

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, May 8, 2006 7:00 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Lee Martin, Chairman
Ralph Malphurs, Vice Chair
Don Ingram, Charter Member
Chuck Mann, Charter Member
Carl Moore, Lakeside
Sally Robson, RSVP
Alice Turknnett, Timuquana Manor N.
Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor N.

Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills
James Nolting, Confederate Pt
Opal Burgstiner, Westside Business Leaders
Charles Kelley, WARA
Andrea Kemp, Council Appointee
Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries

City Officials/Staff/Media/Guests:

Cal Ray, Mayor's Liasion
Rusty Chandler, JAA
George Baker, Building Insp.
Havis York, Code Enforcement
Sherry Bruner, Children's Home Soc.
Debbie Israel-Messer, Argyle Today

Folks Huxdford, Planning
Bridgette Newman, Nia Terr.
Susan Chappell, FCCJ Kent
Karen Harris, Melissa Estates
Milton Locklear, FDOT

Janet Nipton
Ethel Nolting
Rita Humphries
Irma Butler, Nia Terr.
Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD

Excused: Johnny Carter, Sally Robson, Steve Shafffer, Jerry Spires, Andi Kemp and Robert Smith.

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 April SW CPAC summary with the correction that Len Burroughs was present for the April meeting. . *Len Burroughs made a motion to accept the minutes and a second was made by Carl Moore. The vote: all in favor. None opposed.*

JSO Report:

- No report. The number for the Zone 4 Substation is 573-3165.

Public Comments:

- Karen Harris, Melissa Estates, said that the rainy season is approaching. Although she has talked to many people about this issue, nothing has been done to resolve the problem of flooding inside the homes in her neighborhood. Cal Ray stated that he will contact the appropriate COJ personnel.

- **Introductions/Acknowledgements:**

Chairman Martin acknowledged everyone's dedication to the CPAC and thanked them for coming out on this rainy night. This evening's meeting will be a business and planning meeting.

Reports & Announcements:

- **Chairman's Report:** Chairman Martin made the following announcements:
 - Mayor John Peyton was unable to be present at the meeting. Mayor Peyton had conveyed his apologies to the members and rescheduled for October 9, 2006.
 - Hettie Johnson of Cedarhurst Residents Association passed away. In past years, Mrs. Johnson was very active in the SW CPAC. Mr. Martin offered his condolences and those of the CPAC to Mrs. Johnson's family and said that her passing was a loss to the community.
 - Rusty Chandler, Cecil Field, and Aimee Clancy, Herlong Field, will alternate presenting monthly staff reports for JAA, regarding airports located in the SW District.
 - The problems at the corner of Blanding Boulevard and 103rd Street are being addressed. The Chairman gave huge kudos to Derek Igou for his assistance in removing licensed and unlicensed vendors and blocking off the property at that location. Mr. Martin said that Mr. Igou and division staff are working with the property owners to permanently resolve the problem.
- **Council Member's Announcements:** No report.
- **Duval County School Board:**
No report.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority:** Rusty Chandler reported that businesses are expanding and numbers of employees are increasing at Cecil Field. Residents may have noticed more noise lately due to helicopters from Florida National Guard, preparing to deploy in June and also from orange and white Navy training jets from Texas and Mississippi that have been using Cecil Field as base of operations. JAA graduated 10 students last week in the JAA Young Aviators Program, which gets kids interested in aviation. Residents may call 573-1613 if they know of students, usually grades 9-12, interested in aviation, who might enjoy the next classes held on Saturdays. Residents are invited to attend Herlong Field's open house May 31, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. . Mr. Chandler expressed his appreciation to the CPAC for the opportunity to provide updates and other reports.
- **Membership Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Grants Subcommittee:** Sally Robson was excused. No report.
- **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 described mentoring as a way to get something done that costs no money and little time. Sherry Brunner said she mentors at Children's Home Society (CHS). CHS offers a mentoring program that makes a big difference in the lives of kids whose parents are incarcerated. CHS has a site on the Westside. Debbie Israel Messer said she mentors and mentoring works with kids of all ages and types. Mr. Mann said that mentors do not need special skills or degrees and he suggested the CPAC send mentors to area schools. More information is available from Chuck Mann, 387-0636, or DeWitt Robinson, 390-2511, or Kessler Mentoring Center, 224-2400, or from Boy Scouts, Carl Moore, 224-7518. Lee Martin volunteered to become a mentor and encouraged other members and guests to participate.
- **Economic Subcommittee:** No report. Chairman Martin asked for a volunteer to chair this subcommittee.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** Sally Robson was excused. No report .
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** Robert Smith was excused. Tree Kilbourn prepared a written report. 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 Tree4SWCPAC@yahoo.com.
- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** Mr. Tyson suggested that people use sun screen when outside.

- **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):** The bus tour committee reported the bus tour date is August 11. The tour tentatively consists of visiting businesses located at Cecil Field/Cecil Commerce Center. More information will be provided at the June meeting.
- **Mayor's Liaison:** Cal Ray reported that Mayor John Peyton announced a new neighborhoods initiative, Growing Great Neighborhoods – Seeds of Change, a citywide effort with pilot programs focusing on two neighborhoods, Historic Arlington and Northwest Jacksonville.
- **Planning & Development:** Folks Huxford reported updates on planned schools – Argyle Forest (K-8), 103rd near Bent Creek will open 2009-2010; Chaffee Road (K-6) will break ground this month and will have room for later development of middle and high schools. A shopping center is slated for Normandy and Chaffee Roads, currently some environmental issues are being addressed at that location due to former use by U-Pull It. An application has been made for low density residential development on 756 acres on Normandy Boulevard, past Yellow Water Road. An application has been made to change a former apartment complex to commercial use. Brad Thoburn will move to the Planning Department.
- **Zoning Enforcement:** Havis York reported his division completed 206 inspections, including unsafe structures, nuisance violations, junk vehicles and commercial violations in one week.
- Building Inspection Division:** George Baker described the duties of his division. He mentioned that they also enforce the 1987 sign ordinance, which includes banners. Banners must be permitted when displayed outside. A question was asked about fines and Mr. Baker replied that some businesses factor the cost of fines into their budget and continue to break the law. Call 630-CITY to report a violation. To request a copy of what does not need to be permitted, call 630-1100.
- **Neighborhoods Department:**
 - Property Safety: No report.
 - Neighborhood Services: Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - Mr. Mann and Mr. Martin attended and Neighborhood Services staffed the mayor's press conference about Growing Great Neighborhoods- Seeds of Change. It is a city wide initiative that will begin by focusing on two pilot neighborhoods.
 - Neighborhood Services assisted with Councilwoman Mia Jones town hall meeting on April 24 at Petersen Academy.
 - Neighborhood Services trained 75 residents at the workshop – Homeowners Associations: Your Rights & Responsibilities, April 18. At that meeting, Mary Beth mentioned that University of Florida IFAS Extension would offer a class on pond management. Charley Kelley was asked for information and he announced the following:
 - Ponds Management Workshop is May 18, 5:30 p.m. and costs \$15. Brochures are available at the CPAC meeting. Call 266-0088 for more information.
 - May 9 -12 Habijax volunteers needed. Call 630-3962 Christy Valeta.
 - May 10 - Fun with the Suns – COJ Adults Services & Disabled Services offers a free afternoon of baseball - free admission and lunch for seniors and disabled citizens (any age). Free parking with disabled placard. Game time 1:05 p.m.
 - May 11 , 9 a.m. – Jacksonville Waterways Commission Meeting in Council Chambers. Topics include abandoned boats and manatee update.
 - May 11, 1:30 p.m - Lynette Self, Chair of Waterways Commission, meeting in Conference Room A, Suite 425, about vessels anchored in Ortega River and manatee signage.
 - May 16 - NSD - Grants for Community Improvement- 5:30-7:45 p.m.. To reserve a seat contact Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 630-7024.
 - May 29, 10 a.m. - ceremony at Veterans Memorial Wall to honor local soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen.

- June 23 - Plan ahead for the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit, June 23 at the Prime Osborne Convention Center.
- Jax Main Library is looking for volunteers for the book/gift shop. Volunteers will receive \$2 credit per hour towards purchase of books. Call Sherry Futch, 630-2304.
- 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:**

Dr. Chappell announced that she will be leaving FCCJ Kent and Dr. Margarita Cabral-Maly ("Dr. Maggie") will assume the presidency of FCCJ Kent Campus on June 19, 2006. Dr. Chappell said her new position is the Executive Director of FCCJ Martin Center (downtown- 501 State St.). She said she had enjoyed working with the SW CPAC and she will be available to assist with the transition. Chairman Martin thanked Dr. Chappell for her dedication to the CPAC and wished her well in her new work.

Adjournment:

- *A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Mann and a second by Bruce Tyson. The vote: all in favor. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m..*

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 12, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at FCCJ Kent Campus, Building E-112. **The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the same location.**

