

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 FCCJ Kent Campus - 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
 Monday, March 9, 2009

MEETING SUMMARY

Members and Representatives

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Chair Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries	Lexington Square – Steve Shaffer
Vice Chair Roseanne Vernon, Oak Hills	Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
Charter Member – Don Ingram	N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch
Charter Member – Charles Mann	SMG Equestrian Center – Lesa Williams
Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter	Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker
Confederate Point – James Nolting	Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknett
Crystal Creek HOA - Marilyn Lehman	Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin
FCCJ Cecil North – Paul McNamara	Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly	Westside Business Leaders – Opal Burgstiner

Alternate Representatives

Media/Staff/Officials

Timuquana Manor North – Polly Walker	Mayor John Peyton
Guests	JSO - Sgt. Christopher Jackson
Princella Dixon	Planning – Andy Hetzel
Tom Ingram	Recreation & Community – John Kelly
Alberta Hipps	Recreation & Community – John Kelly
Rita Humphries	Housing & Neighborhoods – M.B. Ridderman
Jonathan n. Brown	FDOT- Milton Locklear
Ethel Nolting	Duval Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner
Gautham Shelty	Municipal Code Compliance – Jim Libroero
	Municipal Code Compliance - Mike Chao
	Excused
	Family Investment - Robert Smith
	Westwood - Jim Ross
	Mayor's Liaison - Wight Greger

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development, Housing and Neighborhoods.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

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

JSO Report: Sgt. Jackson answered questions from residents: carrying weapons (concealed permit is required), incident in Murray Hill (Sgt. Jackson said he will report next month), status of personal crimes in area of 103rd and Old Middleburg Road (fewer incidents reported), burglaries to homes on Old Middleburg Road (Sgt. Jackson said he will follow up), number of burglaries in Springtree (Sgt. Jackson said he will pull crime stats and will follow up with officers). Chair Tyson thanked Sgt. Jackson for his report to the CPAC.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Tyson introduced Alberta Hipps and thanked her for being present.

Presentation: Alberta Hipps and Tom Ingram presented information about Republic

Services, a waste management company interested in providing service at the Trail Ridge Landfill. A question and answer session followed the presentation. Mrs. Hipps thanked the CPAC for the opportunity to present the information and announced she would remain after the meeting to answer any additional questions. The Chair thanked the presenters for their information.

Public Comments:

- Jim Kelly announced he volunteers with Gleaners Dispatch, a non-profit organization that provides free food to individuals and families in need. He said Mayor John Peyton is scheduled to visit the Ramona Flea Market food distribution site on April 9 at noon. He asked residents to donate canned foods for the soup kitchen. For more information call 777-6344 or visit <http://www.gleanersdispatch.org/index.htm>.
- Jim Kelly announced Parrot Heads is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. The group organized a gumbo contest at the Landing at 1 p.m. on March 14 to benefit the Sulzbacher Center.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- Mayor's Liaison: Wight Greger was excused.
- Council Members' Reports: No representative in attendance. No reports.
- Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake was excused.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel provided a written report to save time during the meeting. He announced Brad Thoburn is now with FDOT and Bill Killingsworth is the interim director. A concern was expressed about planned development and the inadequacy of Old Middleburg Road to handle the existing traffic – Mr. Hetzel said he will provide information about the proposed date of road improvements. His monthly report is attached to this summary.
- Municipal Code Compliance – Jim Libero reported the Zone 4 team just completed a systematic inspection in Melissa Estates and wrote 97 new cases with over 275 violations. He provided pamphlets about the new irrigation and fertilization restrictions. Mr. Libero also provided a violations sheet that includes what to expect if you do not comply. Johnny Carter raised a question about the impact of prior flooding on the current property conditions at Melissa Estates. Charter Member Mann discussed the deteriorating appearance of Murray Hill due to a plethora of code compliance issues. To report concerns about possible code violations, please call 630-CITY.
- Recreation and Community Services – John Kelly announced
 - Recreation and Community Services is in the process of advertising for and hiring 400 lifeguards for city pools – applicants must be at least 15 years old. For more information about the lifeguard program please call 745-9630.
 - JAXPARKS Get Out There is March 27-29. Tillie Fowler Regional Park offers environmental programs,
 - Spring Break Camps are scheduled for March 30 – April 3 for children ages 6 -12.
 - A community meeting about the use of managing partners to operate Boone Park and Southside tennis complexes is scheduled for 4/6/09 at 6 p.m. at City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval St in the Lynwood Roberts Room,
 - John Kelly may be contacted at 573-3175.
- Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner announced the Office of Vital Statistics has moved to 900 University Blvd. N. – across from the Town and Country Shopping Center. A 120th anniversary celebration will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 10 a.m. and an open house will be held from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please RSVP for the ceremony (253-2255). Ms. Turner may be contacted at 253-2037.
- FCCJ Cecil North – Paul McNamara reported

- FCCJ's new name – Florida State College at Jacksonville.
- The grand opening of the Aviation Center of Excellence was well-attended – the building was completed on schedule and under budget.
- Cecil Center North hosted Senator Jennifer Carroll's Foreclosure Prevention Workshop.
- Mr. McNamara may be contacted at 779-4030.
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – No representative was in attendance. No report.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Milton Locklear answered questions. He reported the tentative date is early April 2009 for completion of one part of the Brananfield Chaffee project; an overpass may be added on Brananfield Chafee at Plantation Oaks; the St. Johns Avenue project is behind schedule due to utility issues; the Collins Road project is a COJ project but FDOT may build additional lanes and off ramps – he will give specific information next month. Mr. Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.
- Community Development – Mary Beth Ridderman provided a written report. Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann announced an article in the Times Union referred to the school's 'broken system for truancy'. He reminded CPAC meeting attendees that teachers cannot teach students who are not in school – if kids are observed outside of school during school hours; please call the nearest school or JSO at 630-0500. Mr. Mann discussed the Knowledge is Power (KIP) Program in which all children are expected to attend college. He suggested everyone learn more about Senate Bill 1562, which will eliminate the volunteer-staffed ombudsman program which inspects nursing homes and handles complaints about nursing homes. Under the new Senate Bill, ombudsmen will no longer be allowed to inspect nursing homes. He encouraged everyone to contact their legislators. Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin said he has not received an appointment to the TRUE Commission, but he has been attending meetings and learning more about TRUE. He will begin reporting at future CPAC meetings.
- Economic Development – volunteers are needed.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter reported the Paint the Town event scheduled for March has been rescheduled for April – he will provide the date and details at the next meeting. Rosanne Vernon added a March 7 clean up day at Wheat Road was successful.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon submitted a written report of the last meeting.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett reported she attended a luncheon at FOP with Sheriff Rutherford.
 - She thanked Ms. Ridderman for forwarding information from COJ - JSO's website with a link to receive notification if a Sexual Predator moves into your neighborhood (<http://www.icrimewatch.net>). Mrs. Turknett said she uses the FDLE website (<http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage>).
 - She announced 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 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. Jim Kelly added he is a member of Sector L and Chief Hackney attends the meetings each month.

- o Mrs. Turknnett reminded everyone to call 630-0500 when they observe truant children. JSO will pick them up and take them to the detention center.
- o Rosanne Vernon announced ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center and each month approximately 100 people attend.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon encouraged everyone to bring a guest to the next meeting.
- Safety – Bruce Tyson announced volunteers are needed.
- Chair’s Report - Chair Tyson thanked everyone for attending.
 - o On March 14, 2009 from 8:30 – 3:30 p.m., residents may take hazardous waste to Crystal Springs Park. The permanent site is located at 2675 Commonwealth Ave. Service hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
 - o On May 16, 2009, from 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers are needed for the first annual Keep Jacksonville Beautiful “Shine in 09”.
 - o McDuff Avenue is being widened to three lanes from US 17 to Beaver Street.
 - o The Beach Boulevard Intracoastal Bridge has opened for traffic.
 - o Heckscher Drive is under construction to change the road and bridges. Expect delays if you travel in that area.
 - o Chair Tyson appointed members of the Executive Committee: Chuck Mann, Paul McNamara, Don Ingram and Rosanne Vernon.
 - o For more information, or for assistance with community issues, call Bruce Tyson at 255-8928 (work), 771-4924 (home) or send e-mail to btyson@coj.net.

Old Business/New Business

- Johnny Carter announced new bus lanes on Blanding Boulevard and referred to brochures provided by Ms. Ridderman. He reminded everyone to refrain from driving or parking in bus lanes – drivers will be ticketed by JSO. Jim Kelly added the bus lane has created a traffic problem at the flea market – drivers cannot maneuver around buses to turn in to the flea market.

Adjournment

A motion was properly made by Don Ingram and seconded by Len Burroughs. Chair Bruce Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m..

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 13 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. CPAC meetings are open to the public.

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 – March 2009
Prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman**

- **Destination Downtown Every Friday Night** - <http://www.destinationdowntownjax.com/>
Make downtown Jacksonville your nightlife destination! Pick up your passport and receive free cover and drink specials at signature downtown bars, hotel specials, and free transportation from club to club, win prizes and much more!
- Wednesday, **March 18** all **Libraries** will be **closed** for Staff Development Day
- **MOB Meeting (Mayor's Older Buddies) March 24, 2009 Metropolitan Park** – Join Mayor John Peyton twice each year to discuss issues pertinent to seniors. For more information call 630-7392.
- **City Councilman Reggie Brown**, District 10 Town Hall Meeting – Thursday, **March 19** at Ed White High School, 1700 Old Middleburg Rd.. Contact: (904) 630-1684
- **Mayor's Walk for Senior Wellness March 28, 2009 Metropolitan Park** – Join the City of Jacksonville for a 2-mile walk around the Sports Complex area. Seniors ages 60 and over will receive a complimentary lunch is included and have a chance to win a variety of door prizes. For free registration and info call 630-7392.
- **Mayor's Fish-A-Thon April 1, 2009 Hanna Park** – Annual outing at Hanna Park to enjoy a day of games, live music, a delicious fried fish lunch and a real serious fishing tournament. Awards given for the largest, the most, the smallest, the prettiest and the ugliest fish. For more information call 630-7392.
- **Blessing of the Fleet April 5, 2009 Northbank Riverfront Park** – The Office of Special Events and Captains' Club presents the annual Blessing of the Fleet, Sunday, April 5 at Northbank Riverfront Park. Bring the whole family to the downtown riverfront to witness many of the First Coast's finest vessels as they participate in the visually-stunning blessing ceremony. For more information or to register your boat call 630-3690.
- **Fun with the Suns April 15, 2009 Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville** – Seniors are treated to a baseball game at the beautiful Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. For more information call 630-7392
- **Senior Brain Bowl April 29, 10 a.m. UNF University Center**
- **World of Nations Celebration April 30 – May 3, 2009 Metropolitan Park**
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/World+of+Nations/Default.htm> Join your friends and neighbors on an exciting trip around the globe at the 17th Annual World of Nations Celebration. Admission is \$5 (One-Day Ticket to the World) and \$7 (Two-Day pass). Children ages 3 and under are free. The Friday night International Party is also free. For more information e-mail events@coj.net or call 630-3690.
- **JazzFest** May 21-24, 2009 The 2009 Jacksonville Jazz Festival will feature renowned jazz performances in the heart of downtown Jacksonville on Laura Street, various downtown businesses and historic buildings. Laura Street will be transformed into a jazz club atmosphere with multiple stages of entertainment, Art in the Heart Art Show & Sale, Wine Tasting Experience, jazz exhibits, children's educational activities and more.

Housing and Neighborhoods Department: Foreclosures are at record levels and families from all walks of life are worried about losing their homes. To register for foreclosure prevention workshops, call 630-2489.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Week is April 12 – 18.

Jacksonville Journey: Seven child-serving non-profit agencies have been awarded grants totaling \$2,137,500 to expand the TEAM UP after school curriculum to an additional eight elementary schools and seven middle schools in high-risk areas. Collectively, these TEAM UP after school programs will serve an additional 2,850 elementary and middle school children.

Including those funded by The Jacksonville Journey, the Commission's portfolio of after school programs will now include 41 programs operating in school sites, and 23 operating in community-based centers, for a total of 64 after school programs. A complete list of TEAM UP programs may be found at <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Childrens+Commission/TEAM+UP.htm>

TEAM UP is free and offered five days a week. The curriculum balances high quality academic instruction by certified teachers with a wide array of enrichment, recreational and cultural activities, including chess, cooking, sewing, dance, athletics, computer programs, leadership activities, dance and music. In addition, the programs promote family literacy efforts and parent involvement activities. The goal is to improve academic achievement, promotion rates and attendance of low-income children at risk of academic failure and poor social/behavioral outcomes. The target population for the programs is students from low-income households (participating in the free and reduced lunch program) and/or academically-challenged students (those scoring below Level 3 on the FCAT).

Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee – Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 4 p.m., Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. Room 851. For information go to <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Oversight+Committee+Meetings+and+Minutes.htm>

Phone Numbers

- 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)
- Real Sense Prosperity Campaign - www.realsensejax.org – 632-0600 (United Way 2-1-1) – Help with money matters and tax returns
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 924-1710. Each Thursday morning the Southside WorkSource Center, 6800 Southpoint Pkwy., #950 has the “Perfect Job Seminar” Do you have the tools to find it? For information call 997-3100 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com or 356-JOBS (5627) and the City of Jacksonville Jobs recording at 630-1144 or www.coj.net

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

**Planning Report Submitted by Andy Hetzel
March 2009**

Application Number	Project Type	Description	Comments	
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)	LPA/PC	Rezoning and reclassification of that property from RR (Residential Rural) District to PUD (Planned Unit Development) District for approximately 15 single family and 215 multifamily units.
			3/26/2009	
MM-08-18	PUD Minor Modification	4.5 acre parcel on Ricker Road between 103rd Street and Old Middleburg Road		Reduce the number of buildings within an approved business park (approved in 1999; containing professional offices, warehouses and outdoor storage) from 8 buildings to 3.
CTW-08-22	Cell Tower	South side of Normandy Boulevard between Nathan Hale Road and Bell Road	3/12/2009	Seeks a 155 foot high Low Impact/Stealth Wireless Communication Tower
			3/26/2009	
E-09-11	Exception	5747 Timuquana Road (R.E. No. 104070 0000)		Seeks to allow for a daycare facility for 37 children in CO zoning dist.
E-09-12	Exception	4276 Verona Avenue (R.E. No. 101667 0000)	3/12/2009	Seeks to allow for a bed and breakfast in residential zoning district
			3/12/2009	
WRF-09-03	Waiver of Road Frontage	8620 Taylorfield Road, between Shindler Drive and Worthington Road (R. E. No. 016113-0030)		Requesting to reduce the minimum road frontage from 160 feet to 53 feet in Zoning District RLD-100A (Residential Low Density-100A)

4/7/2009

JPDD Contacts:		
Land Use:	Gary Kresel	630-1945
Rezoning/Excptions/Variances/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
Admin. Deviations:	Ken Avery	630-2386
Site Plan Review:	Mike Sands	255-8575