# MEETING SUMMARY SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL Monday, June 12, 2006 7:00 p.m.

### SW CPAC Committee Members:

Lee Martin, Chairman Ralph Malphurs, Vice Chair Don Ingram, Charter Member Chuck Mann, Charter Member Jerry Spinks, Charter Member Charles Kelley, WARA Sally Robson, RSVP Len Burroughs, Murray Hill Pres. Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills James Nolting, Confederate Pt Steve Shaffer, Lexington Square Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries Sherry Bruner, Children's Home Soc

#### City Officials/Staff/Media/Guests:

Rusty Chandler, JAA Todd Cox, JAA Ben Giddens, Planning Folks Huxford, Planning Teresa Drake, Code Enf. Maggie Cabral-Maly, FCCJ Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD Tom Hackney, JSO Hon. Mia Jones Hon. Vicki Drake Daphne Colbert Susan Chappell, FCCJ Kent Susie Pontiff, FCCJ Cecil Center Donald Drake Irma Butler, Nia Terr. Jim Kelly, Clay Co. Leader Ethel Nolting Kathy Budd

Excused: Tree Kilbourn, Polly Walker, Alice Turknett, Rita Humphries and Sally Robson.

#### 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 May SW CPAC summary with the correction that Len Burroughs was present for the May meeting. *Charley Kelley made a motion to accept the minutes and a second was made by Steve Shafer. The vote: all in favor. None opposed.* 

#### Introductions/Acknowledgements:

Chairman Martin recognized the Honorable Mia Jones, her assistant Daphne Colburn, the Honorable Vicki Drake, JSO Assistant Chief Tom Hackney, and Susan Chappel, FCCJ. Mr. Martin thanked them for being present. Dr. Chappel introduced Maggie Cabral-Maly, Ph.D.. On June 19, 2006, Dr. Maggie will begin as President of FCCJ Kent Campus. Dr. Chappel also introduced Susie Pontiff, Director of FCCJ Cecil. Dr. Maly welcomed the SW CPAC to FCCJ and said she looked forward to working with the CPAC.

## Public Comments:

There were no public comments

## JSO Report:

• Chief Tom Hackney reported on JSO's Operations Safe Streets, which was created address the numbers of murders in the city. The number for the Zone 4 Substation is 573-3165.

# Reports & Announcements:

- **Chairman's Report**: Chairman Martin reported that Senator Steve Wise was scheduled to speak at tonight's CPAC, but Senator Wise did not appear for the meeting.
  - Mayor John Peyton is scheduled to speak to SW CPAC on October 9, 2006.
  - Last month resident Karen Harris announced during public comments section that nothing had been done about flooding in Melissa Estates. Chairman Martin has been in contact with COJ officials who arranged for an engineer to assess the problem. The engineer determined the cause of the flooding and he said he feels that progress has been made.
  - The chairman would like to chair the membership subcommittee next year and asked for volunteers to serve on the committee.
  - The SW CPAC was the first CPAC to begin the bus tour. The bus tour committee has been working hard on this year's tour, which will be a little different and will be called "Spotlight on Cecil". The bus tour is August 11, 2006.
  - There will be no SW CPACJ meeting in July. The next meeting is August 14, 2006.
- Council Member's Announcements: The Hon. Mia Jones reported that on April 24, 2006 she held a town hall meeting at Frank Peterson Academy and 80 constituents were present with concerns she and Ms. Colburn are working on those concerns. She commended the CPAC on adopting mentoring as a special project. She works with 15 schools in the district and the schools can identify students who need assistance. She is running for re-election and she expressed her appreciation for being able to serve the community.
- **Duval County School Board**: The Hon. Vicki Drake reported DCSB in partnership with FCCJ created a new dropout prevention programs aimed at children who are close to graduation or older children who have already dropped out of school.
- Jacksonville Aviation Authority: Rusty Chandler reported that the bus tour will include breakfast at the Cecil Recreation Center, with presentations and an overview of Cecil Field, Cecil Field JAA, Cecil Commerce Center and FCCJ. After breakfast, JEDC will host a windshield tour of Cecil Commerce Center and JAA will host a windshield tour of Cecil Field JAA with tour stops at Cecil businesses: Flightstar, Boeing Aviation, and LSI.
- Membership Subcommittee: No report.
- Grants Subcommittee: Sally Robson was not present.

• Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee: Chuck Mann reported that an article about mentoring had appeared in the April 27, 2006 Times Union which stated that 200 mentors were needed citywide but only 50 people volunteered. He *made a motion that the SW CPAC adopt mentoring as a special project. A second was made by Don Ingram. The vote; all in favor.* The CPAC will adopt mentoring as a special project. Mr. Mann said that mentors do not need special skills or degrees and he asked for volunteers to form a mentoring subcommittee. 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: Sally Robson was not present.

• Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee: Tree Kilbourn was excused. She 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 <u>Tree4SWCPAC@yahoo.com</u>.

• Community Safety Subcommittee: Mr. Tyson suggested that people be prepared for hurricane season, which started June 1. He noted that Neighborhood Services had provided handouts about taking care of pets during emergencies. – the handout includes pre-registration for pets who will evacuate with their owners to shelters. He stressed that pre-registration for pets is required.

• Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social): Chuck Mann reported that the focus this year is educating people about Cecil Field. The bus tour is August 11, 2006 and space is limited, so call Lee Martin (465-0096) to purchase tickets (\$5). Breakfast and lunch will be served. If you know of anyone who is interested in purchasing advertising space, Westside Business Leaders is selling ads in the program.

• Mayor's Liaison: Cal Ray was not present. Chariman Martin noted that due to Mr. Ray's presence last month and his subsequent assistance, certain issues were being resolved. Mr. Mann mentioned that Cal Ray assisted Murray Hill in obtaining a survey needed for a community landscaping project. Chairman Martin thanked Mr. Ray for his advocacy for the Westside.

• Planning & Development: Folks Huxford introduced Ben Giddens, who is also a SW planner assigned to the CPAC and who concentrates on zoning. Mr. Huxford reported on applications for land use changes. At Halsema Road and South of I-10 a project is proposed to change the use from residential to neighborhood commercial (Revels RV may be looking at the location). At Hunters Walk, the second phase of development is planned by changing land use from agriculture to residential. Brumos Porshce plans a Lexus and Mercedes dealership on Blanding Boulevard. At Sweetwater Park a project is planned for 120 town homes. At the old Christmas Tree Farm on Collins Road, 192 condominiums are planned. At the Oakleaf Center near Old Middleburg Road and Argyle a site plan has been submitted for a mall similar to St. Johns Town Center. Len Burroughs and Chuck Mann thanked Mr. Huxford for his assistance with the issue of a pool hall that applied for zoning variance in Murray Hill. Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Huxford for detailed monthly reports and reported that Mr. Huxford will give a full presentation on September 11, 2006.

- Zoning Enforcement: No report.
- Building Inspection Division: No report. Call 630-CITY to report a violation.

# Neighborhoods Department:

• Property Safety: Teresa Drake asked residents to identify and report (630-CITY) diseased or dead trees.

- Neighborhood Services: Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
  - The Mayor's Neighborhood Summit will be Friday, June 23 at the Prime Osborne Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Free workshops and exhibit area. Lunch is \$5 and pre-registration/pre-payment for lunch is required. Please call 630-7398 for more information.
  - The CommUniverCity will begin the "Training for Neighborhood Leaders 101". Sessions are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Jully 11 and will be held on Tuesdays, 6 to 9 p.m through August 10 at FCCJ Urban Resource Center, 601 E. State St.. This basic training is designed to help new leaders cultivate leadership skills. If you have never attended the leadership training, please call 630-7398 to register for the class.
  - Hurricane season began June 1. Are you ready? The city's emergency operation center stresses that everyone is responsible for his/her own food, water and other supplies. If you are instructed to evacuate, please evacuate early.
  - Are your pets ready for hurricane season? Some emergency shelters will begin taking pets but pre-registration is mandatory before pets will be admitted (register now!). Pre-registration forms and other pet evacuation information are available here.
  - The City of Jacksonville Department of Parks, Recreation, Entertainment and Conservation is introducing a series of concerts and festivals in neighborhoods throughout Jacksonville.

- Two concerts are scheduled for the summer. They will occur on June 23 at McGirts Creek Park on the Westside and July 14 at Clanzel T. Brown Park in the Northwest.
- Fall concerts will be scheduled for Oceanway Park in Northwest Jacksonville, Losco Regional Park in Mandarin and Ed Austin Park in Arlington.
- Neighborhood Services Division is moving soon to join Housing and Neighborhoods Department at the Police and Fire Building at 1 W. Adams Street. Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same.
- The next Mayor's Town Hall Meeting will in the SE District on Monday, June 19 at Twin Lakes Academy Middle School Auditorium, 8050 Point Meadows Dr..
- Freedom, Fanfare & Fireworks, July 3-4, 2006, Downtown Jacksonville
- Applications for becoming a partner for Blueprint for Prosperity are available for you at the meeting or call Mary Beth at 630-7043.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Adjournment: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m..

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