

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus

3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Jacksonville, FL

Monday, October 11, 2010

MEETING SUMMARY

| Members and Representatives | Members and Representatives |
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| Chair Bruce - Tyson | Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker |
| Vice Chair - Rosanne Vernon | Timuquana Manor North - Alice Turknett |
| Charter Member - Don Ingram | The Village Salon - Steve Shaffer |
| Charter Member - Chuck Mann | Tree Top Estates - Russell Carlson |
| Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter | Watermill Master Association - Thomas Martin |
| Crystal Springs HOA - Marilyn Lehman | West Jacksonville Civic - Ric Dill |
| FL State College at Jax, Cecil North - Paul McNamara | Westside Area Residents - Charles Kelley |
| Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly | ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE |
| Murray Hill Preservation - Len Burroughs | Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker |
| SMG Equestrian Center - Jean Ellen DeSpain | West Jacksonville Civic - David Nechvatal |
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| Media/Staff/Officials | Excused |
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| Mayor's Liaison - Kenny Logsdon for Wight Greger | Confederate Point - James Nolting |
| Housing & Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman | Duval County School Board - Vicki Drake |
| Florida Dep't. Transportation - Milton Locklear | Florida Dep't. Transportation - Milton Locklear |
| JSO --Lt. Ron Norse | |
| Municipal Code Compliance - Maria Buchwalter | |
| Planning and Development - Andy Hetzel | |
| Recreation and Community - Shorty Robbins | |
| | Absent |
| Guests | Charter Member - Jerry Spinks |
| Opal Burgstiner, Armstrong and Bosh, Inc. | Family Investment - Robert Smith |
| Bruce Burgstiner, Armstrong and Bosh, Inc. | N. E. FL Equestrian Society - Olwen Busch |
| Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace | RAP - Jean Grimsley |
| Peggy Myers, Hyde Grove Terrace | Westside Business Leaders - Jane Miller |
| Tom Patton, Candidate for City Council | Westwood - Jim Ross |
| Trevor Williamson, Gleaners Dispatch | |

Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

The September summary was approved.

JSO Report: Lt. Ron Norse, Zone 4 Watch Commander, reported

- Crime has decreased due to a team effort by JSO, the State Attorneys' Office and citizens. Violent crime is down 8 percent and property crime is down 9 percent. He discussed two cases of arson under investigation that occurred at the SOS Academy and Ed White High School. He asked residents to be diligent in protecting/securing homes and vehicles.

- A concern was expressed regarding address-reporting by sexual offenders and predators and which agency monitors them. The FDLE monitors reporting.
- A question was asked about School Resource Officers. JSO Officers will be removed from the schools. The Duval County School Board (DCSB) chartered its own police department and will investigate crimes on school property. DCSB Officers will have completed minimum standards for certification and will have full arrest powers. Many DCSB Officers are JSO retirees.
- Please call the Zone 4 office at 573-3165 with concerns, call 630-0500 for non-emergencies and 911 for emergencies.
- Chair Tyson thanked Lt. Norse for his report.

Introductions and Acknowledgments: Chair Tyson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed Trevor Williamson from Gleaners Dispatch. Mr. Williamson is a minister and recent Trinity graduate.

Presentation: the scheduled speaker from the Jacksonville National Cemetery did not show.

Public Comments:

- Tom Batton announced he is a candidate for City Council Group 2 At Large. He will be here after the meeting to talk with residents.

Staff Reports and Announcements:

- Mayor's Liaison: Kenny Logsdon reported for Wight Greger:
 - Ordinance 2010-37E passed. The ordinance approves semi-annual text amendments to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.
 - The 2011 Budget has been approved. The City Council Members listened to residents' concerns. The process has begun again on the next budget.
 - Shirley Lowry and Jim Kelly were recognized as CommUniverCity graduates with perfect attendance.
 - Mr. Logsdon is the coordinator for the Town Center Program. The focus of the 103rd Street Town Center is the bridge, which has new decorative lights, fence and posts. A bus stop and trees will be added. More trees will be planted in the median all the way to Chafee Road. The Venetia Town Center is progressing. The Avondale Town Center will be substantially completed by Nov. 1, 2010, with new crosswalks, sidewalks and underground utilities. The Avondale Merchants have agreed to maintain the town center landscaping. Residents commented the fence and lights look nice on 103rd Street.
 - A question was asked about the CommUniverCity (CU) Bus Tour. The bus toured neighborhoods in Springfield, East Jacksonville, Arlington, Southside, the Northwest and Southwest. Neighborhood leaders got on the bus as tour guides in certain areas. Presentations were made at the University Library and the Edgewood Bakery. Council Member Yarborough greeted residents at the library. Staff members are working on the website to add CU training information, the bus route and links.
 - A question was asked about the foreclosed property registry. The registry will require banks and other financial institutions to notify COJ and provide contact/property management information when properties are foreclosed. The registry is in the contract stage. More information will be provided when available.
 - Please call 255-8237 with questions for Mr. Logsdon or 255-8200 with questions for Ms. Greger.

- Council Members' Reports: No representatives, no reports.
- Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake’s absence was excused.
- Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel reported:
 - Chafee Road - A commercial project, access road has not been built.
 - ICI Villages – Normandy – reconfigure site plan and uses.
 - 1238 103rd Street – Administrative deviation for a side yard setback for new Wendy’s.
 - Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-255-8721 or AHetzel@coj.net.
- Municipal Code Compliance –Maria Buchwalter announced:
 - A systematic inspection was completed in the Hyde Park area with 119 new cases. One systematic inspection is planned each month. Please call if you know of areas where inspections are needed.
 - A concern was expressed about follow-up after an issue is closed, for example, when a business is operating in a residential area. Ms. Buchwalter answered: if the problem recurs, please call 630-CITY (2489) and report it again.
 - A question was asked about fines. Fines are \$110-250 per day. Amnesty or settlements may be negotiated after the property is in compliance.
 - To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489) or contact Officer Buchwalter at 255-7011 or maria@coj.net.
- Recreation and Community Services – Shorty Robbins reported for John Kelly:
 - Copies of the new JaxParks Fall and Winter 2010 brochure were provided.
 - Copies of the Cecil Recreation Trail and Jacksonville Baldwin Trail brochure were provided.
 - Quick Start Tennis
 - The after school program is now called M-3 (Motivating Maximum Movement) Zone. The children named the program. Children spend at least one hour each day outside.
 - Classes are available for winter, quilting, tennis and others.
 - John Kelly may be contacted at 904- 255-7918 or jkelly@coj.net.
- Florida State College at Jacksonville, Cecil North – Paul McNamara reported:
 - Over 1000 students are registered at the Cecil North campus.
 - A new electronic sign is being installed at the intersection of Normandy Boulevard and New World Avenue.
 - The Aircraft Services and Educational Facility is nearing 90 percent completion. Occupancy is anticipated by December, 2010.
 - In January, 2011, the first class will begin in the aircraft coating facility.
 - The Pilot Program and Air Traffic Control Program are underway.
 - A FSCJ hangar was the test site for a foam fire retardant test.
 - The Board approved the general contractor for the new Commercial Drivers License (CDL) facility. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid November, 2010. Four tractor trailer units are training on local roads.
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority – no representative. No report.
- Florida Dep’t. of Transportation – Milton Locklear’s absence was excused.
- Housing and Neighborhoods Department – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
 - The CommUniverCity classes concluded on Oct. 9 with graduation at the Black Expo.
 - Thirty eight residents completed a free Homeowner, Townhome and Condominium Associations training on Sept. 25. Becker and Poliakoff, a law group from the Orlando area, provided two attorneys who taught the class at no cost to COJ or residents.
 - Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.
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Subcommittee Reports and Announcements

- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann’s absence was excused. Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported the following major items were discussed at the last meeting of the Commission on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010:
 - Received and discussed a presentation by Carla Miler, City Ethics Officer, on the proposed substitute bill 2010-616. This bill amends the City Charter by re-inserting an ethics chapter.
 - Adopted a resolution supporting substitute bill 2010-616. The City Council Rules subcommittee subsequently passed the substitute bill with some changes.
 - Received and discussed the report provided by Tommy Carter, Council Auditor’s Office. Audit report 687. Audit follow-up for 2010 has been issued.
- Economic Development –
 - Kohl’s is hiring seasonal workers.
 - Trevor Williamson has been working at Gleaners Distribution sites. The Ramona site is serving over 250 people each week. Many of the people, for example a master plumber and master electrician, are well qualified for jobs, but out of work due to the economy. Jim Kelly provided a written report.
 - Mr. Kelly may be reached at 742-4903.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter had no report. Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett reported:
 - Sector J will hold an election of officers on Oct. 28.
 - An All - ShAdCo meeting will be held on Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m. at 3450 Monument Rd.
 - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church.
 - 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.
 - Rosanne Vernon announced Sector K had two JSO walks. ShAdCo K will hold an election of officers on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon provided a written report.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon reported she is passing out CPAC flyers and encouraged members to invite others to join CPAC.
- Safety – Chair Tyson announced:
 - October is fire safety month. Get ready for winter by checking heaters and smoke detectors. Check extension cords, use the appropriate size and do not run them under rugs or carpets. Be very careful with space heaters.
 - If anyone needs a smoke detector, please call 630-CITY (2489). JFRD offers smoke detectors and installation install free of charge.
- Nominations Subcommittee: Dewey Walker reported:
 - The subcommittee consisted of three members: Dewey Walker, Alice Turknett and Jim Kelly .
 - The Oct. 11 meeting was properly noticed and posted in City Hall. Minutes of the meeting were prepared and will be on file in the Housing and Neighborhoods Dept.
 - All members are eligible to serve as Chair or Vice Chair.
 - The slate of officers are : Chair – Rosanne Vernon and Jean-Ellen Despain; Vice Chair – Bruce Tyson.
 - Mr. Walker asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were received.

- o The candidates were invited to give a brief autobiography.
 - Ms. Despain announced she would be honored to serve. She works in the SW at the Equestrian Center, and lives on the Southside. She finds the SW warm and welcoming. She and her husband are considering moving to the SW District.
 - Ms. Vernon announced she and her husband live in the SW and work on the Southside. She has been a member of CPAC and ShAdCo for several years and has alternately served as the ShAdCo K chair or Vice Chair. She said she feels a strong commitment to get things motivated and would be honored to serve as the chair.
 - Mr. Tyson had no comment.
- o The election of officers will held be during the Nov. 8 CPAC meeting. Each member organization is allowed one vote. Voting is by written ballot, no proxy votes are allowed
- Chair's Report –Chair Tyson reported:
 - o He checked on the status of the Hyde Grove footbridge. A new footbridge is planned and the new contract will be signed by the end of October. Construction is scheduled to begin in January, 2011. The design will be similar to the footbridge on Hammond Boulevard. Guest Shirley Lowry thanked the chair for his work – pedestrian safety is a concern.
 - o A question was asked about the status of the I-295 contract. Chair Tyson asked Mary Beth Ridderman to follow up with Milton Locklear, FDOT, so an answer may be provided at the November meeting.
 - o Election 2010 is Nov. 2. Vote! Early voting and absentee ballots are available. Please do your homework – the ballot is long and includes several amendments.
 - o The holiday social is Dec. 13 in room D-120. Mary Beth Ridderman has reserved the room. Volunteers are needed to help decorate, clean up and coordinate the food. No one volunteered. A member suggested Chair Tyson invite Trinity's Voices in Praise chorale.

Old Business/ New Business:

- Marilyn Lehman congratulated the Murray Hill Friends of the Library and acknowledged Chuck Mann's work in keeping the library open and extending library hours. She made a motion to prepare a letter to congratulate the Murray Hill Friends of the Library and acknowledge Chuck Mann and Len Burroughs for their work. A second was made by Charlie Kelly. The vote: all in favor.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Len Burroughs. A second was made by Dewey Walker. The vote: all in favor. Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The next SW CPAC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112 F.

For more information, please contact Bruce Tyson at 771-4924 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260. CPAC meetings and subcommittee 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, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.