

**MEETING SUMMARY SW CPAC  
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FCCJ Kent Campus – Student Union Building G-126 – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd.  
Monday, May 9, 2005  
7:00 p.m.**

**SW CPAC Committee Members:**

Lee Martin, Chair	Rhonda Brewer, RAP	Len Buroughs, Murray Hill
Dick Jackson, RSVP	Richard Darby, Charter Member	Dorothy Hull, Spring Branch
Andrea Kemp, Council Appointee	Sally Robson, RSVP	Don Ingram, Charter Member
Alice Turknett, Timuquana Manor	Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor	Charles Mann, Charter Member
Johnny Carter, Charter Member	Dick Jackson, RSVP	Curtis Johnson, Sweetwater
Marlaine Jordan Mills, Cedar Hills	Jerry Spinks, Charter Member	Carl Moore, Lakeside
Alice Turknett, Timuquana Manor N.	Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries	

**City Officials/Staff/Media/Guests**

Cal Ray, Mayor's Liaison	Michael Mendez	Theresa Rooney, OHPA
Pete Sutherland, Property Safety	Jim Kelley, Clay Today	Virginia Gardner, OHPA
Tim Starling, Property Safety	George Baker, Building Insp.	Laura Langton, OHPA
Folks Huxford, Planning & Dev.	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NSD	Mike Langton, OHPA
Officer C.A. Wall, JSO – Zone 4	Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD	B.J. Butler
Sgt. J.C. Stang, JSO Zone 4	Tony Nasrallah, MHPA	Paula Wingo
Susan Chappell, FCCJ Kent		

Excused: Ralph Malphurs, Opal Burgstiner, Jean McCorkle, Steve Shaffer.

**Call to Order/Quorum**

Chairperson Lee Martin called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. at FCCJ Kent Campus Student Union Building G-126, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., and welcomed everyone. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman.

**JSO Report:** Sargeant Charles Wall, ShAdCo Sector J, reported an increase in auto thefts in the area. To decrease numbers: JSO will issue warnings and citations to citizens who leave keys in the ignition; provide education/fliers in community; bait vehicles, and arrest thieves. Officer Wall advised residents to remove valuables from their cars – they should not leave purses, cell phones or loose change in open view or in the trunk of vehicles. It appears that the same people who are stealing cars are responsible for burglaries in the area. He added that illegal drugs drive all crimes in the area. The following issues were raised:

- Speeding on San Juan near Herschel and in 6500-6900 blocks of Old Middleburg Road. Officer Wall asked residents to call – and keep calling- when speeders are present.
- Drag racers congregate at the Target store then race on Timuquana near Blount Road. Officer Wall said last week, with the assistance of JSO helicopters, JSO arrested 4 of about 30 drag racers – when officers stopped the 4 racers, the others scattered
- Lack of summer activities for youth and the need for a PAL in the Sweetwater area. Officer Wall said he would speak with Lt. Deal.
- Disturbances and property damage taking place on Saturday nights in Spring Branch. Officer Wall took note of the area's address.
- Panhandlers at Argyle and Blanding Blvd.. Officer Wall said it is a lucrative corner and panhandlers congregate nearby under a bridge, which is private property. He said JSO plans to contact the bridge's owner and request that the owner post no trespassing signs, so JSO can issue trespass warnings, then arrest panhandlers.

- Compliance with the recently passed gun legislation. Officer Wall explained the law will not be in effect until October 1, 2005 - he will explain fully at the October meeting
- Residents thanked JSO for assistance with a sex offender who lived in their neighborhood.  
The Chair thanked Officer Wall for attending. If you have any questions for Officer Wall, please call the JSO substation at 573-3165.

**Approval of the Meeting Summary**

*A motion to approve the April SW CPAC summary as written was made by Len Burroughs, and a second by Chuck Mann. The vote: all were in favor. None opposed.*

**Introductions/Acknowledgements:**

Chair Martin thanked Cal Ray, Mayor’s Liaison, for being present.

**Public Comments:** No public comments were made.

**Guest Speaker:**

Theresa Rooney, Oak Haven Preservation Association, explained the proposed ordinance 2005-561, amending the text of future land use element of the Comprehensive Plan, that will revise the definition of a “node”. Ms. Rooney explained that the new definition removes any discretion to determine if a property is part of a node – there is currently an issue in her area, but the impact of the change will be citywide. She asked CPAC members to go on record to oppose the changes in the text.

*Member Don Ingram made a motion to support not changing the definition of a node. Member Len Burroughs made a second. The vote: 14 in favor; none opposed.* The motion passed. Chairman Martin announced he will provide a letter to council members, in support of not changing the definition of a node. The Chair thanked Theresa Rooney for her presentation.

**Sub Committee Reports & Announcements:**

• **Chairman’s Report:** City Guides are available and Chairman Martin encouraged members and guests to pick up copies.

- Chairman Martin reported that he will establish an Executive Committee which will consist of chairs of all subcommittees and 2 at-large members. Members of the Executive Committee will be appointed by the chair. The purpose of the committee is to establish a better understanding of the major issues facing the district and to pool energies to make necessary changes. The committee will meet once each month, possibly the same night - one hour earlier - than the SW CPAC scheduled meeting. At the June 13 meeting, the chair will present the members of the Executive Committee to the members and guests.
- The Chairman reported that in July the scheduled meeting place is Forrest High School, but the school will be in the process of being painted and unavailable for meeting. *Member Richard Darby made motion to suspend the SW CPAC meeting for July, 2005/resume August 8, 2005. A second was made by Len Burroughs. The vote: all in favor.* The July meeting will be suspended and the meetings will resume August 8, 2005.

• **Council Member’s Announcements:** No report

• **Membership Subcommittee:** No report.

• **Grants Subcommittee:** Member Sally Robson reported that 8 applications were received from JCC last week. There was discussion about the problems/delays experienced last year in getting payments to recipients of the grant. The Chair said he will help follow up.

• **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** No report.

• **Economic Subcommittee:** No report.

- **Beautification Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** Chairman Martin announced that copies of the LUZ report, prepared by member Tree Kilbourn, are available.
- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):**
  - **Bus tour:** Chairman Martin announced the route for the bus tour: Normandy to Herlong to Fouraker to Wilson to Old Middleburg Rd. to 103rd St., which provides the widest area of coverage. The Chair mentioned that Carl Moore is doing a lot behind the scenes to arrange the bus tour.
  - **Mayor's Award:** The Chairman announced the subcommittee nominated Cinammon Lakes for the organization - for their project with Greenscape. For the individual, the subcommittee nominated Liza Adkison for her personal commitment to clean up trash. *Len Burroughs made a nomination from the floor* for the organization award: Tony Nasrallah, Murray Hill Theatre Ministries, for providing a drug free, alcohol free, safe night spot for young people - for 10 years. No other nominations were made for organizations or individuals. The Chair announced the nominations closed. *The vote: Cinnamon Lakes – 7; Murray Hill Theatre Ministries – 6.* Chairman Martin announced that Liza Adkison will receive the individual award and Cinnamon Lakes will receive the organization award. The Chair commented that Murray Hill Theatre Ministries is a tremendous asset to the community and he commended Tony Nasrallah for his work.

#### Staff Reports :

- **Mayor's Liaison:** Cal Ray reported a successful season with lobbyists in Tallahassee regarding the BRAC. He said an article in today's Times Union described the proposed BRAC changes which may benefit Jacksonville. Chairman Martin added that Senator Stephen Wise will provide a complete review of the BRAC proposals at the June 13 SW CPAC meeting.
- **Planning & Development:** No report.
- **Zoning Enforcement:** No report.
- **Building Inspection Division:** George Baker encouraged residents to apply for permits before installing buildings and signs.
  - A question was raised about fences and sheds. Mr. Baker explained that fences are zoning issues but sheds require a permit from Building Inspection Division.
- **Neighborhoods Department:**
  - **Property Safety:** Pete Sutherland reported that their office enforces minimum housing, unsafe structures, junk vehicles and nuisance property. He asked residents call 630-CITY if they see a vacant/open structure. Their division recently processed about 70 calls from the SW, and had one abandoned building demolished on West Beaver St..
    - A question was raised about enforcement of privacy fence repairs and Mr. Sutherland responded that they enforce repairs of privacy fences, but they can only process things that are visible from a street, alley or neighboring yard. If residents report problems that cannot easily be seen from the street, residents can grant officers permission to enter their own property to view the problem.
    - A question was raised about recreational vehicles parked in driveways. Mr. Sutherland explained that is usually a zoning problem and he encouraged residents to call 630-CITY.
    - A question was raised about abandoned cars. Mr. Sutherland explained that 33 days after proper notice to the owners, the vehicle can be removed. Junk vehicles may be reported at 630-CITY.
      - **Consumer Affairs:** No report.
      - **Neighborhood Services:** Mary Beth Ridderman reported that NSD staff is preparing for the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit, June 24, and encouraged residents to mark their calendars. Ms. Riddeman made the following announcements:

- The Mayor's Family Summit is May 13 -14 at the Prime Osborne Convention Center.
- The Mayor's Neighborhood Summit is June 24 at the Prime Osborne Convention Center.
- Leadership Training is July 12 - September 1.
- The SW CPAC bus tour is August 25.
- The Florida Neighborhoods Conference is October 20 - 22 in Lakeland.
- Neighborhoods magazine has requested local news items. Please call Mary Beth at 630-7043 with information from your neighborhoods.
- Please call 630-CITY (630-2489) to report a City problem.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by member Chuck Mann and a second by member Len Burroughs. The Vote: All in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.*

**Please note the change: the next meeting will be on Monday, August 8, 2005 at FCCJ, Kent Campus, at 7:00 p.m.**