

## SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Monday, Sept. 14, 2009

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### Members and Representatives

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Chair Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries	Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
Charter Member – Don Ingram	SMG Equestrian Center – Jean Ellen DeSpain
Charter Member – Chuck Mann	Springtree Village HOA - Dewey Walker
Cedar Hills Estates – Johnny Carter	Timuquana Manor North – Alice Turknnett
Confederate Point – James Nolting	Watermill Master Association – Thomas Martin
Crystal Creek HOA - Marilyn Lehman	Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley
FL State College at Jax, North – Paul McNamara	Westside Business Leaders – Opal Burgstiner
Gleaners Dispatch – Jim Kelly	<b>ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE</b>
	Timuquana Manor North - Polly Walker

Media/Staff/Officials	Excused
City Council Member John Crescembini	Charter Member Jerry Spinks
Mayor's Liaison–Wight Greger	Code Compliance – Pete Sutherland
Housing & Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman	Duval County Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner
JSO – Lt. R.A. Norse	Duval County School Board – Vicki Drake
Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel	Family Investment - Robert Smith
Recreation & Community – John Kelly	Lexington Square – Steve Shaffer
JTA – Endya Cummings	N. E. FL Equestrian Society – Olwen Busch
JTA – Mike Miller	RAP – Jean Grimsley
<b>Guests</b>	Westwood – Jim Ross
Ethel Nolting	Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon
Betty Carter	Florida Dep't. Transportation – Milton Locklear
Alberta Hipps	
Rachelle Parman, UNF Nursing Program	
Jill Dame	
Valerie Bethea, Foxwood HOA	
Greg Hollea Rachal, BSA	

#### Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 August summary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor.

**JSO Report:** Lt. R. A. Norse reported an overall decrease in crime during the past 30 days with a slight increase in the number of smash and grab incidents, primarily victimizing Family Dollar Stores. Chair Tyson thanked Lt. Norse for his report.

**Introductions and Acknowledgments:** Chair Tyson recognized the following guests: former CPAC member Valerie Bethea, UNF Nursing Student, Rachelle Parman and Ortega Bluffs resident, Jill Dame and said he was pleased to see them at the CPAC

meeting. Chair Tyson acknowledged former City Council Member Alberta Hipps and introduced the guest speaker, City Council Member John Crescembini.

**Guest Speaker:** City Council Member John Crescembini reported on the budget process and explained the City Council's plan and position. He discussed his interest in a tangible personal property tax which lists and taxes all assets in businesses at market value. A question, comment and answer session followed with residents asking questions and expressing their concerns about the following topics: proposed cuts to JSO budget, reduction in officers and impact on crime rate; proposed budget cuts, union contracts, pension plans and the negotiation process; cost of indigent care at Shands Hospital; raising millage or spending the contingency fund; proposed cuts to senior programs and to the Veteran's Day Parade. Council Member Crescembini may be reached at 630-1381 or [jrc@coj.net](mailto:jrc@coj.net). Chair Tyson thanked Council Member Crescembini for his visit and the group applauded.

**Presentation:** Endya Cummings, JTA Business Relations and Development presented information about a new shuttle service which will be available on October 5. A map of the New Cecil Community Shuttle service area was provided. Fully handicapped accessible vehicles will provide premium curb-to curb service within a designated area for a cost of \$.50 per pick up and drop off (in addition to the regular bus fares). Bus passes are now available at Walgreens stores. For more information, please call 630-3100. Ms. Cummings may be reached at 630-3197 or [www.JTAFLA.com](http://www.JTAFLA.com).

**Public Comments:** none.

**Staff Reports and Announcements:**

- **Mayor's Liaison:** Wight Greger was present to answer questions. Ms. Greger may be contacted at 904-255-8204 or [wgreger@coj.net](mailto:wgreger@coj.net).
- **Council Members' Reports:** Council Member John Crescembini was the guest speaker.
- **Duval County School Board** – Ms. Drake's absence was excused.
- **Planning and Development** – Andy Hetzel provided a written report. Mr. Hetzel may be contacted at 904-630-7157 or [AHetzel@coj.net](mailto:AHetzel@coj.net).
- **Municipal Code Compliance** – Pete Sutherland was excused. To report concerns or possible code violations, please call 630-CITY (630-2489).
- **Recreation and Community Services** – John Kelly announced he may be contacted at 904- 630-3570 or [jkelly@coj.net](mailto:jkelly@coj.net).
- **Duval County Health Dep't.** – Jocelyn Turner was excused. Ms. Turner may be contacted at 253-2037.
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville, Cecil North** – Paul McNamara reported over 1000 students are registered, classes and parking lots are full. Mr. McNamara may be reached at 779-4030
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** – Alberta Hipps asked to report for JAA. She provided printed invitations to attend the Cecil Field/Cecil Commerce Center 10 Year Anniversary Celebration and the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Aircraft Coating Facility, on Sept. 28 at Cecil Field. RSVP by calling 573-1611. Mary Beth Ridderman announced that Rusty Chandler provided a written report, available at the sign-in table.
- **Florida Dep't. of Transportation** – Milton Locklear was excused. Weekly FDOT reports are available electronically. Mr. Locklear may be reached at 360-5686.
- **Community Development** – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
  - The Cecil Equestrian Trails officially opened August 19.

- 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 presented by City Council on Oct. 13. The resolution was signed by Council Member Michael Corrigan.
- A detailed written report was provided.
- Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).

**Subcommittee Reports:**

- Education, Youth and Recreation – Chuck Mann announced:
  - Mr. Mann provided a handout with the web address to register to receive the Duval County Public School newsletter: <http://www.duvalschools.org/>. Click on Sign Up.
  - The Westview K-8 School is now open.
  - Ortega Elementary School received the PTA/PTS award.
  - Duval County Public Schools received an award for exceptional finance reporting.
  - Open House for Alternative to Truancy and Out-of-School Suspension (ATOSS) Centers will be held Sept. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  - The Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) School received a donation of land at the McDuff location of the Kennel Club. The Kennel Club has closed. The KIPP School offers free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory public schools and has a track record of preparing students in underserved communities for success in college. To learn more about KIPP, please visit <http://www.kipp.org>
  - Mr. Mann may be reached at 387-0636.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission – Tom Martin reported:
  - The TRUE Commission has been busy with the budget. The group recommended the budget review process be more user-friendly.
  - They recommended that motor pool vehicles and other items with a short life span no longer be purchased with bond money. Vehicles should be paid for within their life cycle.
  - Council Member Webb recommended the budget be submitted earlier in the fiscal year. TRUE recommended the budget be under continual review to resolve issues in Human Right and that certain departments be combined for efficient and cost-effective purchasing.
  - Mr. Martin may be reached at 904-778-2265.
- Economic Development – volunteers are needed.
- Beautification, Community Facilities and Services – Johnny Carter reported he had planned a neighborhood clean-up but he has been unable to contact/coordinate with staff from Clean It Up- Green It Up. Mr. Carter may be reached at 786-2535.
- Land Use, Zoning and Transportation – Rosanne Vernon was excused. She provided a written report through the coordinator.
- ShAdCo - Alice Turknett reported:
  - 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.
  - Concern for the JSO budget cuts.
- Membership - Rosanne Vernon was excused. She provided a written report.

- Nomination Subcommittee – Chair Tyson appointed Polly Walker, Subcommittee Chair, Jim Kelly, Paul McNamara and Chuck Mann. He asked the members to meet briefly and talk with Ms. Ridderman about their duties.
- Safety – Bruce Tyson – no report.
- Chair's Report –
  - The SW CPAC was well-represented at the Cecil Equestrian Trails ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Kelley and Mary Beth Ridderman were recognized for their assistance in getting the trails opened. The trail is being well-used.
  - A Coastal Clean-Up is scheduled for this weekend. A flyer is available at the sign-in table.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** -

- A motion was made and seconded to use the remaining 2007 bus tour funds to pay for a permanent plaque on the Charles Kelly Pavilion. Discussion was held: concern that the bus tours have been productive and the monies should be used for that purpose; leadership and partnerships are needed; coordinator now has two CPACs and resources may be restricted, Recreation and Community Services will provide a wooden plaque. The vote: all in favor of funding a permanent plaque. Wight Greger said she will review the Executive Order and determine if the monies can, in fact, be spent for a plaque or reserved for special opportunities, such as the bus tour.
- Murray Hill Preservation Association is offering a \$6.00 spaghetti dinner on October 24, 6 p.m. as a fund-raiser. The food will be prepared by the Edgewood Bakery. Meals may be eaten at the bakery or are available for take-out.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Len Burroughs. A second was made by Chuck Mann. Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m..

**The next SW CPAC meeting** will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 12 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, October 12 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112F.

The Nomination Subcommittee meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m on Monday, October 12, at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Building E-112F .I

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.*