

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, August 14, 2006 7:00 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Lee Martin, Chairman	Len Burroughs, Murray Hill Pres.
Ralph Malphurs, Vice Chair	Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills
Don Ingram, Charter Member	James Nolting, Confederate Pt
Chuck Mann, Charter Member	Opal Burgstiner, WSBLA
Charles Kelley, WARA	Robert Smith, Family Investment
Alice Turknett, Timuquana Manor Watch	Roseanne Vernon, Oak Hills Estates
Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor Watch	

City Officials/Staff/Media/Guests:

Todd Cox, JAA	Harvey McLemore	Carroll Cason
Ben Giddens, Planning	Sarah McLemore	Kathy Budd
Folks Huxford, Planning	Ethel Nolting	Steve Combs
George Baker, Building Insp.	Hon. Vicki Drake	Bruce Burgstiner
Ken Reed, FCCJ	Donald Drake	Dick Jackson
Marlon Gapasin, FCCJ	Joe Tamplin	Robert Strong
John Craddock, WSEA	Tony Nasrallah	Melissa Suggs
L.J. Gayle, JSO	Sean Vernon	Rita Humphries
H.A. Eason, JSO	Heather Meyer	Robert Strong
Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD		

Excused: Sally Robson, Steve Shaffer, Bruce Tyson and Tree Kilbourn.

Call to Order/Quorum:

Chair Lee Martin called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Chair Martin asked for approval of the June SW CPAC summary. Len Burroughs *made a motion to accept the minutes and a second was made by Charley Kelley. The vote: all in favor. None opposed.*

Introductions/Acknowledgements:

Chairman Martin recognized the Honorable Vicki Drake and Stephen Combs and thanked them for being present. Mr. Combs said he formerly served as a Magistrate and more recently as General Counsel to the Chief Judge and is in the race for County Judge. He said he would be available after the meeting if anyone had questions for him.

Public Comments:

- John Craddock commented on flooding on Judy Drive near Fishing Creek. He said he has notified authorities with the City and St. Johns River Water Management District but has received no satisfaction or resolution of the problem. Mr. Craddock said the problem is caused by surface water runoff – a lake at 118th Street fills then causes floods along Fishing Creek, which, in turns flows into Cedar Creek. Chairman Martin said Mr. Craddock had provided a list

of grievances, which Mr. Martin provided to Mayor John Peyton. Chairman Martin said that, in his experience, when the mayor is made aware of any problem, he assigns the correct staff to address the problem. Chairman Martin said he appreciated Mr. Craddock's comments.

- Tony Nasrallah expressed his appreciation to the CPAC for nomination for the Mayor's Award, presented at the Eleventh Annual Neighborhood Summit. Mr. Nasrallah said that each week for eleven years Murray Hill Theatre has provided entertainment in a Christian atmosphere for 0 young people. Chairman Martin commented that Murray Hill Theatre provides a positive atmosphere for kids in the community.
- Alice Turknett expressed her concern for the situation at a residential rental property in her neighborhood. New residents have moved in eleven cars, equipment trailers, and several dogs. She said she was concerned because it takes so long for a response from code enforcement. Chairman Martin suggested Mrs. Turknett contact Sally Robson, the chair of the Beautification Subcommittee.

JSO Report:

- L.J. Gale and H.A. Eason reported that overall, crime is down 9% and property crime is down 10%. Zone 4 is the busiest zone in the city, receiving the majority (27% of the total) calls for service. Calls are prioritized and officers dispatched accordingly. The number for the Zone 4 Substation is 573-3165.

Presentation:

- Ron Barton, Executive Director, Jacksonville economic Development Commission (JEDC) reported JEDC's involvement with Cecil Commerce Center (CCC) and Cecil Field and the assets, attributes, investments and benefits of CCC. The abandoned Navy base provides assets such as hangars and air strips for aviation oriented business development, such as the Aviation Center of Excellence, Boeing and LSI. Assets include property comprising 3% of the total land mass in Duval County, which was conveyed back to the community for conservation, development, recreation and other uses. Cecil Recreation Complex is in the first stages, with more recreational development planned. The city's investments include new roads and utilities. JEA is an active participant in development, providing a new electric substation and underground utilities. Mr. Barton said the JEDC is very active in marketing CCC and a lot of new commercial development is being sought and planned. Attributes of the property are the location near I-10 with easy access by interstate to the port, developable land, underground utilities and the redevelopment of the former jet base. The future holds a fully funded interchange at I-10 and Brannanfield Chaffee Road and planning for nearby development. Questions were asked about the numbers of employees at Cecil Commerce Center and if information was available about the tax base. Mr. Barton replied that over 2,500 people are employed at Cecil Commerce Center and more jobs planned with the new development. He said he did not bring information about the tax base, but any tax would be an increase since the Navy did not pay taxes.

Reports & Announcements:

- **Chairman's Report:** Chairman Martin reported the following:
 - The 2006 bus tour, Spotlight: Cecil, was a success. He personally thanked members of the committee and presented certificates of appreciation to Chuck Mann, Don Ingram and Ralph Malphurs. Chairman Martin commented that during the bus tour and luncheon, certificates of appreciation were awarded to others who participated, planned and organized the event and representatives of the sites that were visited during the tour. Chairman Martin said a special plaque had been presented to Rusty Chandler, who had done an outstanding job planning and orchestrating the tour. Chairman Martin reminded everyone that the entire tour of Cecil Commerce Center was originally Don Ingram's idea

and he expressed his appreciation to Don Ingram for his foresight. Mr. Martin thanked Mary Beth Ridderman for her work in coordinating the bus tour.

- A Day of Faith event was well-attended. Speakers discussed the problems in the community and prayed for change and for each person to make a difference. Chariman Martin encouraged everyone to become involved as a mentor to make a difference in the community.
- The CPAC Picnic "CPACNIC" will be held September 16, 2006 at Little Talbot Island State Park. Tickets are \$10.00 and include lunch and admission into the park. Members, interested guests, potential new members, their families and friends are invited to participate. A dessert contest and other activities are planned. Call Mr. Martin, 465-0096 for more information or to purchase tickets. (This event is in addition to the regularly scheduled CPAC meeting, Sept. 11, FCCJ Kent Campus, Building E-112.)
- A report from ShAdCo will be added to the monthly CPAC agenda. Chairman Martin thanked Alice Turknett for agreeing to serve on the ShAdCo committee and asked that other ShAdCo members coordinate their reports with Mrs. Turknett so every zone can be represented and keep the members well-informed.
- A report from F.D.O.T. will be added to the monthly CPAC agenda to keep everyone informed about proposed changes in roadway projects.
- A report about the CPAC's mentoring project will be added to the agenda each month. Chairman Martin thanked Kathy Budd for her interest and involvement in the mentoring project and reported Ms. Budd had completed mentor's training at Kessler Institute. Chairman Martin introduced Ms. Budd and asked she report on the mentoring project.
 - Kathy Budd reported 45,000 children are at risk in Duval County and mentors are needed to help them. Kessler Mentoring provides free training for CPAC members. A background check, three references, a drivers' license check are needed. Mentors may be site-based at a school or community center. Or mentors may choose to be community based, Other mentors may choose to be progressive, starting as site based and progressing to community based as the mentors get better acquainted with their mentees. Reliability is necessary because the children depend on their mentors. A coordinator is available to assist mentors 24 hours daily. Ms. Budd announced that the director of Kessler Mentoring will be present at the next CPAC meeting and encouraged everyone to consider becoming a mentor.
- **Council Member's Announcements:** No report.
- **Duval County School Board:** The Hon. Vicki Drake reported DCSB
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority:** Todd Cox, Herlong Field Airport Manager, reported htat they were honored to everyone for the tour at Cecil Field. He said a hangar project at Herlong Field is in progress. Mr. Cox introduced his guests, pilots from Herlong Field.
- **Membership Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Grants Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Chuck Mann encouraged everyone to sign up to be a mentor. More information is available from Chuck Mann, 387-0636.
- **Economic Subcommittee:** No report. Chairman Martin asked for a volunteer to chair this subcommittee.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** Tree Kilbourn provided a written report which was available to attendees. Chairman Martin expressed his appreciation to Ms. Kilbourn for her diligence. She regularly provides notices of proposed zoning changes via e-mail as they become available. If you are not receiving copies, please provide your e-mail address to her at Tree4SWCPAC@yahoo.com.
- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** No report.

ShAdCo Subcommittee: Alice Turknett explained that there are six ShAdCo zones in JSO. The next meeting is 8/15/06, Highland's Little League, 10 a.m.. If you have any questions about ShAdCo or have information to report from your ShAdCo, contact Mrs. Turknett at 778-2686.

- **Florida Dep't. of Transportation:** Milton Locklear provided Public Workshop Notices for Aug. 29, Aug. 31, and Sept. 7 meetings about the outer beltway, including Brannanfield Chaffee, a crossing over the St. Johns River and SR 9B. More information is available from Mr. Locklear, 360-5686.
- **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):** Chuck Mann reported the 2006 bus tour, spotlight: Cecil, was excellent. Don Ingram added the entire tour was well organized and efficiently conducted.
- **Mayor's Liaison:** No report.
- **Planning & Development:** Folks Huxford reported that due to JEA's investment in Cecil Commerce Center, new development is being requested past Cecil Field. The Trails Rural Village applied to develop 1700 acres into residential and commercial properties. Yellow Water has applied to develop approximately 569 acres with 1138 residential units. On the north side on Normandy, 939 acres had an application change to a develop rural village consisting of 989 units and school sites. ICI Homes have proposed development of 2250 acres on 301 south of Baldwin into 2800 residential units, retail space, office space, a golf course, school and fire department. He said the development south of Baldwin is massive and will overlap county lines. Development of 194 acres on Yellow Water Road is proposed. The proposed Beaver Street rural village project of 2900 units will be withdrawn due to litigation issues but another developer wants the project. A total of 8,922 new residential units are proposed at this time.
- **Zoning Enforcement:** No report.
- **Building Inspection Division:** George Baker reported his department responds to complaints about non-permitted buildings, unlicensed contractors and sign ordinances. He asked residents to call 630-1100 to apply for a permit or to check if a permit is needed before work begins. Permits are needed for storage buildings, decks and many other projects. Mr. Baker asked that residents call 630-1100 to verify if a contractor is certified and that residents inspect the permit which should be posted before work begins. Mr. Baker said a permit is required if a sign is attached to a wall or on the ground but other signs must meet zoning restrictions. A question was raised about political signs. Mr. Baker said political signs are not exempt from the sign ordinance – they must not be on the right of way. Call 630-CITY to report violations.
- **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**
 - Property Safety: No report.
 - Neighborhood Services: Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - The CommUniverCity graduated 32 residents.
 - A Day of Faith, Aug. 12 hosted over 3,000 persons
 - Riverside Arts Festival, Sept. 9 -10, Riverside Park, 10 a.m. -5 p.m.
 - The CPAC picnic is Sept. 16. A dessert contest will be held – contestants and judges are needed. Games and activities are planned. Mayor Peyton and other dignitaries plan to stop by.
 - Neighborhood State Conference is Oct. 5 – 7, Ft. Lauderdale. Brochures available here.
 - Jacksonville Sea & Sky Spectacular, featuring Blue Angels, an amphibious landing demonstration, entertainment, games and children's activities, Nov. 2 – 4, Jacksonville Beach Oceanfront. Free admission
 - Neighborhood Services will be moving soon to 1 W. Adams St.. Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same.
 - Applications for becoming a partner for Blueprint for Prosperity are available at the meeting or call Mary Beth at 630-7043.

Announcements: Len Burroughs announced that the Northwest and Southwest CPAC plan a joint CPAC meeting and will host a candidate forum for March 6, 2007.

Old Business: Chuck Mann said no one mentioned Lee Martin's leadership in the bus tour. He conveyed his personal thanks and the gratitude of the committee for Mr. Martin's attendance at every meeting, his guidance and leadership on the project.

New Business: None

Adjournment: *The chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m..*

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at FCCJ Kent Campus, Building E-112.