

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, November 10, 2008 7 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Acting Chair, Charter Member Charles Mann	Timuquana Manor North, Alice Turknett
Charter Member, Don Ingram	Timuquana Manor North, Polly Walker, Alt.
Cedar Hills Estates, Johnny Carter	Trinity Ministries, Bruce Tyson
Family Investment, Robert Smith	Watermill Masters, Tom Martin
Gleaner Dispatch, Jim Kelly	Watermill Masters. Barbara Cockayne. Alt.
Gleaner Dispatch, Terry Fountain	Westside Area Residents, Charlie Kelley
Murray Hill Preservation, Len Burroughs	Westside Business Leaders, Opal Burgstiner
N.E. FL Equestrian, Gary Shook	
RAP, Jean Grimsley	
Oak Hills Estates, Rosanne Vernon	

Excused: Valerie Bethea, Steve Shaffer, Olwen Busch, Jim Nolting, Kathy Budd, Paul McNamara.

Guests

Dewey Walker, Springtree Village
Marilyn Lehman, Crystal Creek HOA
Bruce Burgstiner
Donald Drake

Media/ City Staff/City Officials/ Other Officials

Andy Hetzel, Planning & Development
Milton Locklear, Florida Dep't of Transportation
Pete Sutherland, Municipal Code Enforcement
John Kelly, Recreation and Community Services
Lt. R.A. Norse, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Call to Order/Quorum:

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

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

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

JSO Report: Lt. R.A. Norse reported overall, the crime rate is down in Zone 4. Violent crime and property crime are down. Robberies increased in Riverside/Murray Hill/Avondale areas where a white male, riding a bicycle to escape the scenes, robbed the Dreamette, the Peterbrook Chocolate store and the Kangaroo store (twice). Residential burglaries increased in Murray Hill. He commented that he sees the same residents at ShAdCo, CPAC and Neighborhood Watch meetings and he commended residents for their community involvement. He reminded everyone that the holiday season will begin soon and robberies and burglaries of auto and home and businesses will increase. He suggested residents shop with a partner and/or ask the store managers to arrange an employee to safely escort them to their vehicles. He reminded residents to never leave valuables exposed in vehicles – not even cell phone chargers or GPS tracking devices/GPS mounting hardware. He suggested valuables be left at home or locked in the trunk of the car. He asked residents to remove the keys and lock their cars anytime they get out of the car, especially while refueling. Acting Chair Mann thanked Lt. Norse for his report.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: No introductions or acknowledgements.

Public Comments:

- Len Burroughs inquired about the letter to JSO from the CPAC regarding crime in Glenda's Meadows. Acting Chair Mann said a copy of the letter was sent to members via e-mail and a copy was available to read during the meeting. He added the CPAC will need to follow up with JSO to see what is being done. He said Mary Beth Ridderman crafted the letter with his assistance. Alice Turknett said it was a very commendable letter.
- Robert Smith said JSO Lt. Norse mentioned that the rate of crime is down in the Westside and Mr. Smith said he thinks COJ Municipal Code Enforcement Officers should receive some of the credit. They are doing a good job

and recently condemned the Ironstone Properties, a mobile home park that housed a number of criminals and criminal activities causing problems in the Westside.

- Tom Martin said the St. Johns River Management District (SJRWMD) Meeting regarding the Collins Road extension was rescheduled for Dec. 9. The meeting will be held at the SJRWMD office in Palatka. He said the COJ has distributed a survey to residents in the Argyle area regarding a proposed fire station for Argyle Forest Boulevard near Old Middleburg Road.

Election of Officers: Member Len Burroughs, Acting Chair of the Nomination Subcommittee, announced the slate of officers: Bruce Tyson for Chair and Rosanne Vernon for Vice Chair. He asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were received. Ballots were distributed to one member of each organization in attendance. Members were allowed time to vote then ballots were collected and counted by Len Burroughs and Don Ingram. The vote: 14 of 14 votes were in favor and none opposed to Bruce Tyson for Chair and Rosanne Vernon for Vice Chair. No write in votes were received. Members and guests applauded the new officers. Acting Chair Mann congratulated the new officers and announced the Passing of the Gavel Ceremony will occur at the January 12, 2009 meeting.

Staff Reports & Announcements:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** Wight Greger was excused. To contact Ms. Greger, call 255-8200 or send e-mail to WGreger@coj.net.
- **Duval County School Board:** Vicki Drake reported Superintendent of Schools, Ed Pratt-Dannals, received very high ratings on his evaluation – he is doing a good job and the community is happy with him. A team of 33 people were involved in District Accreditation and recommended full accreditation for Duval Schools. The accreditation team reported that good, positive things are in place for students. The team also made some recommendations for improvements. Ms. Drake reported the issue of renaming Forrest High School was very controversial. However, the recommendation came from a group outside of the school community whose members said they would force a name change. Traditionally, residents who live in the school community name schools. Ms. Drake reported the school community – the students, faculty and alumni of Forrest High School voted “no” to a name change. She added that mentors and tutors are needed for high school students. Some students have full-time jobs and so many students are struggling to stay in school for various reasons. Ms. Drake may be contacted at 390-2000 or drakev@educationcentral.org.
- **Planning and Development:**
 - **Current Planning Division:** Andy Hetzel reported there was little activity in the SW last month. Acting Chair Mann again asked Mr. Hetzel to provide a printed report for future meetings because the information is too detailed to read aloud. For more information, call Andy Hetzel at 630-7157.
- **Environmental and Compliance Department:**
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division:** Pete Sutherland reported Zone 4 has a good team. They have been conducting systematic inspections based on the officers' recommendations. Last month he reported the team had been involved in shutting down a meth-amphetamine lab on Normandy Boulevard near Chaffee Road. The site will be evaluated to determine the level of contamination and what, if any, remediation will need to be completed before the owner is allowed to reoccupy the site. In addition, unlicensed construction exists that Code Compliance Division will address with the owner. To report concerns/violations call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Duval County Health Department:** No representative in attendance. No report. Ms. Turner may be reached at 253-2037.
- **FCCJ Cecil North:** Paul McNamara was excused. Paul McNamara may be reached at 779-4030.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority:** No representative in attendance. Acting Chair Mann asked Member Charles Kelley to report on the Oct. 27 Cecil Field Airport Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Kelley said the meeting included a tour of the Coast Guard helicopter hangar. Helicopters from Cecil Field patrol waterways to detect and stop speed boats carrying drugs on the ocean and inland waterways. Acting Chair Mann appointed Mr. Kelley to assist in representing the SW CPAC at future Cecil Field Airport Advisory Committee meetings. Opal Burgstiner mentioned Jim Kelley wrote and published an informative article about the meeting in [Argyle Today](#).
- **FDOT:** Milton Locklear reported he had researched the issue of maintenance of the railroad right of way in Murray Hill at Plymouth Street and Roosevelt Boulevard. Three agencies are involved: DOT, COJ and CSX. CSX is responsible for maintenance for 25 feet on either side of the railroad tracks. Beyond CSX's 25 foot limit, the DOT is responsible for the Eastside near Roosevelt. The COJ is responsible for the Westside near Plymouth. He said if there is a safety issue, DOT will obtain an easement from CSX and use DOT funding to correct the problem. For aesthetics, nothing can be done by DOT at this time. Mr. Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.

- **Recreation and Community Services:** John Kelly reported that surveys are available on the sign-in table. He asked residents to fill out the survey and mail them in to the address on the survey or bring them to the next meeting. John Kelly may be reached at 573-3175.
- **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**
 - **Community Development Division:** Mary Beth Ridderman provided a written report to save time during the meeting. She announced the Housing and Neighborhoods Department offers a program for those residents whose homes are in danger of foreclosure. She mentioned the ads may have been seen on city buses – to call 630-CITY to arrange credit counseling and other assistance. Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260.

Subcommittee Reports and Announcements:

- **Council Members' Announcements:** Council Members Ray Holt, Mia Jones, Warren Jones, Daniel Davis and Michael Corrigan - No representatives in attendance.
- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Chuck Mann announced Ms. Drake had covered the important points earlier. He added he was impressed with the new School Board, particularly with the addition of W.C. Gentry as a Board Member.
- **Economic Subcommittee:** Jim Ross was absent.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** Johnny Carter reported he and Charles Kelley were working on a project at Cecil Field and he has volunteers available to work at the Equestrian Center. Mr. Carter said he attended a meeting at Eureka Gardens. The committee discussed feeding programs, after school programs and transportation for children to go to mentoring sites. Mr. Carter reported twenty churches are involved in the planning stage and will organize the programs/players. Jim Kelly asked for more information to prepare a news article and Mr. Carter said he would provide contact information.
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** Rosanne Vernon said a written report was available on the sign-in table. She reported that Kathy Budd had joined the LUZ Subcommittee. She thanked Mary Beth Ridderman for her support and guidance through the LUZ process. . A discussion was held on #2008-889, which will change the 10 year plan to allow Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) in residential areas. She said the SE CPAC was made aware of it in time to write a letter of opposition but the issue was heard by City Council before tonight's SW CPAC. Since the CPAC could not vote on the issue, she submitted a personal letter of opposition. Ms. Vernon recognized Council Member Holt and his assistant, Connie Holt, for their assistance in having #2008-889 deferred. There was considerable discussion as to the intent/actual changes per the proposed ordinance and the date it will be voted on by City Council. Ms. Vernon made a motion to prepare a letter of opposition to #2008-889. Member Smith said the CPAC does not have enough information to vote. Acting Chair Mann said the motion died for lack of a second. Ms. Vernon made another motion to research the issue independently and be prepared to vote at the SW CPAC meeting on January 12, 2009. The motion was seconded by Len Burroughs. The vote - all in favor. Member Grimsley asked for the definition of an ALF. She reported that RAP has had considerable problems with ALFs because they want to alter the architectural integrity of historic homes and they create traffic overloads and parking problems within neighborhoods. Ms. Vernon asked to have Tom Martin appointed to the subcommittee and he was appointed by Acting Chair Mann.
- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** Bruce Tyson reminded everyone to be careful with space heaters and holiday lights. He suggested checking to be sure outdoor lighting has a good ground because outdoor lighting often cause house fires. He asked everyone to check their smoke detectors to be sure they work properly. JFRD offers free smoke detectors. For a free smoke detector or to arrange to have the batteries in an existing device replaced, call 904-630-CITY (2489).
- **Parliamentarian:** Opal Burgstiner reported that everyone did a good job. She suggested that Vicki Drake be scheduled as a 10-minute speaker since Ms. Drake always has so much good information. Acting Chair Mann thanked Ms. Burgstiner for helping him keep the meeting on track.
- **ShAdCo Subcommittee:** Alice Turknett said a written report, JSO Hot Spots Brochures and ShAdCo Applications on the sign-in table. She announced the ShAdCo J meetings are at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month and are held at Ortega Methodist Church. She reminded everyone about the Annual ShAdCo Meeting on Nov. 20, 7 p.m. at 3450 Monument Rd.. A bus will be leaving from the Zone 4 Substation at 4 p.m. – reservations to ride the bus were necessary and today was the deadline for reservations. Most ShAdCos will not meet in November – they will attend the annual meeting instead. The next ShAdCo J meeting is Jan. 22, 2009. Rosanne Vernon said a written report for ShAdCo J was available on the sign-in table for ShAdCo K. ShAdCo K will meet on Nov. 3. Meetings are held the first Monday in the month at the Lane Wiley Senior Center. 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 Subcommittee: Rosanne Vernon, Subcommittee Chair, recognized Charles Kelley for recruiting a new member, the N.E. FL Equestrian Society. She introduced N.E. FL Equestrian Society Alternate Gary Shook. Ms. Vernon introduced representatives Jim Kelly and Alternate Terry Fountain from another new member, Gleaners Dispatch. She mentioned a third new member, SMG - the Jacksonville Equestrian Center but no representatives were present for introductions. She said two additional memberships are being processed: Springtree Village and Crystal Springs HOA. She thanked the members of the Membership Subcommittee for their hard work and thanked Mary Beth Ridderman for her ideas in obtaining new members and in processing nominations. Acting Chair Mann said having three new members in one month is a record for the SW CPAC and he recognized Ms. Vernon for a thorough report and for her excellent leadership on the Membership Subcommittee and CPAC members applauded.
 - Acting Chair Mann announced that last month a vote was taken to have the annual CPAC social at the Piccadilly Restaurant. He said Bruce Tyson volunteered to chair the Annual Social Subcommittee. Mr. Tyson volunteered because he felt it was important to have the social event in the same location (D-120) at FCCJ Kent Campus, where the event has been held in recent years. Bruce Tyson said the annual social is the highlight of the year – members get to visit with each other, many people bring family members, and JSO, City Council Members, Code Enforcement Officers and FCCJ Security are invited guests. If the event is held at Piccadilly, it would be expensive to invite family members and guests and members would eat and go home because Piccadilly closes. Mr. Tyson volunteered to bring a ham and ice. Member Smith offered \$100 to help defray costs of the dinner. Mary Beth Ridderman said room D-120 is reserved for Dec. 15. A motion was made and properly seconded to have the meeting on Dec. 15 at FCCJ Kent, Building D-120. All were in favor. None opposed. Mr. Tyson said he would pass around a sign-up sheet.
- **Chairman's Report:** Acting Chair Mann announced that Chair Ralph Malphurs passed away in October. He said Mayor John Peyton spent a lot of time with Chair Malphurs' family during visitation and Sheriff Rutherford spoke at Mr. Malphurs' funeral. He expressed his appreciation for the CPAC's support during Mr. Malphurs' illness. He asked if anyone wanted to make a comment about Mr. Malphurs. Alice Turknett said Mr. Malphurs was a "good man who helped a lot of people but wanted no recognition". She said once he paid a delinquent electric bill and got service restored to someone he had not previously known. Robert Smith said Mr. Malphurs was a "true older gentleman – a real gentleman. The era of real gentlemen is disappearing." Charlie Kelley said he was always "amazed how he found the time to do what he did." Mr. Kelley said Mr. Malphurs knew everyone - once a man who lived on 8th Street called Mr. Malphurs because his electricity had been disconnected. He claimed his account was paid in full. Mr. Malphurs made one call and the man's electricity was back on within thirty minutes! Mr. Kelley credited Mr. Malphurs for getting him involved in the CPAC. He added that Acting Chair Mann, Mr. Malphurs and Mr. Kelley were involved in many of the same committees and usually rode together to meetings. He said he was the "referee for Chuck and Ralph" because they argued about everything! Acting Chair Mann said "yes, (we argued) especially about his running stop signs"! Acting Chair Mann added that Mayor John Peyton is scheduled to speak at the Nov. 18 BJP Oversight Committee Meeting and plans to honor Mr. Malphurs' contribution to the COJ. Acting Chair Mann said City Council passed a resolution honoring Mr. Malphurs and the document will be presented to the Malphurs family during the Feb. 10, 2009 City Council meeting. Rosanne Vernon said a guest book has been set up on line at the Times Union website: <http://www.legacy.com/TimesUnion/GB/GuestbookView.aspx?PersonId=119183252>. Acting Chair Mann said "he was a good friend".

Acting Chair Mann said a memorial has been set up in Mr. Malphurs' name at Wolfson Children's Hospital. The address is Wolfson Children's Hospital, 800 Prudential Drive, Att.: Administrator, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Member Burroughs said the hospital sends a beautiful letter of recognition to each donor and also provides the family with a list of the donors' names.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

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 8:25 p.m.*

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 15 2008, at FCCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., **D-120**, at 7 p.m.. After the CPAC meeting, members and guests are invited to participate in a covered dish dinner. Please call Bruce Tyson at 771-4942 if you plan to stay for the dinner. Please note the change in location: **D-120**. Please call Chuck Mann at 387-0636 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 for more information

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Coordinator's Report - November 2008

- **The Housing and Neighborhoods Department – Community Development Division offers Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).** If you would like to apply for a 2009/2010 CDBG Grant you must attend one Technical Assistance Workshop:

Thursday, November 13, 2008 – 6 p.m. – Housing and Neighborhoods Dept.

214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, Room 851, Jacksonville, FL 32202

If you are a new agency applying for a CDBG you must attend a Budget Workshop:

Monday, December 1, 2008 – 3 p.m. – Housing and Neighborhoods Dept.

214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, Room 851, Jacksonville, FL 32202

For more information call 255-8200.

- **The Housing Services Division is sponsoring classes: "Facing Foreclosure?"** Call 630-CITY to get help.
- **Make A Scene Downtown** - Calendar can be viewed at www.makeascenedowntown.com
- **Library:**
 - Not Just for Baby Boomers Film Series: **Free showings of Baby Boomers' favorite films**, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 5:45 p.m., Main Library, Hicks Auditorium. On Dec. 11 see White Christmas. For a complete list of movies visit <http://jpl.coj.net/progs/main/notjustforboomers.html>
 - Home Schooling at the Library. Tuesdays at 2:30 – Main Library.
 - Art Walk - tour 30 downtown venues. First Wednesday of every month. 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library.
 - Free Concerts: Main Library,
 - ✓ **Wednesday, December 3, 2008 | 6:30 p.m. "Yuletide Swing" with the St. Johns River City Band at Art Walk**
 - ✓ **Monday, December 8, 2008 Music @ Main: Piotr Szewczyk & Christine Clark**
 - ✓ **Monday, January 12, 2009 Music @ Main: Trio Solis**
 - For information about classes or events at all public libraries visit <http://jpl.coj.net/>
- **Animal Care and Control** – November is Adopt- A –Shelter Dog Month. If you cannot adopt a dog, adopt a shelter! The COJ Animal Care and Control and the Jacksonville Humane Society need supplies such as treats, clean rugs, towels or used bedspreads for bedding and new washable dog and cat toys. They need volunteers and foster homes.



SAVE the DATE:

- Nov. 11, 11 a.m., Downtown Jacksonville, Veterans Day Parade.
- Nov. 29, 7 p.m.. Jacksonville Light Parade, Downtown Riverfront, following a boat parade, fireworks will be shot from [The Jacksonville Landing](#), Hyatt Regency Hotel and West of the Acosta Bridge. The signature "waterfall" fireworks will be shot from both sides of the [Main Street Bridge](#) and the east side of the [Acosta Bridge](#).
- Dec. 6, 2008 , 2-5 p.m. - Prime Osborn Convention Center , Mayor's Senior Holiday Festival - - For information call 630-7392 to purchase tickets.
- **Phone Numbers**
- City Link - 630-CITY (630-2489) *Please have the exact address. Keep the tracking number and estimated date of completion.
- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center
- Police Non-Emergency 630-0500 Neighborhood Watch 630-2160
- 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

Volunteer Opportunities: The City of Jacksonville Office of Special Events is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with upcoming events. Call (904) 630-3690 or e-mail events@coj.net for more information.

Most city government offices and facilities will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

For more information, please contact Mary Beth Ridderman, Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 255-8260.