - Sgt. Dennis Pellot
Planning – Andy Hetzel
Recreation & Community – John Kelly
Housing & Neighborhoods – M.B. Ridderman
Municipal Code Compliance – Pete Sutherland

Excused: Alice Turknett, Polly Walker, Steve Shaffer, Robert Smith, Milton Locklear, Charlie Kelley.

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Acting Chair Charles Mann called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Riddemran, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods.

Ceremony - Passing the Gavel

Acting Chair Mann introduced the 2009 Officers: Chair, Bruce Tyson and Rosanne Vernon. He congratulated them and wished them well in 2009. A short ceremony was held, and photos were taken of Acting Chair Mann passing the gavel to the 2009 Chair Bruce Tyson.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Chair Tyson asked for approval of the December summary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor, none opposed.

JSO Report: Sgt. Pellot reported the number of violent crimes and property crimes were down, but overall, the number of crimes increased. He said Community Service Officers are being trained to handle additional calls, such as preparing reports of missing person and responding to certain types of alarms. Eureka Gardens and other Multi-Family Housing units have mobilized to combat crime using a variety of resources, including commitment from the property owners to screen residents, involving the residents and adding police officers during certain hours. Sgt. Pellot said residents need to be proactive to prevent burglaries – call 630-0500 if suspicious persons or activities are observed. If residents have an issue with a specific officer, call 630-0500. Member Jim Nolting thanked JSO for canvassing the area of Confederate Point after a recent break-in. Member Rosanne Vernon thanked JSO for showing up without being called when juveniles at her neighborhood park failed to cooperate with park rules.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Tyson recognized Alberta Hipps and introduced the guest speaker, John Kelly, COJ Recreation and Community Services Department.

Council Members' Reports: No Council Members were in attendance.

Presentation: John Kelly presented information about proposed changes to park rules. The rules were revised in 2005. In 2007 the rules were revised only to reflect the departmental name change created by reorganization. The current proposed changes involve information obtained from JSO and JSO's legal counsel and are supported by Florida State Statues. Residents were asked to e-mail feedback about the proposed changes to Kboree@coj.net. Mr. Kelly answered several questions. He reported that the Equestrian Center trails are not officially open but alternative access to five miles of trails is available at the Sal Taylor Creek Preserve (West of the Equestrian Center, left at the Mt. Zion Church sign). He suggested residents contact Rhonda Creel, at 630-3516, for information about the opening date for the trails at the Equestrian Center. He suggested residents call Pam Wilson, at 630-3555, for information about naming of the trails.

Public Comments:

- Guest Sonya Williams expressed her concern about the timing of the traffic light in the area of Post, Mc Duff and College. Member Len Burroughs reported the entire intersection is closed and the issue of the lights will be addressed.
- Member Tom Martin reported the St. Johns River Management (SJRWM) District will meet Jan. 13, 2009 at 1 p.m. regarding the proposed Collins Road extension. The meeting will occur at SJRM District office in Palatka, Florida.
- A comment was made and a brief discussion was held regarding a safety issue: trucks and cars parked in the no parking/bus lanes on Blanding Boulevard South of 103rd Street, near the flea market. Chair Tyson said he will contact JSO about the situation.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- Mayor's Liaison: Chair Tyson reported that Wight Greger's absence was excused.
- Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake was not in attendance.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel provided a written report to save time during the meeting.
- Municipal Code Compliance – Pete Sutherland reported the Zone 4 team is continuing systematic inspections and he is available to answer questions. To report concerns about possible code violations, please call 630-CITY.
- Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner was not in attendance.
- FCCJ Cecil North – Paul McNamara reported FCCJ had grown by 56 since last year. The Aviation Center of Excellence is almost completed – they have four class rooms and simulators are being installed. The Commercial Driver (CDL) Training program has full enrollment for the second class and the current focus is on truck-driving jobs for the port expansion. A four year bachelor's degree program has been approved and the new name for FCCJ will be announced in the future to reflect the difference in status.
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – No representative was in attendance.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Milton Locklear was not in attendance.

- Community Development – Mary Beth Ridderman provided a written report.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Membership – Rosanne Vernon reported a meeting of the Membership subcommittee has been scheduled for Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. The meeting will occur at Panera Bread (restaurant) near the corner of San Juan and Roosevelt Boulevard
- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann reported on a Jan 11, 2009 TU article, re.: Jacksonville Journey’s recommended funding for supervision centers (new centers for suspended public school students). \$1.5 million funding was approved and subsequently removed. He said these suspension centers are needed to keep kids off the streets and out of crime. Mr. Mann suggested residents contact the Mayor’s Office (630-1776), City Council Members (630-1377); W. C. Gentry, (390-2239) or Vicki Drake (390-2373) to get funding back in place.
- Economic Development – Jim Ross was not in attendance.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter reported he is planning a spring clean up program and will have details at the next meeting.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon reported that at the November SW CPAC meeting, members decided to vote at the January, 2009 meeting regarding a proposed ordinance that will allow Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) in residential areas. Ms. Vernon read information about the ordinance and a lengthy discussion was held. Andy Hetzel assisted Ms. Vernon in answering questions. Opal Burgstiner made a motion to table the issue until it comes before City Council again. A second was made by Don Ingram. Ms. Vernon reminded members and guests to research the subject and be prepared to vote at a future CPAC meeting. Discussion began again and Mary Beth Ridderman called a Point of Order, stating the issue had been tabled and could not be discussed further unless it was un-tabled.
- Safety – Bruce Tyson incorporated the safety report into the Chair’s report.
- Parliamentarian - Opal Burgstiner reported that everyone had done a good job keeping within the three minute time limit.
- ShAdCo- Alice Turknett had an excused absence. Rosanne Vernon reported that ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega Methodist Church. Sector K meets the first Monday of each monthly at 7 pm. At the Lane Wiley Center. Jim Kelly announced Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at Maxville and members are needed.
- Social – Bruce Tyson thanked everyone who attended the December meeting/annual social/SW CPAC Awards Dinner. He said he wanted to keep the tradition of a holiday covered dish dinner and members showed their interest by their participation. Member Burroughs and others thanked Chair Tyson for arranging for the VIP Choir to sing during the dinner.
- Chair’s Report: Chair Tyson cautioned residents to be extra careful because crime increases in hard economic time. He suggested residents look out for their neighbors, keep items out of sight in cars or in homes, and to call JSO at 630-0500 to report suspicious activities or truants.
 - Chair Tyson announced it is a new CPAC year and the COJ and residents have challenges due to budget cuts and service cuts. He strongly encouraged residents to get involved in their communities because JSO and COJ department staff cannot do everything that needs to be done.
 - He reminded everyone to be patient with CARE issues because a large number of issues are entered into the system and the COJ has limited staff in each zone to take care of them.

- o Chair Tyson announced a representative is needed for the TRU Commission. The group is involved with fiscal policy, budget review and budget planning. The TRU Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. usually in City Council Chambers.
- o Chair Tyson announced that he will be contacting CPAC members to get involved in subcommittees and projects. He said the Membership Subcommittee has been doing a wonderful job getting new members, but they will not stay if nothing gets done. He said he wants the CPAC to set goals to make a difference in the Southwest District.
- o For more information, or for assistance with community issues, call Bruce Tyson at 255-8928 (work), 771-4924 (cell) or send e-mail to Btyson@coj.net.

Old Business/New Business

- Alberta Hipps announced the Cecil Aviation Advisory Committee will meet on Jan. 26, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Cecil Conference Center.
- Alberta Hipps announced the Hipps Group filed zoning exception for clients in the Southwest District: on Cassatt Avenue and at Chafee Road and I-10. Ms. Hipps did not provide application numbers or more detailed information. No questions were asked.

Adjournment

A motion was properly made by Len Burroughs and seconded by Opal Burgstiner to adjourn the meeting. Chair Bruce Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m..

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 9 at FCCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112F. For more information, please contact Bruce Tyson at 771-4924 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260.

Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development Division, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.

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.

**Housing and Neighborhood Department
Coordinator's Report – January 2009
Prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman**

Did you know that every child in Duval County Public Schools has access to about 20 different education web subscriptions for free? Parent training will be provided on the programs and other student resources at the Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership.

http://www.duvalschools.org/static/students/student_software/index.asp.

Free resume clinic. Main Library. Conference Room G4. January 29 – 1:00 PM – 3:30 p.m. Bring your resume for a quick review and markup by Worksource staff. No appointment is necessary. Contact Julie McNeil at 630-2665.

Mayor John Peyton, City Council member Michael Corrigan and Jacksonville Children's Commission Executive Director Linda Lanier Monday, January 12, released the *2009 State of Jacksonville's Children: Racial and Ethnic Disparities Report*, which highlights disparities in opportunities and outcomes among children of different races living in Jacksonville. To obtain a copy of the report or the [Jacksonville Children's Commission Family Resource Guide](#) with a listing of all programs and services they offer, visit the Jacksonville Children's Commission [Community Information and Resources](#) Web page <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Childrens+Commission/Community+Information+and+Resources/default.htm> or call the Commission at (904) 630-3647. The Jacksonville Children's Commission Continuation Grant Application is now available. Agencies must complete the entire JCC Common Application narrative and budget forms. Completed applications must be received at the Jacksonville Children's Commission at 1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd by Jan. 30, 2009 by 5 p.m.

Nominated by her supervisor, Kenny Logsdon, Housing and Neighborhoods Coordinator Mary Beth Ridderman received a COJ Rave Review Award on November 19, 2008. A letter from Mayor John Peyton accompanied the award and noted Ridderman's "excellent work performance and consistent focus on quality and excellence". She was nominated for arranging a Special Joint CPAC meeting for all six CPACs. The primary focus of the meeting was to host a delegation of dignitaries visiting from several countries in Central and South America in order to provide information to the group. The delegation had asked to visit the Housing and Neighborhoods Department to learn about the CPACs, related grassroots organizations and their roles in our government

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program, authorized by the [Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 \(HERA\)](#), will assist state and local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increase the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. The funding amounts were determined by formula established by HUD using criteria specified by HERA. The City of Jacksonville has received an allocation of \$26,175,317 in funding from this program for use in Duval County. All questions or comments should be [e-mailed to Wight Greger](#) or addressed to her at: Wight Greger, Director, City of Jacksonville Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Call 630-CITY to request information about the city's foreclosure prevention program

**Attachment 1
Submitted by Mary Beth Ridderman**

Holiday Schedule City Offices and Services

Most city government offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Closures include:

- City Hall at St. James, 117 W. Duval St.
- Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St.
- Yates Building, 231 E. Forsyth St.
- The Office of the Tax Collector, including all Tax Collector branch offices
 - The Office of the Property Appraiser
 - Duval County Courthouse, 330 E. Bay St.
- Supervisor of Elections main office, 105 E. Monroe St.
- Supervisor of Elections branch office, 5200-2 Norwood Ave.
- Planning and Development Department administrative Offices, 128 E. Forsyth St.
- Municipal Code Compliance administrative and Operations offices, 1801 Art Museum Drive, Bldg. 3500, Suite 200
- Right-of-Way and Grounds Maintenance administrative Offices, 609 St. Johns Bluff Road N.
- Solid Waste Division administrative offices, 1031 Superior St.
- Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 2675 Commonwealth Ave.
- Animal Care and Control Center, 2580 W. First St.
- Animal Care and Control Mandarin Adoption Center, 10501-2 San Jose Blvd.
- Jacksonville Fire Rescue administrative offices, 515 N. Julia St.
- Recreation and Community Services Department offices, 851 N. Market St.
- All community and senior centers and gymnasiums managed by the Recreation and Community Services Department
- Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park Nature Center, 7000 Roosevelt Blvd.
- Victim Services Center, 403 W. 10th St.
- Jacksonville Children's Commission, 1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.
- The Ritz Theatre & LaVilla Museum, 829 N. Davis St.
- Behavioral and Human Services Division Emergency Assistance office, 1809 Art Museum Drive
- The Jacksonville Public Library (Main Library and all branches)

Residential garbage, yard waste and recycling will be collected as usual on Monday, Jan. 19. The Trail Ridge Landfill located at 5110 U.S. Highway 301 will maintain normal operating hours.

Huguenot Memorial Park, 10980 Heckscher Drive, will maintain regular hours. Day-use visitors may enter from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All but permitted campers and their authorized visitors must depart by 6 p.m. Visitors of campers should pre-register with the office and be issued a visitor pass to stay in the park until 10 p.m. Camping reservations can be made by phone Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, 500 Wonderwood Drive, will maintain regular hours. Day-use visitors may enter from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All but permitted campers and their authorized visitors must depart by 6 p.m. Camping reservations close at 5 p.m. daily. Only campers with prepaid reservations can gain access from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. No access is permitted after 9:30 p.m.

Kids Kampus, 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd., will be open for regular hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19.

The Cecil Aquatics Center, an indoor facility at 13611 Normandy Blvd., will be open Monday, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All three city tennis complexes will be open on the holiday. Southside Park Tennis Complex, 1541 Hendricks Ave., will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Boone Park Tennis Complex, 3700 Park St., will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Clanzel T. Brown Park Tennis Complex, 4575 Moncrief Road, will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m..

Attachment 2

Submitted by Mary Beth Ridderman

Southwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report - January 2009

Application Number	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC
2008-0517	PUD Rezoning	44.40± acres located in Council District 12 on the south side of Sandler Road between Old Middleburg Road and Shindler Drive (R.E. Nos. 015588-9500, 015589-0100, 015590-0000, & 015592-0000)	1/15/2009
2008-0986	PUD Rezoning	1.64± acres located in Council District 14 at 4359 and 4369 Roosevelt Boulevard, 4452 and 4446 Lexington Avenue and 4453 and 4447 San Juan Avenue between Lexington Avenue and San Juan Avenue (R.E. Nos. 093636-0000, 009637-0000, 093638-0000, 093641-0000, 093643-0000 and 093644-0000)	1/15/2009
2008-1072	PUD Rezoning	15.57± acres located in Council District 12 on Chaffee Road South between Sam Caruso Way and West Meadows Drive North (R.E. Nos. 002038-0500 & 002039-0000)	1/29/2009
2008-1047	CONV. Rezoning	0.90+ acres located in Council District 14 at 4595 Prunty Avenue between Lamboll Avenue and Glen Laura Road (R. E. No. 066318-0500)	1/29/2009
2008-1074	CONV. Rezoning	9.77+ acres located in Council District 12 at 10166 103rd Street, between Samaritan Road and Chardon Drive (R. E. No. 015349-0000)	1/29/2009
V-08-15	Variance	5969 Hyde Park Circle Between Hyde Grove Avenue and Golfview Street	1/29/2009
E-08-88	Exception	7009 Wilson Boulevard	1/29/2009
E-08-90	Exception	1364 Cassat Avenue	1/29/2009

JPDD Contacts:		
Land Use:	Gary Kresel	630-1945
Rezoning/Exceptions/Variations/Waivers:	Ken Avery/Andy Hetzel/ Folks Huxford	630-6933 / 630-7157 / 630-7033
PUD Rezoning:	Andy Hetzel/Bruce Lewis	630-7157 / 630-7052
Cell Towers:	Bruce Lewis	630-7052
Administrative Deviations:	Ken Avery	630-2386
Site Review:	Seva Abasova	630-0257

Attachment 3
Submitted by Andy Hetzel