

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus

3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL

Monday, May10, 2010

MEETING SUMMARY

Members and Representatives

Chair Bruce Tyson
Charter Member – Don Ingram
Charter Member – Chuck Mann
Confederate Point – James Nolting
Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter
Crystal Springs HOA - Marilyn Lehman
FL State College at Jax, Cecil North – Paul McNamara
Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly

Members and Representatives

Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
SMG Equestrian Center – Jean Ellen DeSpain
Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker
Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
Westside Business Leaders – Opal Burgstiner
ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Media/Staff/Officials	Excused
Council Member Ray Holt	Mayor's Liaison – Wight Greger
Florida Dep't. Transportation – Milton Locklear	Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknett
Housing & Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman	Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker
JSO – Lt. S.T. Spates	Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon
Municipal Code Compliance – Pete Sutherland	Charter Member Jerry Spinks
Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel	Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake
Recreation and Community – John Kelly	Family Investment - Robert Smith
Guests	N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch
Russell Carlson, Tree Top Estates	RAP – Jean Grimsley
Greg Hollea Rachal, Westside Business Leaders	Westwood – Jim Ross
Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group Inc.	Absent
Kelly Mathis, Mathis & Murphy	Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner
Andrew Nemeth	
Bruce Burgstiner	
Peggy Myers, Hyde Grove Terrace	
Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace	
Kathy Budd, Hyde Grove Creek Side	
Steve Shaffer, The Village Salon, Ortega	
Ethel Nolting, Confederate Point	

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 May summary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor.

JSO Report: Lt. Spates reported

- The crime rate is down nationwide and citywide. In Jacksonville, the murder rate, rape, robberies, burglaries, property crime and vehicle thefts are down. He said JSO did not accomplish this reduced crime rate alone – he acknowledged and thanked the community members who helped. Please call 630-0500 if you

- observe suspicious activities or individuals. Chair Tyson thanked Lt. Spates for his report and thanked JSO for doing a good job in Zone 4.
- The annual Joint ShAdCo meeting is July 12, 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church, Hwy 17 South. The joint meeting will replace the following meetings for the month of July:
 - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church.
 - ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center.
 - ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Maxville Community Center.
 - Sheriff John Rutherford is hosting a town hall meeting on June 15, 2010, 7 p.m., at the Baldwin Community Center, 850 Center Street, Baldwin, FL. The meeting will address illegal train riders (previously known as hobos).
 - A concern was raised about the violence at Eureka Gardens. Yesterday another murder was committed there while officers were on the property, investigating an unrelated incident. Lt. Spates said Eureka Gardens harbors a culture of violence and JSO is working with management to reduce crime.
 - 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 and all JSO officers for their hard work in the community.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Tyson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged and welcomed each guest (by name –see attendance list). He said he was happy to see Kathy Budd, Shirley Lowry and Peggy Meyers. He welcomed Alberta Hipps and Council Member Ray Holt. Chair Tyson welcomed the guest speaker, Tiffany Reeves, Florida Department of Financial Services.

Subcommittee Breakout Session: Chair Tyson asked the group to divide into two subcommittees. He encouraged members and guests to participate in one of the subcommittee meetings: Economic Development, chaired by Jim Kelly and Education chaired by Chuck Mann. 7:13-7:28 p.m.

Presentation: Financial Hurricane Preparedness by Tiffany Reeves, Florida Department of Financial Services. This department regulates and licenses insurance companies. To financially prepare for a hurricane: review insurance policies – be sure new purchases and improvements are covered. Discuss replacement cost coverage and hurricane deductibles. Store policies and declaration pages in a fire and water resistant safe. Make back up copies of important documents: insurance, birth certificates, tax returns, telephone numbers. Policies cannot be changed when a storm warning has been issued. Secure your home if you shelter in place or if you evacuate. If your home is damaged make temporary repairs (example – the roof). Homeowners insurance does not cover rising water. To inquire about flood insurance, contact FEMA at <http://www.fema.gov>. For free assistance, referrals and quotes for insurance, contact the Florida Market Assistance Program at 1-800-524-9023 or www.fmap.org. If you have questions or concerns about your insurance policies or claims, contact 1-877-693-5236.

Public Comments:

- Kelly Mathis announced he is an attorney speaking on behalf of Allied Veterans regarding 2010-326 and Internet Cafes. He said a lot of misinformation has been shared about internet cafes and Allied Veterans. Allied Veterans is a 501-C19 non-profit organization that helps veterans. Their motto is "veterans helping veterans". He compared internet cafes to library settings. Internet cafes sell internet time at a rate of 20 cents per minute or \$12 per hour – the cost includes free faxing, copying and CD copies. Allied Veterans promotes business with sweepstakes and prizes on a computer that looks like a slot machine. Last year Allied Veterans donated over \$1 million to charities benefiting the Lake City Medical Center, the Veterans National Cemetery, the Jacksonville USO and others. He said they have donated over \$5 million in the past 5 years. A lengthy discussion followed.
- Jim Kelly announced Allied Veterans donated \$10,000 to Gleaners Dispatch.
- Alberta Hipps announced she is a registered lobbyist for the Jacksonville Kennel Club. She said when questioned, people think Internet Cafes are there for the internet, but they really are for gambling. Internet Cafes are opening all over town and a new one recently opened in Argyle. Does Jacksonville want to be known as a gambling casino town like towns in New Jersey? She thanked CPAC members for their previous letter supporting Ordinance 2010-326, to regulate Internet Cafes. She asked Kelly Mathis if he was a registered lobbyist for Allied Veterans. Mr. Mathis said no, he is an attorney. Ms. Hipps referred him to the Ethics code and suggested he may need to register since he is lobbying for Allied Veterans.
- Chuck Mann said the COJ is having budget problems and plans to close five libraries and limit the hours of other libraries. The Murray Hill Library is one that will be closed. He asked the CPAC for a letter to Kerri Stewart, City Council Members and to Mayor John Peyton in support of keeping all libraries open for regular hours. A motion was made and seconded. A discussion was held. During discussion, a suggestion was made that the Main Library reduce hours since it is expensive to operate and not as heavily used as other libraries at night and on weekends. A suggestion was made for several people to write letters. A motion was made to amend the standing motion by saying that Chuck Mann draft the letter and give it to the chairman for his approval/signature. A second was made. The vote: all in favor.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- Mayor's Liaison: Wight Greger' absence was excused.
- Council Members' Reports: Council Member Ray Holt announced this is the first time he has visited the SW CPAC. His is the largest district in Jacksonville (in physical size). He said the city is still in the budget process – things are not good and he is not looking forward to the next budget which is predicted to be even worse. The proposed cuts to the libraries are based on usage. A comment was made about the Maxville Library – it was built with Trail Ridge landfill mitigation funds. CM Holt said the Maxville Library is not well-used. He said the city is "doing the best that we can" and he applauds the CPAC for sending a letter to support the libraries. A discussion was held regarding assessed property values/market value and real estate taxes. Chair Tyson thanked CM Holt for visiting the CPAC and welcomed him to attend any time.
- Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake's absence was excused.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel reported a few applications had been made: for a cell tower at Oak Leaf; an exception for liquor sales on St. Johns Avenue at a bistro; outside sales at an existing business at 7134 Wilson Blvd.. He said he did not provide a written report to conserve paper. Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-255-8721 or AHetzel@coj.net.

- Municipal Code Compliance –Pete Sutherland reported a systematic inspection has begun in Tree Top Estates, an illegal sign at Jammes and Wilson has been removed. Discussion was held about the new sign ordinance and snipe signs. An inquiry was made about the previously flooded homes on Bakersfield that will be demolished. Mr. Sutherland said his department has not been involved in that project. To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489).
- Recreation and Community Services – John Kelly announced the following:
 - Pools opened today. They will be open seven days each week through the summer months.
 - He provided copies of brochures: Summer 2010 Sensational Summers Start in JaxParks.
 - JaxParks' Summer Night Lights Program begins Friday, June 18 in 5 high-crime neighborhoods. Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center on Wilson Boulevard is the only SW District site. The center will be open for extended hours and will offer activities for youth and parents.
 - Summer Day Camp begins June 28. All programs are full except the sports camps and junior lifeguard camps. For more information, please visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).
 - 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 announced:
 - The Aircraft Services and Education Facility (ASEF) hangar construction is on schedule. Classes begin in January.
 - The CDL training facility (construction) will break ground in September or October.
 - The summer enrollment at FSCJ Cecil is robust.
 - Mr. McNamara may be reached at 779-4030
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – no representative.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Milton Locklear announced:
 - Two public workshops are scheduled at the FDOT office, 2198 Edison Av.. Public input is needed and welcomed.
 - Horizon 2060 Transportation Plan – Wednesday, June 16, 2 p.m.
 - Amtrak and FEC Rail Line – Friday, June 18, 2 p.m.
- Community Development – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
 - The CommUniverCity classes begin on August 10. Information will be sent electronically and advertised in the Times Union.
 - She provided a printed report.
 - Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

New Business/Old Business –

- Chair Tyson announced the CPAC Chairs will meet with Mayor John Peyton on June 29. His proposed topic for the agenda are (1)the safety issues related to Old Middleburg Road including the need for widening the road compounded by the upcoming Town Center construction site and (2) the continuing problem of stick signs on the Westside. Code Enforcement's efforts have helped, but the problem continues.
- The Better Jacksonville Plan proposed to-re-align the 103rd Street/Old Middleburg Road intersection. The property has not been purchased by the city, and recently the owners posted for sale signs. Residents are concerned that the property may be sold before the city's plan can be implemented. Also concerns about added

- congestion at the intersection when town center construction begins.
- Discussion of the safety issue of the amount of traffic/need for widening of Old Middleburg Road from 103rd Street to Argyle Forest Blvd. It sometimes takes 20 minutes to get to and through the light at 103rd Street from Old Middleburg Road. Concern for increased congestion at intersection when Town Center construction begins.
- The joint ShAdCo meeting is July 12, 7 p.m. at the Ortega Methodist Church on Highway 17 South.
- **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Nolting. A second was made by Len Burroughs. The vote: all in favor. Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 14 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, June 14 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.



Housing and Neighborhoods Department
Coordinator's Report Submitted by Mary Beth Ridderman
Southwest CPAC
June 2010

Hurricane season is June 1 through November 30 - Make preparations now for what NOAA forecasters are predicting will be an "extremely active" six-month hurricane season. 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 bosborne@coj.net

- 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.
- Hurricane Myth: Taping windows with masking tape is an effective way to prevent shattered glass and damage to a home during a hurricane. **FACT:** Windows are a critical barrier to protect your home from wind, wind-borne debris and water. If your windows are breached, this can exert pressure on your roof and walls, causing the collapse of the home. Much of the damage that occurred from Hurricane Andrew resulted from failure of windows and doors. These failures frequently lead to interior wall failure and sometimes roof failures. (NOAA). Impact-resistant glass and shutters are specifically designed to meet a combination of impact and continuous pressure from the wind. For more information, please visit MySafeFloridaHome.com.

Jacksonville City Council:

Officer Installation Ceremony, Thursday, June 24, 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Council Chamber. The ceremony is held to install the Honorable John D. "Jack" Webb as the 2010-2011 Council President, and the Honorable Stephen C. Joost as the 2010-2011 Council Vice President. In accordance with Council Rules the positions will become effective July 1, 2010. (Invited attendees will include the Jacksonville City Council Members, Constitutional officers, Judges, Duval Delegation, and Congressional Representatives, appointed Board and Commission members of the City of Jacksonville as well as the public at large.) Invitations are not required to attend this event. All interested parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact: Legislative Services Division at 630-1404

Housing and Neighborhoods:

- 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 <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- CommUniverCity is in the bid phase. Classes are tentatively scheduled for August 10.
- Save The Date - The Florida Neighborhoods Conference will be held July 8-10 in Tampa, Florida

Jacksonville Childrens Commission

Free nutritious snacks and lunches for Jacksonville children June 14 - Aug. 13. Any Duval County child under the age of 18 can receive a lunch by visiting one of the summer lunch sites across the city. A "Free Lunch Served Here" banner is posted at each site with the meal times indicated. Children do not need to be enrolled at the site (for example, if it is a club or program) to receive a lunch or snack -- they just need to show up during meal times. For more information call 630-6430 or visit www.jaxkids.net.

Planning and Development:

Flood Map Meeting June 14, 3:30-6 PM, at Dallas-Graham Branch Library. Call 630-CITY for more information.

Jacksonville Journey: Oversight Committee Meeting, June 17, 2010 4 p.m. Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., Room 851. Contact: Tina Rehmel (904) 630-1273.

Jacksonville Ethics Commission :

- Meeting, Monday, June 28, 2010, at 5:00, Don Davis Room, 117 W. Duval Street, First Floor of City Hall. For more information, contact Susan Stewart, Ethics Coordinator, at (904) 630-1680.
- Whistleblower's Hotline: (904) 630-1015. For more information, please visit [Ethics Hotline and Whistleblower Protection](#).

Recreation and Community Services:

- Huguenot Memorial Park will temporarily close approximately 550 feet of the beach to vehicular traffic to protect an expanded number of birds nesting and foraging in the northern part of the park's beach. The bird nesting season begins around April 1 and typically runs to Aug. 31.
- 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.

Florida Department of Transportation : The Florida Department of Transportation is holding regional workshops around the state to obtain public and partner input on the future of transportation in Florida as part of development of the 2060 Florida Transportation Plan. **Wednesday, June 16**, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m., FDOT Urban Office Training Facility, 2198 Edison Avenue, for more information, contact Dennis Lord, 800-749-2967, ext. 7520 or 386-961-7520 or dennis.lord@dot.state.fl.us.

Riverside Arts Market – Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Riverside Avenue. Free admission. Free Parking is available at the following locations: Fidelity National, First Guaranty Bank, Drs. Wood, Lanier & Bowman, EverBank, The Haskell Company, The Florida Times-Union

Sheriff's Advisory Council (ShAdCo)

- Welcomes existing and new members. The public is invited to attend.
- ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church.
- ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center.
- ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Maxville Community Center.
- Joint Meeting Monday, July 12, 7 p.m. at Ortega United Methodist Church, 4807 Roosevelt Blvd.

Phone Numbers

- Sign up for e-mail notifications from the Mayor's Office at: <http://mayornotification.coj.net/>
- City Link- 630-CITY (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number with estimated date of completion.
- 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
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- 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
- 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)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. , call 924-1710.
- Elder Source is the State Designated Aging Resource Center for NE Florida. Elder Helpline - 1888-242-4464 or myeldersource.org.

If you have questions please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or Marybeth@coj.net