

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, May 12, 2008, 7 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Chair, Charter Member Ralph J. Malphurs, Sr.,
Vice Chair, Charter Member Charles Mann,
Cedar Hills Estates, Johnny Carter
Confederate Point, Jim Nolting
District 10 Appointee, Kathy Budd
FCCJ Cecil North, Paul McNamara
Murray Hill Preservation, Len Burroughs

Oak Hills Estates, Rosanne Vernon
Timuquana Manor North, Polly Walker
Trinity Ministries, Bruce Tyson
Westside Area Res., Charlie Kelley
Westside Bus. Leaders, Opal Burgstiner
Westwood, Jim Ross

Excused: Steve Shaffer, Don Ingram, Valerie Bethea, Robert Smith, Alice Turknett, Jerry Spinks, Jean Grimsley.

Guests/Guest Speakers

Jim Kelly, Argyle Today
Ethel Nolting, Conf. Point
Brian Pippin, JEA
Nancy Kilgo, JEA
Angie Nixon, Candidate D-10
Paul Barton, Kitchen Cabinets
Rita Humphries, Timuquana Manor North
Thomas Martin, Watermill Master Assoc.
Yvonne Cooke, Hyde Grove Creekside
Bruce Burgstiner

Media/ City Staff/City Officials/ Other Officials

Andy Hetzel, Planning & Development
Wight Greger, Mayor's Liaison
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Jocelyn Turner, Duval County Health
Pete Sutherland, Municipal Code Enforcement
Jim Libroero, Municipal Code Enforcement
Lt. Charles Wall, JSO
Sgt. John Oldham, JSO
Mary Beth Ridderman, Community Development

Call to Order/Quorum:

Chair Ralph Malphurs 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:

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

JSO Report:

Lt. Charles Wall introduced Sgt. Johnny Oldham. Sgt. Oldham reported that the numbers of robberies, home invasions, car-jackings, auto thefts and grand thefts were down last month. Violent crime was up by 16 percent with aggravated battery comprising a 46 percent increase within the entire amount. Arrests for aggravated battery were up by 54 percent. Overall, the numbers of crimes were down by 9 percent. Arrests for home invasions increased 200 percent, arrests for burglaries to residences increased 633 percent, arrests for grand theft increased 80 percent and arrests for dealing in stolen property increased by 500 percent. Vice – related arrests increased 300 percent. Twenty two weapons were removed from the street during arrests. Officers made field contact with 69 subjects and 195 truant students last month. Chair Malphurs thanked the JSO Officers and Municipal Code Enforcement Officers for helping with the problem of residents parking on sidewalks in his neighborhood. Sgt. Oldham said JSO makes an effort to site vehicles that are marked for sale on street corners or other public areas. Another resident mentioned the numbers of reported violent incidents have been reduced in Eureka Gardens. Lt. Wall said Operation Safe Streets

funded 70 extra officers city wide, including three extra squads, approximately 24 officers, patrolling from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Zone 4. Officers make additional patrols in Eureka Gardens and JSO's intent is to make it a safe place to live. Residents said JSO is doing a good job, then cheered and clapped. The number for the Zone 4 Substation is 573-3165.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Malphurs introduced Nancy Kilgo, Director Local Legislative Affairs and Economic Development, Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA).

Presentation: Nancy Kilgo, JEA Director of Government Relations, presented A Corporate Overview and the Future of JEA and provided information about energy conservation. She introduced Brian Pippin, who helped Ms. Kilgo answer questions. Mr. Pippin distributed Energy Star Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL) to each resident. Mr. Pippin suggested for the best price, shop for bulbs packaged in bulk at Home Depot, Lowes or Cosco. Ms. Kilgo provided handouts about energy conservation and safety precautions regarding CFL bulbs, their handling and disposal. She reminded everyone that CFL bulbs must be disposed of at hazardous waste sites.

Public Comments: none

Staff Reports & Announcements:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** Wight Greger thanked everyone for their comments following the last meeting. She reported she had followed up on a resident's request for a new light in Murray Hill and made calls concerning the condition of Pope Duval Park. Director Greger announced that Mary Beth Ridderman's report included a flyer about the Jacksonville Journey Sessions. She asked everyone to attend because the COJ is anxious to receive public input. She said Ms. Ridderman recently set up a new neighborhood association at Eureka Gardens and is working with residents to improve conditions at Eureka Gardens. She added that Ms. Ridderman is doing a good job for the COJ. Director Greger asked residents not to hesitate to call (255-8200) or e-mail her at (WGreger@coj.net).
- **Duval County School Board:** no report. Ms. Drake may be contacted at 390-2000 or drakev@educationcentral.org.
- **Planning and Development:**
 - **Current Planning Division:** Andy Hetzel reported Airport Ordinance 2006-1225 will be deferred. Applications have been received for rezoning at Brumos Porche and expansion of a filling station at 103rd and I-295. He answered questions about the meetings regarding Ordinance 2006-1225 held at Whitehouse and Trinity Baptist Church. He reminded everyone that repealing Ordinance 2006-1225 affects all of the airports and their respective surrounding areas. 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:** Pete Sutherland introduced Jim Labrero, who was recently assigned to Zone 4. Mr. Sutherland reported their division conducted neighborhood systematic inspections at Jacksonville Heights and at Oak Hill. There were 48 violations in Jacksonville Heights. Mr. Sutherland answered questions from residents. Jim Ross commented that conditions in his neighborhood, Westwood, have improved significantly since the JSO walk, which included ShAdCo members and several COJ Municipal Code Enforcement Officers. To report concerns/violations call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Duval County Health Department,** Jocelyn Turner reported the series Unnatural Causes is available on tape and the series will be re-broadcast. She suggested everyone see the entire series. She asked to present a portion of one tape from the series at a future CPAC meeting. Ms. Turner may be reached at 253-2037.

- **FCCJ Cecil North**, Paul McNamara reported students are enrolled in the summer session. To make the campus more visible from the road, dead trees have been removed and a sign will be added.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority**: No report.
- **FDOT**, Milton Locklear reported: The 295 overpass at Collins Road was just started - completion is scheduled for 2010; resurfacing of Blanding Boulevard from Collins Road to 103rd Street is tentatively scheduled to begin this summer; Normandy Intersection Signalization Updates are tentatively scheduled for this summer; resurfacing of SR 211 is tentatively scheduled to start the Summer of 2008 (SR 211 beginning at San Juan and continuing until the merge onto St. Johns/SR211 and continuing on to Kings/SR211 and then on to Riverside/SR 211 and ending at Edison). A question was asked about problems with 511. Mr. Locklear said there seems to be a time delay problem – they are working on it and he will forward comments and concerns to the ITE Engineer).
- **Housing and Neighborhoods Department**:
 - **Community Development Division**: Mary Beth Ridderman asked everyone to look at the flyer for the Jacksonville Journey and note the June 5 meeting at FCCJ Kent Campus. She encouraged every person to attend and bring other residents. Ms. Ridderman provided a written report to save time during the meeting.

The Jacksonville Journey meetings for community input are scheduled for Thursdays: May 15, FCCJ North Campus, Zeke Bryant Auditorium, 4501 Capper Rd., 32218; May 22, Clanzel Brown Community Center, 4575 Moncrief Rd., 32209; May 29 FCCJ South Campus, Wilson Center for the Arts, 11901 Beach Blvd., 32246; and June 5 FCCJ Kent Campus, Main Auditorium, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., 32205. Exhibits – 5:30, Presentations - 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.coj.net> or call 630-CITY.

Housing and Neighborhoods Department, Community Development Division Coordinators will assist with staffing the Jacksonville Journey meetings. Coordinators, in cooperation with Jacksonville Journey subcommittee suggestions and JSO's Crime Free Multi-Family Housing Program, have met with residents in Cleveland Arms Apartments and Eureka Gardens to begin neighborhood associations. Meetings will be scheduled at other apartment complexes. Please call 255-8200 to arrange for a coordinator to help you begin or renew your neighborhood association.

Florida Neighborhoods Conference, June 26- 28, Tallahassee, FL. For more information, please see the brochure provided or visit <http://www.talgov.com/dncs/fnc/index.cfm>.

Solid Waste Fee and Stormwater Fees: The bills were mailed for the new solid waste fee and stormwater fees - and 630-CITY lines were jammed with callers. The solid waste fee will be \$3 per month per [dwelling unit](#) from April to September, 2008. The fee will increase to \$4 per month per dwelling unit on October 1, 2008. For a single-family detached home, the May 2008 bill will reflect a solid waste charge of \$30 for nine months of solid waste fee charges, from April 1 to December 31, 2008 (\$3.00 x 6 months +\$4.00 x 3 months). Starting in 2009, bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Jacksonville residents have not been charged solid waste fees in the past although Jacksonville spends more than \$42 million annually to collect garbage (about \$11 per household each month). The city instituted the solid waste fee to ensure government would continue to provide that service. Collection schedules and waste haulers are planned to remain the same as before the fee went into effect. The stormwater bill reflected six months of stormwater fee charges, from July 1 to December 31, 2008. Starting in 2009, bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Fees are based on the amount of impervious area on the property (does not allow water to percolate directly into the ground, for example the house, patio, driveway and shed). The average homeowner will pay \$5 per month, or \$30 for the first bill and \$60 annually. [501\(c\)\(3\) organizations and those meeting certain income criteria are eligible to be exempt from the stormwater fee](#). Other property owners may be eligible for fee discounts through [adjustments](#) or [credits](#). For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).

Franchise Fee: The City of Jacksonville Franchise Fee went into effect on April 1, 2008 by a City Ordinance that was passed in November 2007. The Ordinance directs JEA to collect the fee on behalf of the City, which receives all of the revenue produced by the fee. The franchise fee is a 3 percent fee on the electric, water, irrigation and sewer usage of JEA customers living in the city of Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).

Lend a Helping Paw! Animal Care and Control needs your help. Supply drive May 1-31. Collection bins at City Hall; Ed Ball Building; Animal Care and Control Shelter, 2580 W. First St. and participating libraries.

Senior Expo - Two days devoted to sharing Jacksonville's programs, resources and services available to senior citizens and their families. May 21 & 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily, Prime Osborn Convention Center. For information call 630-7392.

Respite Care – Do you need temporary relief from caring for your homebound loved one? Do you need information about where to go for help with medical care, food stamps or transportation? [There is no fee for services](#). Are you willing to share your kindness, friendliness, patience and understanding with someone who needs it? Can you donate or share some of your time each week to visit an elderly person in your neighborhood? Call Independent Living, Joan Turner, 630-0966. **Transportation** may be arranged for the frail elderly through the Independent Living Program. The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) offers free transit service to persons 60 years of age and better with a Transit Identification Card, available at the Mary L. Singleton Senior Center, 150 East First Street. JTA's Paratransit Service is available for disabled persons who need transportation within JTA's routes. Call 630-0995. **Airport Ordinance** – Public hearings are scheduled for May 13, May 20, May 27, 2008 at Council Chambers, City Hall at St. James, 117 W. Duval St..

JaxParks presents The End of Year School Dance
Friday, May 16, 2008 6:30 - 10pm

R. Kennedy Community Ctr. 1133 Ionia St.

Come celebrate with friends and classmates the end of another great school year. With a live dj, free refreshments, and more.

Contact: For more info call 904-630-4100

JaxParks presents Movies in the Park (Jumanji)

Friday, May 23, 2008 7p.m. movie starts @ dusk

Carvill Park - 1302 Carvill Ave.

Enjoy a great family movie on us under the stars at Carvill Park.

Contact: For more info. call 904-630-4100

JaxParks presents Flick & Float (High School Musical)

Friday, May 30, 2008 6:30p.m.

Cecil Field's Aquatic Ctr. 13611 Normandy Blvd.

It's time for more pool action and fun. Join us at Cecil's Aquatics Center indoor pool; for pool games, refreshments, and fun. **Then at dusk enjoy a movie on us.**

Contact: For more info call 904-630-4100

JaxParks presents A 3 on 3 Tourney

Saturday, May 31, 2008 9a.m. - 5p.m.

Charles Clark Park - 8793 Sibbald Rd.

If you've got game... then gather 3 more buddies and come test your skills on the court. This tourney is for kids ages 7 - 14 boys & girls.

Refreshments will be available.

Contact: For more info call 904-630-4100

JaxParks presents Carvill's Community Summer Jam

Friday, June 06, 2008 6 - 10pm

Carvill Park - 1302 Carvill Ave.

Come meet & greet your neighbors in the community at the Carvill summer jam. with music, a cookout, games, swimming, a bar-b-que contest, and more.

Contact: For more info call 904-630-4100/ or for the barbeque cookout contest call 904-764-0513

JaxParks presents Art on the Go

Friday, June 13, 2008 6 - 8p.m.

Kids Kampus - 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd.

Come draw, paint, make take home crafts, and even take a spin on the pottery wheel. Come release the artistic talent in you!!

Refreshments will be served.

Contact: For more info call 904-630-4100

For information about educational and recreational opportunities, please visit JaxParks.com.

Libraries:

Zoo Trek, Preschool Story Time

Webb Wesconnett, May 14, 2008

Classic Movie Night

Mandarin, May 15, 2008

To learn about classes and events at the library please visit www.coj.net.

Subcommittee Reports and Announcements:

- **Council Members' Announcements:** None.
- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Chuck Mann announced the new Superintendent of Schools has good ideas, but in the current budget, has no money to accomplish his goals. He suggested residents write letters to advocate for funding. He said of the key items in Jacksonville Journey recommendations involves education. Chair Malphurs thanked Mr. Mann for his work on the subcommittee and said he has done a good job.
- **Economic Subcommittee:** Jim Ross reported a strip mall is being constructed on 103rd Street towards Cecil Field, across from the Food Lion.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** Johnny Carter announced he has been checking on the Yukon Cemetery Project and it may be too large of a task for the CPAC. The site has a huge overgrowth of trees and underbrush. At the last meeting, Council Member Mia Jones suggested Mr. Carter contact her for assistance in funding refreshments for volunteers, but since it is not in her district, she is unable to help. He said he has volunteered with the Jacksonville Housing Project and the group finished painting 40 homes in Magnolia Gardens. The Housing Partnership purchased Forrest Apartments on 103rd Street and a playground is being planned. He said 200 volunteers are needed on June 28, 2008, to complete the playground in one day. Discussion was held about the numbers of volunteers needed at the Forrest Apartments playground and the Yukon Cemetery Project needs and possible solutions. Chair Malphurs thanked Mr. Carter for his work in the community and said he is doing a good job.
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** No report. Volunteers needed.

- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Parliamentarian:** Opal Burgstiner announced that the CPAC did exceptionally well tonight. Almost everyone stayed within their time limit and those who went over had answered lots of questions from the members. She thanked everyone for working together.
- **ShAdCo Subcommittee:** Chair Malphurs announced that Alice Turknett is in the hospital. Polly Walker announced that the ShAdCo J will meet on the last Thursday of the month at Willowbranch Library and Curtis Johnson is the chair. Rosanne Vernon reported the ShAdCo K meets 7 p.m. on the first Monday at the Lane Wiley Center. At the last meeting, 103 people attended and JEA was the presenter. Over 30 people participated in the neighborhood walk in Westwood. 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):**
 - **Membership:** Roseanne Vernon announced. Ms. Vernon announced that she and member Kathy Budd plan to attend the SE CPAC meeting to see what their Membership Committee is doing. She asked for SW CPAC members to join the SW CPAC Membership Committee.
- **Chairman's Report:** Chair Ralph Malphurs announced a community meeting regarding road construction on Old Middleburg Road from Herlong to Wilson. Open House begins at 5:30 p.m. at Ed White High School.

Old Business: None

New Business: Charlie Kelley announced he is a member of the N.E. Florida Equestrian Society. He said he is proud of Cecil Field, Cecil Recreation Center and FCCJ Cecil North. Mr. Kelley said he is concerned that the planned trails at the Cecil Recreation Center remain closed to the public after 10 years. He said Paul McNamara recently led a tour of the area. The trails could be opened with little or no expense. He said he has obtained donated barrels for trash and flags for the paths. He said he is trying to obtain a culvert for one area where accessibility is a problem due to a big canal. He said he has obtained free fill dirt for areas where fill is needed. The Department of Interior recently donated another 160 acres. He said the National Park Service has authorized digging retention ponds to help drain some areas and to provide ample drinking water for wild animals that now are forced to find water when it is available from ditches – and sometimes there is no water. He asked the CPAC to write a letter of support to open the trails. Chuck Mann made a motion to write a letter of support, and Len Burroughs seconded the motion. The vote: All in favor, none opposed. Chair Malphurs announced a letter will be prepared and sent to Mayor John Peyton.

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 8:31 p.m..*

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2008, at FCCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., E-112 F, at 7 p.m. Please call Ralph Malphurs at 786-3137 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 for more information. The Executive Committee will meet on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the same location. Both meetings are open to the public.