

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, November 5, 2007, 7 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Ralph J. Malphurs, Sr., Charter Member, Chair
Charles Mann, Charter Member, Vice Chair
Jerry Spinks, Charter Member
Kathy Budd, District 10 Appointee
Len Burroughs, Murray Hill Preservation
Opal Burgstiner, WSBLA

Charles Kelley, WARA
James Nolting, Confederate Point
Robert Smith, Family Investment
Alice Turknnett, Timuquana Manor N.
Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries
Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor N.

Excused: Jean Grimsley, Don Ingram.

Guests/Guest Speakers

Media/ City Staff/City Officials/ Other Officials

Andy Hetzel, Planning & Development
Lt. R. A. Norse, JSO
Milton Locklear, FDOT
James M. Quinn, Municipal Code Enforcement
Mary Beth Ridderman, Neighborhood Services

Call to Order/Quorum:

Chair Ralph Malphurs called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development Division.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

Chair Malphurs asked for approval of the September SW CPAC Summary. *A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the summary. The vote: all in favor. None opposed.*

JSO Report:

Lt. R.A. Norse reported the arrest of a man who confessed to theft of air conditioning units. JSO caught one man in the act of breaking into the ABC Liquors on Blanding Boulevard and this cleared up four similar incidents at ABC stores. The man is a 30 year old career criminal with a history of over 30 arrests who lives in Zone 5. A rash of breaking into bars and coin machines has begun. Violent crime is up one percent (the prior month it was down) and property crime is down thirteen percent. Burglaries to businesses increased nine percent, burglaries to residence are down 39 percent. Lt. Norse reported JSO has begun a new program – Crime Free Multi-Family Housing which has been successful in reducing crime in other cities. He said auto burglaries are the highest number of crimes in the city and in the nation and a lot of it is due to cars being unlocked, keys left in the car and personal items visible in the car. He cautioned residents to lock their vehicles, take the keys, store valuables, including loose change, out of sight or out of the vehicle. The number for the Zone 4 Substation is 573-3165.

Public Comments:

Charter Member Jerry Spinks announced he is a member of the commission created by City Council to study unlicensed cemeteries. He mentioned several unlicensed cemeteries in the city, Yukon, where slaves were buried who worked for plantation owners living along the St. Johns River; Gravely Cemetery which is cared for by the Friends of Gravely – they have located, cleaned, reinstalled and documented headstones; the Pickett Cemetery. The commission is looking for ideas so the cemeteries could be restored and cared for as community parks, perhaps

find private organizations or church groups who would be willing to care for them as an ongoing project.

Action Item: The vote on the amendment to the bylaws was not held because not enough members were present (13 members were needed – 10 were present). The election of officers was held because only a quorum is needed. Ralph Malphurs and Charles Mann were elected chair and vice chair to serve a second term.

Reports & Announcements:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** No report
 - **Planning and Development:**
 - **Current Planning Division:** Andy Hetzel provided a printed report on current land use amendments and upcoming hearings. Copies of proposed land use amendments will be provided by e-mail upon request. For more information, call Andy Hetzel at 630-7157. The Chair and members said how much the report was appreciated.
 - **Building Inspection:** No report. Andee Camp may be reached at 255-8638.
 - **Environmental and Compliance Dep't.**
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division:** James Quinn reported Robert Prado will no longer attend the SW CPAC meetings. Zoning and property safety are merging and staff is being cross-trained.
 - **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**
 - **Community Development Division:** Mary Beth Ridderman reported that she is scheduled to begin training in Crime Free Multi-housing program mentioned earlier by Lt. Norse.
 - **Council Member's Announcements:** No report.
 - **Duval County School Board:** No report. The Honorable Vicki Drake may be contacted at 390-2000 or drakev@educationcentral.org.
 - **Jacksonville Aviation Authority:** No report.
 - **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Chuck Mann reported that he has worked with the new superintendent and he will go a good job. Kathy Budd reminded everyone they may call her to learn more about becoming a mentor (693-2833).
- Economic Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** No report. Kathy Budd asked if the beautification committee might consider working on an unlicensed cemetery as a project. Chair Malphurs said that was a good idea and would be discussed with subcommittee chair Johnny Carter.
 - **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** No report.
 - **Community Safety Subcommittee:** Bruce Tyson suggested everyone check their heaters and smoke detectors.
 - **ShAdCo Subcommittee:** Alice Turknett reported that Sector J will meet 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Willowbranch Library. The next meeting is December 27 and refreshments will be served. For more information about ShAdCo, call Alice Turknett (778-2686) or the JSO Zone 4 Substation (573-3165).
 - **Florida Dep't. of Transportation:** Milton Locklear announced a public meeting about the Rapid Transit System on October 18, 2007, 4:30-7:30 at FCCJ Kent Campus, Building D-120.
 - **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):**
 - **Membership:** No report. No meetings are scheduled. Roseanne Vernon said she will call the subcommittee chair, Robert Smith, to ask to set up a meeting.
 - **Annual Social –** Kathy Budd reported the date for the holiday social is 7 p.m. on Dec. 10, 2007. The CPAC will have a 15 minute business meeting before the social begins. Kathy passed around a sign up sheet for covered dishes. She said if people don't want to cook, they could bring paper goods or cold drinks or she will accept money to purchase food.

She asked for volunteers for the social committee – the committee will meet on Nov. 5 at 6:30 in the FCCJ Kent student cafeteria. For more information, call Kathy Budd at 693-2833.

- **Chairman's Report:** Chair Ralph Malphurs said listed the items in the addendum to his report, which he distributed. To save time during the meeting, he asked that members read the attachments: JAA's request to lengthen Craig Airport runway and increase public safety
 - o Cecil Commerce Center and request to lease property to Masonic Temple
 - o Urban Core's request for support from CPACs re. Child Obesity.
 - o Accounting from 2007 bus tour.

Mr. Malphurs added that a decision will be made on spending the proceeds from the bus tour. The Chamber of Commerce is currently holding the funds. The amount due to the SW CPAC is \$657.00. The Chamber will use the other half of the proceeds to apply to their scholarship fund. Discussion was held, then tabled for the next meeting, until Mary Beth Ridderman could contact the bus company and the Chamber for answers to specific questions.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote - all in favor, none opposed. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.*

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 10 2007, at FCCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., D-120, at 7 p.m. Please call Ralph Malphurs (786-3137) or Mary Beth Ridderman (255-8260) for more information.

Please note change in meeting location: D-120.

The Executive Committee will not meet on December 10.

The Social Subcommittee will meet at 2:30 p.m., December 10, 2:30 p.m. to prepare for the social.