

**SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
 FCCJ Kent Campus - 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL  
 Monday, May 11, 2009

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members and Representatives**

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Chair Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries	SMG Equestrian Center – Jean Ellen DeSpain
Charter Member – Don Ingram	Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknett
Charter Member – Chuck Mann	Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin
Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter	Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
Confederate Point – James Nolting	
FCCJ Cecil North – Paul McNamara	<b>Alternates in Attendance</b>
Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly	Timuquana Manor North – Polly Walker
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs	
N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Gary Shook	

<b>Media/Staff/Officials</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Mayor's Liaison – Kenny Logsdon for Wight Greger	Ethel Nolting
Housing & Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman	Tiffany Reeves
Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner	G. Hollea Rachel
JAA – Rusty Chandler	Rita Humphries
JSO – Sgt. Kevin Hensley	B. L. (no last name provided)
JSO – Lt. Charles Wall	<b>Excused</b>
JSO – Lt. Claude Ayoub	Charter Member Jerry Spinks
Municipal Code Compliance – Jim Librero	Family Investment - Robert Smith
Municipal Code Compliance - Pete Sutherland	Lexington Square – Steve Shaffer
Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel	Westside Business Leaders – Opal Burgstiner
Recreation & Community – John Kelly	Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake
	<b>Absent</b>
	Crystal Creek HOA - Marilyn Lehman
	Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker

**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 April summary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary with the following corrections: (1) The Bridges of America is a State facility. The Bridges proposes to build more buildings, not Keaton Corrections, which is a Federal facility located near the Bridges. (2) FCCJ has constructed a CDL (Commercial Driver's License) skills pad – not a LDL pad. (3) FCCJ has constructed a coating facility - not coding facility.

The vote: all in favor, none opposed.

**JSO Report:** Lt. Charles Wall introduced Claude Ayoub and Sgt. Kevin Hensley.

- Sgt. Hensley reported an increase in auto burglaries and robberies to individuals. Criminals are often breaking into cars to take the GPS system or other valuable items visible in the cars. He suggested that crime prevention is the best crime intervention. Women should leave purses at home unless they actually need them and instead carry only a drivers license, an ATM/credit card with a small amount of cash. He emphasized not to store purses under seats or in trunks – because people are

watching; do not leave valuables or packages in sight; remove the GPS unit and take it with you; park near others in parking lots/gas stations; park in well-lighted areas; have a cell phone and car keys in hand when you leave a store or mall – do not be distracted by looking for them when you are in a parking lot; carry pepper spray/tasers and have them ready to use. At home, practice CPTED – (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design): keep shrubbery low near homes, light entrances and lock exterior/garage doors.

- Lt. Wall announced officers on bicycles were patrolling on Miss Muffett today. Officers will spend at least two hours daily on bikes, patrolling residential and commercial areas. He announced that JSO is changing strategies and they welcome residents' opinions. He encouraged residents to call 630-0500 if they observe juveniles in neighborhoods during school hours or after curfew (11 p.m. or midnight).
- Lt. Ayoub reported a sharp increase in thefts of small propane tanks from self-serve displays at convenience stores and home improvement stores. The tanks are used in methamphetamine labs. He asked for residents' help – if they observe vehicles with a number of the small tanks or see them stored in a yard, please call 630-0500 (be prepared to provide a tag number or address).

**Introductions and Acknowledgments:** Chair Tyson introduced Tiffany Reeves.

1. **Presentation:** Tiffany Reeves, Community Outreach Coordinator, Florida Department of Financial Services, presented information about being financially prepared before hurricane season. She suggested residents review their policies for dwelling, contents, and loss of use coverage. Items such as guns, jewelry or collectibles often have limitations and may need endorsements for full coverage. Check the amount of the all perils deductible and hurricane deductible. Review the Declarations Page to learn the exact name of your insurance company. Consider buying flood insurance, even if your home is not in a flood-plain. (National Flood Insurance Program, 1-888-356-6329.) Insurance companies do not write new coverage or increase existing coverage when a tropical storm or hurricane reaches a certain distance from Florida. She advised before a storm, be prepared with cash - do not depend on ATM machines. To receive multiple free quotes for insurance, contact the Florida Market Assistance Plan at [www.fmap.org](http://www.fmap.org) or 1-800-524-9023. Ms. Reeves provided the following brochures: Insuring Your Home; Are you Gambling With Your Financial Security?; and Homeowners' Inventory Checklist. Publications are available by calling 1-877-693-5236 or visiting [www.MyFloridaCFO.com](http://www.MyFloridaCFO.com). For questions or concerns about insurance or to verify if a company is licensed to sell insurance, call The Florida Consumer Helpline at 1-877-693-5236. Ms. Reeves may be contacted at (904)798- 5817 or [Tiffany.Reeves@myfloridacfo.com](mailto:Tiffany.Reeves@myfloridacfo.com).

**Public Comments:** none.

- **Staff Reports and Announcements:**
- **Mayor's Liaison:** Kenny Logsdon announced Wight Greger sent her apologies – she had a scheduling conflict and could not attend tonight's meeting. He recognized and thanked Gleaners Dispatch for providing residents with hot lunches and loaves of bread during the Paint the Town Event. He reported that 30 homes were painted. Mr. Logsdon reported the Film Festival begins next week. He is involved with three town center projects in the Westside. The 103<sup>rd</sup> Street Town Center is in the design phase and the Westside Business Leaders are the lead group. The Venetia Town Center should break ground this summer. A turn lane, trees and crosswalks will be added. The third town center is in Avondale. For more information about town centers, please visit

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Planning%20and%20Development/Community%20Planning/Town%20Center.htm> or contact Kenny Logsdon at [255-8237/logsdon@coj.net](mailto:255-8237/logsdon@coj.net).

- Council Members' Reports: No representative in attendance. No reports.
- Duval County School Board – Ms. Drake's absence was excused.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel provided a written report and was available for questions and answers.
- Municipal Code Compliance – Peter Sutherland said he was available for questions. The Zone 4 team conducts systematic inspections, responds to complaints and is also pro-active. If you know of any area that needs a systematic inspection or to report concerns about possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489).
- Recreation and Community Services – John Kelly announced:
  - Open registration for all summer camp programs begins May 18. Vouchers are available for summer camp on a first come first served basis. To receive a voucher, children must qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. The application for the voucher is available at [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com).
  - Mr. Kelly provided the JaxParks Activities Survey and the Summer Guide to Parks.
  - Movies in the Park began this month. See the flyer or call 630-3570 for more information.
- Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner reported
  - The Hispanic Advisory Council meets on May 18 at 6p.m. at 900 University Blvd. N. 32211. A light dinner will be served. Please call 253-2037 to reserve a space.
  - The Health Department is seeking volunteers of child bearing ages 18-49 to participate in a mercury bio monitoring project. For more information, call 253-1280.
  - Ms. Turner may be contacted at 253-2037.
- FCCJ Cecil North – Paul McNamara reported
  - The legislature approved FCCJ's name change to Florida State College at Jacksonville. The college will begin using the new name on July 1, 2009.
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – Rusty Chandler reported:
  - 28,000 people attended the Cecil Field Air Show. It was the largest gathering of performers in North American history. About \$150,000 was earned for Multiple Sclerosis Research.
  - The Cecil Field Advisory Committee meets May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Base Theatre.
  - Three new hangars are planned. One will house the Air National Guard. Another hangar will house the Florida State College coating and overhaul facility for large aircraft.
  - The new taxiway is finished.
  - A public hearing is scheduled on May 14, 2009, 6 p.m. at the Cecil Field Conference Center to provide information and obtain residents' input about a proposed space launch site.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – No representative. No report. Milton Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.
- Community Development – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
  - The Florida Neighborhoods Conference is scheduled for July 10 -11 in St. Petersburg. More information is available in her printed report or you may call her at 255-8260. Her suggestion for a new workshop topic, "Live Safe" was accepted. The workshop teaches keeping children safe from offenders, predators and others. She recognized her supervisor, Kenny Logsdon, for promoting the idea to the planning committee.

- o The COJ launched a new website: Stay Home, which provides information and resources about foreclosure prevention. If assistance is needed, please call 630-CITY for a referral to free classes.
- o Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

- o Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann was present but gave no report. Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported
  - o He was appointed to the TRUE Commission by City Council.
  - o The City Council voted against the proposed ordinance for Trail Ridge Landfill. The TRUE Commission provided a resolution and the City Council seemed to follow the resolution.
  - o At the last meeting, a presentation about the “Bank Fund” was made by Michael Miller. The bank fund allows a 30 year bond to finance the purchase of items such as vehicles that have a life expectancy of 3-5 years.
- Economic Development – volunteers are needed.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter reported:
  - o Paint the Town was successful. Thirty homes were painted.
  - o He is working with seniors at Eureka Gardens to create a garden.
  - o Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon has an excused absence.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett announced she was glad to be back at CPAC.
  - o Mrs. Turknett and Rosanne Vernon attended a meeting of the ShAdCo Sector L – the smallest attendance she has seen at a ShAdCo meeting. ShAdCo has about 6 members.
  - o ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega Methodist Church.
  - o Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center.
  - o ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Maxville Community Center.
  - o If you do not know what sector you are in, call your JSO substation. She will bring a map next month.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon’s absence was excused.
- Safety – Bruce Tyson suggested residents be cautious when shopping to avoid becoming targets.
- Chair’s Report –
  - o Chair Tyson opened the floor for discussion about a proposed zoning change on Lane Avenue that would allow package sales of beer and wine. A motion was made and properly seconded to prepare a letter of opposition. The vote, one opposed, all others were in favor.
  - o Chair Tyson provided a slide show of the proposed new courthouse. The estimated project completion date is June, 2012.

**Old Business/New Business** : None

• **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Chuck Mann and seconded by Don Ingram. Chair Bruce Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m..

**The next SW CPAC meeting** will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 8 at FCCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112F.  
The Executive Committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 8 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.

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- **Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Day "Shine in '09"** – May 16. 8- noon. Meet at the following locations to receive free gloves and bags to clean up your own neighborhood. For more information, please call 630-3420.
  - Southwest – Mary Lena Gibbs Gymnasium, 6974 Wilson Blvd., 32210.
  - North – Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., 32218.
- **Public Meeting**, May 14, 6 p.m. at the Cecil Field Conference Center. JAA will discuss a reusable launch vehicle program at Cecil Field.
- **Senior Expo**, May 20-21, 2009, Prime Osborn Convention Center. Join the City of Jacksonville for two days devoted to sharing Jacksonville's programs, resources and services available to senior citizens and their families. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 630-7392.
- **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 Down Tasting Experience, jazz exhibits, children's educational activities and more.
- **Memorial Wall Ceremony**, May 25, 2009, Veterans Memorial Wall. Join us as we honor the local heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The ceremony includes keynote speakers, presentation of colors, family tributes, a wreath presentation, a 21-gun salute, "Taps" and musical tributes. For more information, e-mail [events@coj.net](mailto:events@coj.net) or call (904) 630-3690.
- **Sail Jacksonville**, May 29-31, Downtown Riverfront. Welcome the beauty and majesty of Tall Ships® from around the world back to our Downtown Riverfront! Tour fabulous Tall Ships®, hang out with pirates and Vikings, watch on-the-water races, land-side demonstrations, live entertainment, kids area and much more. For more information, call 630-3690 or e-mail [events@coj.net](mailto:events@coj.net).

**Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department offers free information about foreclosure prevention at **Stay Home**, [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) or <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/default.htm> or call 255-8200.
- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free Foreclosures Prevention workshops. To register, call 630-2489.
- 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.
- Members of the Community Development Division participated in events to celebrate National Community Development Week, April 12-18.
- The Florida Neighborhoods Conference is July 9-11 at the St. Petersburg Hilton Bayfront Hotel. The conference is designed to assist communities in building strong neighborhood foundations by offering workshops, tours, speakers and opportunities for neighborhood advocates from small towns to large cities to network and share information. For more information please visit [http://www.stpete.org/neighborhoods/florida\\_neighborhoods\\_conference/index](http://www.stpete.org/neighborhoods/florida_neighborhoods_conference/index) or call Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260.

**Jacksonville Journey:** During April, the Jacksonville Journey continued to implement the Jacksonville Journey program. (1) The Oversight Committee held two meetings (2) The Jacksonville Commitment contract has been executed (3) Out of School Suspension Centers opened April 13 (4) The Jacksonville Re-Entry Portal (JREC) opened in a new location April 13 (5) The Ex-Offender programs are fully operational (6) Community Center RFP was received and (7) the Normandy Community Center held its grand opening April 25. The next meeting of the Oversight Committee is Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. Room 851. For a full report or other information about the Jacksonville Journey, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

Animal Care and Control:

- Animal Care and Control is currently offering potential pet owners who are 55 years or older a no-cost adoption for senior dogs six years old or older and senior cats three years old or older. Everyone younger than 55 may adopt senior pets for one-half the regular adoption rate.
- Pet Friendly Public Evacuation Shelters are available during hurricane season. Pet friendly shelters are [Landmark Middle School](#), [Mandarin Middle School](#), and [Chimney Lakes Elementary School](#). All pets must have proof of vaccination and registration, be properly crated or caged and be maintained by their owners. Bring a crate/cage, bedding, food, water, medication, toys and other supplies for each pet. For more information, please call 630-2489.
- Pet friendly shelters need volunteers to function. If you would like to volunteer at a pet friendly shelter, you must register with Volunteer Services. Please call 630-2489 to volunteer.

Free things to do in Jacksonville:

Check out the Jacksonville Symphony – Jacksonville’s libraries offer musical selections <http://jpl.coj.net/coll/jso/jso.html>  
Plan a day trip? The SE Regional Library at 10599 Deerwood Park, houses the Freedom Shrine, a collection of 30 of the most important and historic American documents, including the [Declaration of Independence](#), the [Constitution of the United States](#) and the [Gettysburg Address](#) and Martin Luther King’s [I Have a Dream](#) speech. <http://jpl.coj.net/coll/fs/index.html>

Other free things to do:

- o Swim at the Cecil Aquatics Center - an indoor facility open year-round.
- o Walk at Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park (Formerly Westside Regional Park), 7000 Roosevelt Blvd. Dogs on leashes are welcome.
- o Stroll at Ortega Stream Valley @ Ringhaver Park, 5198 118th St. If you have a canoe – you can launch it there! Dogs on leashes welcome!
- o Bike or hike along Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails, East Entrance: two-tenth mile north of Commonwealth Ave. on Imeson Road. Dogs on leashes welcome!
- o Fish at Bethesda Park and Lodge, 10790 Key Haven Blvd.; Phone 764-5531, a completely accessible and barrier free recreation complex, operating year-round and providing easy access to the outdoors.
- o Zoom into model planes. Watch them fly and learn to participate at Lannie Road Park, 3461 Lannie Rd., 32218.

Very Low Cost

- o Swim, surf or fish at Huguenot Memorial Park, 10980 Heckscher Dr., \$1. per person admission. Camping and RV sites available \$10 -15 plus tax. Call 251-3335 for more information.
- o Rent a cabin for overnight stays at Bethesda Park and Lodge or rent the lodge for your next event. The lodge has a full kitchen and accommodates up to 200 people. Everything is completely accessible.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.coj.net) (Search word Extension Office)  
<http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu>
- Real Sense Prosperity Campaign - [www.realsensejax.org](http://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.. For information call 997-3100 or [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com) or [www.worksourcefl.com](http://www.worksourcefl.com) or 356-JOBS (5627) and the City of Jacksonville Jobs recording at 630-1144 or [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

If you have questions please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or [Marybeth@coj.net](mailto:Marybeth@coj.net)

## Planning and Development Report May, 2009 Submitted by Andy Hetzell

Applicat ion Number	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC	Comments
SW-09-03	Sign Waiver	7200 Blanding Boulevard located in Council District 12 between Townsend Boulevard and Duclay Road (RE No. 098916-0000)		The proposed plan of development is for the existing Acura sign to remain, followed by a Volkswagen sign 100 feet south, and then by an Audi sign 175 feet south of said Volkswagen sign. Relief is sought from 656.1303(c)(3)(l) of the Zoning Code which requires signs be a min. 200 feet apart.
2009-0324	PUD Rezoning	1.34± acres located in Council District 10 at 2151 Lane Avenue South, between Wiley Road and Lucente Drive (RE No. 011644-0000)	5/14/2009	Rezoning of that property from Planned Unit Development (PUD) District to Planned Unit Development (PUD) District is to change the allowed uses on site from professional/office to those found within the Commercial Neighborhood (CN) Zoning District; allowing for an existing laundromat and permit the Ibox Food Mart sales of beer and wine for off-premises consumption (2 APS).
E-09-19	Exception	7540 103rd Street; Between Ricker Road and Firestone Road (RE No. 014523-0025)	5/14/2009	E-09-19 requests approval for a child day care facility with up to 20 children and five (5) staff members. The subject property is approximately 3.99 acres located on the south side of 103rd Street to the rear of an automotive service facility at 7532 103rd Street.
AD-09-39	Administrative Deviation	1132 Randolph Street (RE No. 065966-0000)		Requesting to permit/increase existing fence height from 4 to 6 feet.
AD-09-40	Administrative Deviation	8743 McGlothlin Street (RE No. 013230-0260)		Requesting to reduce the required front yard from 20 feet to 12 feet for a new home.
AD-09-43	Administrative Deviation	6145 Harlow Boulevard (RE No. 017768-0000)		Requesting to reduce the required side yard from 5 feet to 3 feet along the west property line and reduce the required front yard from 20 feet to 3 feet along the south property line for an existing carport.
E-09-24	Exception	8440 Blanding Boulevard; at the southwest intersection of Blanding Blvd. and I-295 (RE No. 099094-1050)	5/28/2009	E-09-19 requests approval for a 4COP (alcohol consumption on premises) in Conjunction with Outside Sales

JP&DD Contacts:		
Land Use:	Gary Kresel	630-1945
Rezoning/ Exceptions /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