

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Florida State College, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL

Monday, Oct. 12, 2009

MEETING SUMMARY

Members and Representatives

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Vice Chair (Acting Chair) Rosanne Vernon	Murray Hill Preserv. – Len Burroughs (Parliamentarian)
Charter Member – Don Ingram	SMG Equestrian Center – Jean Ellen DeSpain
Charter Member – Chuck Mann (Acting Vice Chair)	Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknett
Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter	Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin
Confederate Point – James Nolting	Westside Business Leaders – Opal Burgstiner
Crystal Creek HOA - Marilyn Lehman	ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly	Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker

Media/Staff/Officials	Excused
City Council Member Michael Corrigan	Chair Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries
Mayor's Liaison–Wight Greger	Charter Member Jerry Spinks
Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner	Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake
Florida Dep't. Transportation – Milton Locklear	Family Investment - Robert Smith
Housing & Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman	FL State College at Jax, Cecil North – Paul McNamara
JEDC – Joe Whitaker	Lexington Square – Steve Shaffer
JSO – Sgt. Rod Feacher	N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch
Municipal Code Compliance – Jim Libroero	RAP – Jean Grimsley
Planning and Development – Folks Huxford	Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker
Recreation & Community – John Kelly	Westwood – Jim Ross
Guests	Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
Ethel Nolting – Confederate Point	
Jerry Knowles – Ortega River Place HOA	
Radames Welch – UNF Nursing	
Ray Htwe – UNF Nursing	
Rachelle Parman – UNF Nursing	
Greg Hollea Rachel – Westside Business Leaders	
Anni Moore – UNF Nursing	

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. She announced the Chair, Bruce Tyson, was present for the Executive Committee Meeting, but was called home for a family medical problem. Charles Mann was Acting Vice Chair. Len Burroughs was assigned Parliamentarian. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development, Housing and Neighborhoods.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Vice Chair Vernon asked for approval of the September summary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor.

JSO Report: Sgt. Feacher was introduced by the Vice Chair. He reported an increase in robberies and home invasions in the past 30 days (increase of 2 to 3); robberies to individuals – no change; an increase in robberies/car jacking (1 to 5); and an increase in business robberies (8 to 10). He reported a decrease in burglaries to residences (244 to 198) and a decrease in burglaries to businesses (40 to 30.) Arrests for robberies to individuals decreased (4 to 2); one arrest was made for car-jacking; 2 arrests were made

for robberies to businesses; 14 arrests were made for burglaries to residences and one arrest was made for burglary to a business. He said the officers in Zone 4 are the hardest working officers he has known. The group applauded and Acting Chair Vernon thanked Sgt. Feacher for his report.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Vice Chair Vernon recognized the following guests and thanked them for attending the meeting: Rad Welch and Ray Htwe from the UNF Nursing Program, Jerry Knowles from Ortega River Place. Acting Chair Vernon introduced the guest speaker, City Council Member Michael Corrigan.

Guest Speaker: City Council Member (CM) Michael Corrigan thanked the CPAC for the opportunity to speak. He always enjoys visiting FCCJ – he graduated from FCCJ and was honored to recently be named a trustee of Florida State College at Jacksonville. He referred to Council Member John Crescimbeni's September visit to the SW CPAC and his discussion of the budget. CM Corrigan said the Council President wanted to eliminate CPACs from the budget, but he did not understand the importance of CPACs. CPACs have a long history and he said he wishes the meeting room could be filled with residents every month. CM Corrigan said several Council Members are cognizant of the value of CPACs in the community and as a result the CPAC budget was not affected this year. He commended the Housing and Neighborhoods Director, Wight Greger, for being a great COJ employee and for being prepared with all of the answers during the budget process. He said the SW CPAC was fortunate to have Ms. Greger as the Mayor's Liaison. Council Member Corrigan stated his opposition to the proposed JTA bus stop advertising and said he felt other funding is available to build additional bus stops but this proposed change will have repercussions that will allow visual pollution. He said the historic districts will be opted out. He suggested residents attend the October 13 City Council Meeting and ask that all areas be opted out of the advertising. A question and answer session followed Council Member Corrigan's presentation. Residents expressed their appreciation for Council Member Corrigan's support for funding for JSO, senior events and the Veterans Day Parade. Council Member Corrigan asked residents to call him at 630-1390 or call his excellent assistant, Dianne Smith, at 630-1677. Several residents commented that they appreciated Ms. Smith's responsiveness and assistance with various community issues. Acting Chair Vernon thanked Council Member Corrigan for his visit to the SW CPAC and the group applauded.

Presentation: Guest Speaker – Joe Whitaker from JEDC provided information about the Recovery Zone and Bill# 2009-711 regarding the American Recovery Investment Act. Certain areas will be designated Recovery Zones (RZ) and will allow the City to issue Recovery Zone bonds for private and public projects that promote job creation and economic recovery. These areas include: the Enterprise Zone, Empowerment Zone, Community Redevelopment Areas and former NAS Cecil Field. A question and answer session followed the presentation. Concerns were expressed about the COJ's or investors' rights to Cecil Commerce Center property that is sold to businesses and the businesses subsequently fail. Mr. Whitaker may be contacted at 630-1624 or josephw@coj.net

Public Comments: none.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** Wight Greger reported a name plaque for the Charles Kelley Pavilion will be furnished by the Recreation and Community Services Department. The Neighborhoods trust fund cannot be used to purchase a sign, but she said a

more detailed sign is needed at the pavilion and she is willing to help. The Neighborhoods trust fund may be used to provide training, a mini-academy or for neighborhood tours. Ms. Greger may be contacted at 904-255-8204 or wgreger@coj.net.

- Council Members' Reports: Council Member Michael Corrigan was the guest speaker.
- Duval County School Board – Ms. Drake's absence was excused.
- Planning and Development – Folks Huxford announced he is reporting for Andy Hetzel. He provided a written report and said that one request was highly controversial (E-0948) for a night club at 1394 Cassat Ave. North of Park Street. Mr. Huxford reported the COJ is in the adoption phase of the 2010/2030 Comprehensive Plan. Wetland policies are being revisited. The Planning and Development is updating its website and it will be available on October 13. Folks Huxford may be reached at 630-7033. Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-630-7157 or AHetzel@coj.net.
- Municipal Code Compliance – Jim Lebrero reported Zone 4 officers are working hard to correct problems related to vacant properties (tall grass or unsecured buildings). He asked residents' help to report vacant properties that have tall grass or open buildings. To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489).
- Recreation and Community Services – John Kelly announced
 - Oct. 17, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. is the sixth annual Art in the Park, a free event.
 - About 500 people participated in the Senior Games.
 - Oct. 29, 4-7 p.m., The Fall Festival provides free activities for children at staffed community centers.
 - He provided copies of the Fall - Winter brochure It Starts In Parks.
 - Mr. Kelly may be contacted at 904- 630-3570 or jkelly@coj.net.
- Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner reported on the Novel H1N1 virus and said the best methods of prevention are washing hands frequently with soap and water or instant hand sanitizer, not touching your own face and sneezing/coughing on your own sleeve (instead of in your hand). Regular flu shots are available now. H1N1 vaccinations are expected any day – the media will inform residents about distribution sites. She provided brochures: 2009 H1N1 Flu and You. She commended Ms. Ridderman for her H1N1 awareness and for taking the initiative to provide instant hand sanitizer at the CPAC sign-in desk. Ms. Turner may be contacted at 253-2037.
- Florida State College at Jacksonville, Cecil North – Paul McNamara was excused. Mr. McNamara may be reached at 779-4030
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – No representative, no report.
- Florida Dep't. of Transportation – Milton Locklear reported the Cecil Commerce Parkway opened recently. Weekly FDOT reports are available electronically. Mr. Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.
- Community Development – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
 - The City Council approved naming the Cecil Equestrian Trails pavilion "The Charles Kelley Pavilion". The dedication ceremony will be scheduled at a future date.
 - Charter Member Charles Mann will be honored for his community service with a resolution signed by Council Member Michael Corrigan and presented by City Council on Oct. 13. CPAC members are invited to attend a reception honoring Mr. Mann, to be held in Committee Room B. The reception will feature a special cake donated by the Edgewood Bakery.
 - A written report was provided.
 - Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann announced:
 - He was surprised and pleased about the presentation by City Council with a resolution honoring him, however a lot of people helped him do the work that was mentioned.
 - He said the Superintendent of schools should be commended for his work in the schools – he created goals and plans and has acted upon them.
 - He complimented Mary Beth Ridderman for her work with the Housing and Neighborhoods Department. He said she is very helpful to the residents and to neighborhood organizations.
 - Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported the TRUE Commission:
 - Is in the process of reviewing JEDC files and recommends a new audit, since the last audit was completed in 2002.
 - Is in favor of four elections for local officials.
 - He attended a meeting with the North Florida TPO and reviewed the 2035 Plan.
 - He expressed his concern about the reputation of public schools because people look at area schools before relocating businesses and homes.
 - Mr. Martin may be reached at 904-778-2265.
- Economic Development – volunteers are needed.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter reported
 - He is working with a group to build ramps for handicapped persons and needs suggestions for project addresses in the Westside.
 - He is setting up a system to assist parks maintenance by supervising volunteers to clean up area parks. Please call him with suggestions of parks that need assistance.
 - Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon provided a written report.
 - She announced she needs volunteers. No meetings were scheduled in the past month.
 - Residents need to research the issue of advertising on bus shelters and let their City Council Members know their position. City Council will vote on October 13.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett reported:
 - JSO Zone 4 Assistant Chief Tom Hackney was transferred to the Detective Division. The new Zone 4 Commander is Ron Lendvay. These were lateral moves. She appreciated the work done by Chief Hackney and looks forward to working with Chief Lendvay.
 - The annual citywide ShAdCo meeting is Nov. 12.
 - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church. A Community Service Officer will be the next guest speaker.
 - 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.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon provided a written report. Volunteers are needed. No meetings were scheduled in the past month. .
- Nomination Subcommittee – Polly Walker, Subcommittee Chair, announced the slate of officers: Bruce Tyson for Chair and Rosanne Vernon for Vice Chair. She said she appreciated Mr. Tyson and Ms. Vernon for their willingness to continue to serve.

- Safety – Bruce Tyson was excused.
- Chair's Report – Acting Chair Rosanne Vernon reported for Chair Tyson:
 - A volunteer is needed to chair the Social Subcommittee so plans can be made for the annual holiday dinner. Chair Tyson is willing to help, but he cannot chair the subcommittee. Room D-120 has been reserved. Jim and Ethel Nolting volunteered to help. No one volunteered to chair the subcommittee.

Old Business – None.

New Business -

- Chuck Mann announced Don Ingram volunteered to represent District 14 on the Council on Aging.
- Alice Turknett announced an article about Mr. Mann appeared in the October 3 Times Union. She expressed appreciation for all of Mr. Mann's community involvement.
- Chuck Mann reminded residents that on October 13, the City Council will hear public comments and vote on #2009-401 regarding advertising on bus shelters.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Len Burroughs. A second was made by Marilyn Lehman. Acting Chair Vernon adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m..

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112F.

The Executive Committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, 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.

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, Community Development Division, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.