

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, Oct. 9, 2006 7:00 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Lee Martin, Chairman
Ralph Malphurs, Vice Chair
Don Ingram, Charter Member
Roseanne Vernon, Oak Hills Estates
Sally Robson, RSVP
Charles Kelley, WARA
Robert Smith, The Family Investment

Len Burroughs, Murray Hill Pres.
Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills
Alice Turknnett, Timuquana Manor Watch
Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor Watch
Opal Burgstiner, Westside Business Leaders
Jim Nolting, Confederate Point Civic Ass'n.
Jean Grimsley, RAP

City Officials/Staff/Media/Guests:

Mayor John Peyton
Debbie Israel-Messer, Argyle Today
George Baker, Building Inspection
Folks Huxford, Planning & Development
Dr. Maggie Maly, FCCJ Kent Campus
Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD

Bruce Burgstiner
Rita Humphries
Havis York, Code Enf.
Lt. A. Eason, JSO

Milton Locklear, FDOT
Kathy Budd
David Hodges, Argyle Area
Dr. Leonard Kraft
Joclyn Turner, Duval Health Dep't.

Excused: Steve Shaffer, Chuck Mann, Tree Kilbourn, Bruce Tyson

Call to Order/Quorum:

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

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

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

Introductions/Acknowledgements:

Chairman Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being present.

Public Comments:

- Opal Burgstiner announced Westside Business Leaders Association will host a social on October 10 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn at Commonwealth Avenue and I-295.
- Joclyn Turner announced that she will be attending SW CPAC meetings as a representative of the Duval County Health Dep't. (DCHD). DCHD will host a series of town hall meetings throughout the city. The series titled **"Your Health, Our City: A Town Hall Meeting,"** will be hosted by DCDH Director Dr. Robert Harmon. (Nov. 15, 2006, 6. p.m. at the Web Wesconnett Library. Topics of discussion will include diabetes, cancer, obesity, HIV/AIDS, stroke, sexually transmitted diseases, violence and more.)
- David Hodges, Argyle Area Civic Council, commented :
 - CARE issues are being closed out without the issue being looked at, often because someone incorrectly entered the issue or sent it to the wrong department.
 - Training should be offered for air traffic controllers
 - Dr. Maly, FCCJ, answered that FCCJ currently offers classes in an aeronautics and hopes to offer classes in air traffic control by the 2007 fall semester.

- Inmate workers are needed to clean ditches and creeks of overgrowth and debris
 - Mayor John Peyton said that inmates are working primarily in the Seeds of Change areas
- Increased library evening hours are needed, perhaps by opening later in the morning because the libraries are closed when people get home from work
 - Mayor John Peyton said that the library budget has doubled in five years. Every COJ department, except Public Safety, has had budget cuts. The city's goal is to extend library hours, but that is not in the budget at this time (For the written record, the hours for libraries: Webb Wesconnett, West Regional and Argyle are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday – Friday; 10-6 Friday and Saturday; 1-6 Sunday {except June and holidays}).
- College students should be encouraged to supervise summer parks activities
 - Mayor John Peyton replied that the city has a huge number of summer camper-ships and it is a great crime fighting tool for the city.
- Technical high schools should offer special summer programs
- Retirees should be utilized as mentors in schools
 - Mayor John Peyton replied that Mayor's Older Buddies (MOB) and Retired Senior Volunteer Corps Program (RSVP) are utilized as mentors in area schools but more mentors are always needed.

JSO Report: Lt. Eason reported on Zone 4 crime statistics – violent crimes were down 19% in the past seven days, property crimes were down 15% in the past seven days, with violent crimes up 12% and property crimes down 11% during the past 30 days. A question was asked about JSO policy regarding complaints about school buses and semi trucks parked in a residential area. Lt. Eason replied that JSO officers respond and if the vehicle is parked in a residential area, the officer issues a citation and /or contacts code enforcement. A question was asked about persons pretending to be good Samaritans and preying on elderly women. Lt. Eason explained that certain people stopped to help elderly women who had flat tires. The people then robbed the women. Lt. Eason suggested that everyone be careful – be polite, but do not accept assistance from strangers. JSO will respond if a call is made for assistance. A question was asked about "Walking Wednesdays". Lt. Eason replied that every Wednesday, pastors, JSO officers and residents walk in designated areas to show police presence, to get to know the residents, and to encourage reporting of crimes. A question was raised about the increase in property crimes in the RAP area (14 incidents occurred in daytime). Lt. Eason explained that when the environment for crime is rich, crime occurs. He encouraged everyone to keep garage doors closed, lock the home's front door when they are working in the back yard, and not to leave valuables in view in their cars. The number for the Zone 4 Substation is 573-3165. Chairman Martin thanked Lt. Eason and expressed his appreciation for JSO's hard work in the community.

Reports & Announcements:

- **Chairman's Report:**
 - Lee Martin introduced Virginia Norton.
 - Ms. Norton announced that she is a candidate for Group 17, County Judge.
 - Lee Martin introduced the guest speaker, Mayor John Peyton. Chairman Martin said the previous administration adopted the Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP), but the current mayor has the job of implementing the plan. Chairman Martin added that Mayor John Peyton is doing a wonderful job implementing the BJP and overcoming the obstacles.
- **Presentation:** Mayor John Peyton recognized the hosts of the CPAC meeting, Florida Community College at Jacksonville. He recognized Dr. Maly and thanked her for FCCJ's ongoing support of the CPACs. He said that once residents vote "no" on the Cecil Field referendum, FCCJ Kent Campus will build an aeronautics school at Cecil Field. Mayor John Peyton said he appreciates JSO's report and their ongoing response to the CPAC. He said he values the CPACs and

appreciates the work of the members. The mayor discussed the community's extraordinary response to the problem of violent crime. Although crime numbers are down 50% over the past 15 years, the numbers of murders are an anomaly. The Day of Faith rallied 8,000 people and connected them to city resources. The Chamber of Commerce has initiated gun buy back programs. State Attorney Harry Shorstein has assigned two special prosecutors for violent crimes, but the system is a revolving door – arrests are made on anonymous tips, but the alleged perpetrators cannot be prosecuted because there are no witnesses. The community has mobilized and has responded to the crimes at every level. He said the city will continue to keep the pressure on. In the long term, education is needed because early literacy is the number one predictor of how far a child will go in school, types of future jobs and criminal involvement. He discussed the Blueprint for Prosperity, which identifies areas that need to be improved. He encouraged everyone to become Blueprint partners. In the interim, the Seeds of Change program will address the needs in the community.

The mayor reported that each day 1000 people move to Florida, with 72-80 of those moving to this region. He said it is important that people recognize that development is regional development, not county development. Duval County will reach a build-out phase in 2030 and a vision plan is needed for the city. The plan should address funding infrastructure, because it impacts the quality of life; low density requirements should be rethought, environmentally sensitive land and the St. Johns; River should be protected and industrial land should be vigorously protected.

Questions were raised about (1) prevention of silting of the rivers. Mayor John Peyton answered that projects are under way to address the problem (2) failing septic tanks. Mayor John Peyton replied that the city is seeking federal funding for septic tank mitigation. (3) panhandlers in downtown. The mayor replied that the city assists organizations that work with the homeless (4) the vote on 11/7/06 about Cecil Field. Mayor John Peyton said he is pro Navy. He said he is against the return of the master jet base to Cecil Field and the Navy does not want to be at Cecil Field.

Mayor John Peyton thanked Lee Martin and Ralph Malphurs for their leadership in the CPAC. The mayor said he believes in CPAC and relies on the information provided by the CPAC chair. He said he appreciates everyone's time in participating in the CPAC but he wished that every seat was filled.

Chairman Martin thanked the mayor for visiting the CPAC and made the following announcements:

- A nomination committee was appointed – Len Burroughs, Robert Smith and Don Ingram. The chair invited Kathy Budd (currently not a CPAC member) to serve on the nomination committee to provide assistance.
 - A social committee is needed for the Dec. 11 CPAC social. Opal Burgstiner volunteered to chair the subcommittee. She said she will contact Jean McCorkle, who has made arrangements in past years. Kathy Budd volunteered to assist on the subcommittee.
 - Due to lack of time, the CPAC subcommittee chairs and staff members will forgo making their reports.
- **Council Member's Announcements:** No report.
 - **Duval County School Board:** No report.
 - **Jacksonville Aviation Authority:** Rusty Chandler was present, but time did not allow a report.
 - **Membership Subcommittee:** No report.
 - **Grants Subcommittee:** Sally Robson was present, but time did not allow a report.
 - **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Chuck Mann was excused.
 - **Economic Subcommittee:** No report. Volunteers are needed.
 - **Beautification Subcommittee:** Sally Robson was present, but time did not allow a report.

- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** Robert Smith was present but time did not allow a report. Tree Kilbourn provided a written report. 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:** Bruce Tyson was excused.
- **ShAdCo Subcommittee:** Alice Turknett was present, but time did not allow a report. 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 was present but but time did not allow a report report. To contact Mr. Locklear, call 360-5686.
- **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):** No report.
- **Mayor's Liaison:** No report.
- **Planning & Development:** Folks Huxford was present, but time did not allow a report
- **Zoning Enforcement:** No report.
- **Building Inspection Division:** George Baker was present but time did not allow a report. Call 630-CITY to report violations.
- **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**
 - Property Safety: Havis York was present, but time did not allow a report report.
 - Neighborhood Services: Mary Beth Ridderman was present but time did not allow a report.

Announcements: None.

Old Business:

- Chairman Martin announced that volunteers are needed for the CPAC mentoring program. The Kesler Mentoring Connection (9700 Phillips Highway, Suite 102, Jacksonville, FL 32256, (904) 224-2400, Cynthia@mentoringconnection.org) will provide free training to CPAC members. Orientations will be scheduled. Kathy Budd and Lee Martin offered to form car pools to transport future mentors to the Oct. 12 orientation. The chairman mentioned that mentoring is a CPAC project and important to the Blueprint for Prosperity.
- Mary Beth Ridderman announced she will attach (to the CPAC summary) any reports or announcements from subcommittee chairs, city staff members and others. Please forward information to MaryBeth@coj.net or call 630-7043.

New Business:

- Chairman Lee Martin raised the issue of Cecil Field. He said the mayor has stated his position on this issue and has backing from City Council Members. The chairman said he has avoided asking the CPAC to take a position on the issue because he did not want to split the CPAC. He said his view on that has changed now because on Nov. 7 the rest of Duval County will be voting. The chairman said it is very important for the SW CPAC, which houses Cecil Commerce Center, to take a position on the issue.
A motion to create a resolution to support the mayor in his position on the issue of Cecil Field was made and seconded. The Chairman opened the floor to discussion. Considerable discussion followed on whether or not the results of the referendum will be binding or non-binding. Discussion included whether or not the CPAC had previously voted on the issue of the Navy returning to Cecil Filed. Chairman Martin asked for a show of hands of all of those in support of drafting a resolution in support of the mayor's and City Council's position on Cecil Commerce Center. Mary Beth Ridderman called for a point of order - only members will vote. Mary Beth Ridderman and Lee Martin counted 10. Opal Burgstiner confirmed the number (10). *The vote: 10 were in favor. None were opposed.* Ralph Malphurs, Robert Smith and Charley Kelley abstained from voting (form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Muniicipal and Other Local Public Officers will be mailed to them to be incorporated into the record). Chairman Martin said he will assist Don Ingram to draft the resolution and members will be distributed copies of the resolution by e-mail or mail.

A question was raised of notification for other CPACs. Chairman Martin said the other CPACs will be notified of the SW CPAC's position. He said he has been invited to the other CPACs to let them know the SW CPAC's position. A question was raised how the other CPACs had knowledge that the resolution would be voted on. Chairman Martin replied that it was discussed by the CPAC chairs.

- Len Burroughs asked members to contact him with nominations or suggestions for nominees for chair and vice chair. (838-3284). Robert Smith also asked for input from members.

Adjournment: *The chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m..*

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 13, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at FCCJ Kent Campus, Building E-112. ***Note: an election will be held for the 2007 officers. One representative from each organization in good standing (has not missed three consecutive meetings) will vote by prepared ballot.***