

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
FCCJ Kent Campus – Building E -104 – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd.  
Monday, September 12, 2005 7:00 p.m.

**SW CPAC Committee Members:**

Lee Martin, Chair	Robert Smith, Family Investment	Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills
Ralph Malphurs, Vice Chair	Rita Humphries, Timuquana Manor	Steve Shaffer, Lexington Sq.
Andrea Kemp, Council Appointee	Sally Robson, RSVP	Don Ingram, Charter Member
Dick Jackson, RSVP	Alice Turknnett, Timuquana Manor	Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor
Curtis Johnson, Sweetwater	Cheryl Gresham, Shindler Crossing	

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

Andee Camp, Building Inspections	Richard Clemments	Alberta Hipps
Folks Huxford, Planning & Dev.	Gary Dasher, WBLA	Judy Mansisida
Susan Chappell, FCCJ Kent	Harvey McLemore	Vicki Drake, DCPS
Rose Powell, Jax Human Rights	Frances McLemore	Milton Locklear, FDOT
Mary Ann Myler, Lakeside/Ortega	incent Tarver, Property Safety	Sandy Strickland, TU
Debbie Israel Messer, Clay/Argyle Today	Pete Sutherland, Property Safety	
Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD	Tim Starling, Property Safety	

Excused: Carl Moore, Chuck Mann, Lynn Burroughs, Tree Kilbourn, Charles Kelley, Jackie Woods, Richard Darby.

**Call to Order/Quorum**

Chair Lee Martin called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at FCCJ Kent Campus Building E, Room 112-F, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., welcomed everyone. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman.

- **JSO Report:** No report

**Approval of the Meeting Summary**

*Chair Martin approved August SW CPAC summary. Don Ingram made a motion to accept the minutes and a second was made by Robert Smith. The vote: all were in favor. None opposed*

**Public Comments:**

- Richard Clements, 781-9974, asked for people to call him with comments for and against the return of jets to Cecil Field.
- Ralph Malphurs announced that a ceremony to recognize POW/MIAs will be held Sept. 16, 10 a.m. at NAS.

**Introductions/Acknowledgements:**

- Chair Martin recognized Sandy Strickland, Vicki Drake, Alberta Hipps and Gary Dasher, and thanked them for being present.
- Chair Martin introduced guest speakers Lisa Rowe, Mayor's Task Force on Parks and Recreation and Andy Burnett, Florida Department of Financial Services.

### Guest Speakers:

- Lisa Rowe introduced Lyssa Ball, also from Mayor's Task Force on Parks and Recreation. Ms. Rowe reported that Jacksonville has a large park system but it is the most under-funded park system in the U.S.. Ms. Rowe and Ms. Ball presented a film about the task force and its recommendations. The task force will propose the following changes to the existing system: a Park Keeper program with one employee assigned to each park, a Friends of the Park program to organize volunteers to help in the parks, a Parks Ranger system to address safety concerns in parks, partnerships with federal, state and city programs, top quality leadership with 3 new positions: executive director, chief operations officer, and a community relations officer, funding from foundations, corporate funds, private and non-profit organizations, additional funding to improve existing parks and to build 4 new parks. A question was raised about user fees and Ms. Rowe replied that there may be small fee increases, but currently Jacksonville has lower fees than other areas. A question was raised about the date of task force hearings on the Westside and Ms. Rowe replied that there were 3 advertised public hearings on the Northside, Southside and in the Urban Core. The issue was raised about the need for a public tennis court on the Westside. The Chair thanked Ms. Rowe and Ms. Ball for their presentation.
- Andy Burnett, Florida Department of Financial Services, presented information about financial planning, insurance, deductibles, contractor licensing, etc. related to hurricane and other disaster damage. He provided brochures, including Insuring Your Home, A Guide for Consumers and presented a film about financial preparations for homeowners preceding hurricanes. The Florida Department of Financial Services will review all types of insurance policies at no cost to citizens. Citizens who have insurance questions, problems with insurance, complaints about contractors, or requests for brochures may contact Financial Services at 904-798-5800, 1800-342-2762, or [www.fldfs.com](http://www.fldfs.com). The Chair thanked Mr. Burnett for a timely presentation.

### Committee Reports & Announcements:

- **Chairman's Report:** Mr. Martin introduced Alberta Hipps who requested the support of the CPAC for a recommendation that she serve on the Mayor's decision-making task force regarding the issue of bringing Navy jets back to Cecil Field. Ms. Hipps introduced Richard Clements and Gary Dasher, who also asked for the CPAC's support for Ms. Hipps. The Chair commented that the CPAC is not ready to take a position on the matter of Cecil Field at this time but he would entertain a motion to recommend that Alberta Hipps serve on the decision-making task force. *Don Ingram made a motion for the SW CPAC to recommend to the Mayor's office that Ms. Hipps serve on the decision-making task force about Cecil Field. A second was made by Steve Shaffer.* Discussion: the issue was raised about current leases at Cecil Field. Issues were raised about the possibility of a second person serving on the task force, the possibility of all construction halting on the Westside and the need for Cecil Field as a training base for new pilots. Concerns were expressed about noise from the jets, health, safety and property values. The Chair reminded members that the motion is only about recommending that Alberta Hipps serve on the decision making task force – it is not about the CPAC taking a position for or against Cecil Field. *The Vote: all were in favor, none opposed.* The Chair reported that he will prepare a letter from the SW CPAC to recommend that Alberta Hipps serve on the decision-making task force. *Steve Shaffer made a motion to end the discussion. A second was made by Robert Smith. The Vote: all were in favor, none opposed.* The motion carried and the discussion was ended.
- The chair introduced Susan Chappell, Executive Dean, FCCJ. Dr. Chappell reported that room E-112 f is available on Monday nights through December 2005. After that date, the meetings may be moved to a different location, depending on space availability. *A motion was made by Don Ingram*

*to meet in room E-112 f as long as it is available. Robert Smith made a second. The Vote: all in favor, none opposed.* Dr. Chappell said that she will reserve the room for CPAC meetings through December 2005. Mr. Martin thanked Dr. Chappell and FCCJ for their continued support of the CPAC.

- **Council Member’s Announcements:** no report.

- **Duval County School Board:** Vicki Drake reported that the possible re-opening of Cecil Field is having adverse affects on community children because it is causing the delay of the building of 3 new schools slated for Chaffee Road to address current overcrowding of Crystal Springs Elementary and Whitehouse Elementary. She reported that the COJ has offered to swap 50 acres at an undisclosed location for the 185 acres currently owned by the school board and the decision to build the schools is in limbo because of their concerns about noise and safety if the jets return. Ms. Drake raised the issue of co-teaching as a temporary method of attempting to meet the requirements for smaller class sizes. Although co-teaching resulted in the highest student learning gains were in the state, the school board is being fined because they are unable to meet the requirements for smaller classes – 20 new schools would be needed to meet the requirement. Ms. Drake reported that the search for a new superintendent of schools is still in progress. The Chair thanked Ms. Drake for her report.

- **Membership Subcommittee:** No report.

- **Grants Subcommittee:** Sally Robson reported that the CPAC had applied for a grant from Bank of America, nominating Tony Nasrallah in the category of Local Hero, but there is no other news to report at this time. Ms. Robson added that the CPAC has concerns that payments to grant recipients from the Jacksonville Children’s Commission were late again this year. She said that next year no grants will be available due to budget cuts. Mr. Martin said he appreciates the work that Ms. Robson has done.

- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Ralph Malphurs presented a report prepared by Chuck Mann, who was excused. Mr. Malphurs reported that Dr. William Sanders will lecture on the subject of “No Child Left Behind”, at the Schultz Center on September 15, 6:30 p.m. Free tickets are available on line at [www.unf.edu](http://www.unf.edu).

- **Economic Subcommittee:** Dick Jackson reported that Martini’s, a new business, had opened in Murray Hill.

- **Beautification Subcommittee:** No report.

- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** Tree Kilbourn was excused but she had prepared copies of the LUZ report.

- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** No report.

- **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):** .

- **Bus tour:** No report
- **By-Laws:** No report.

### **Staff Reports:**

- **Mayor’s Liaison:** No report.

- **Planning & Development:** No report. Folks Huxford said he is available to answer questions.

- **Zoning Enforcement:** No report.

- **Building Inspection Division:** Andee Camp reported that the COJ provides a list of licensed contractors. She said that tree surgeons are not licensed by the COJ and she suggested citizens ask tree surgeons for references and call the references before allowing work to be done. A question was raised about whose responsibility it is to ensure a permit is obtained and Ms. Camp answered it is the homeowner’s responsibility. She encouraged residents to check with her division to be sure the permit was properly obtained and not a fraudulent copy. A question was raised if a contractor can call COJ to

obtain a permit and Ms. Camp answered yes, contractors who have an escrow account with the COJ may go on-line or call 630-1100 to obtain permits. She suggested citizens call 630-1100 with complaints about contractors or questions about permits, licensing or contractors' insurance coverage.

• **Neighborhoods Department:**

- **Property Safety:** Pete Sutherland and Tim Starling were present but gave no report.
- **Consumer Affairs:** No report.
- **Neighborhood Services:** Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
  - The SW CPAC bus tour on August 25 was successful with over 82 individuals registered.
  - A special joint meeting of the SW/NW CPAC was called on Aug. 30 to receive information about proposed changes to BJP – a summary is available.
  - Over 500 residents attended the Mayor's Sept. 1 town hall meeting about Cecil Field.
  - The grand opening for the West Regional Branch Library is Sept. 21 at 10 a.m.
  - A Forum for Seniors will be held September 26, 10 a.m., at the Shultz Center, 4019 Blvd. Center Drive. The forum and lunch are free. To register call 630-7392.
  - The grand opening for the Maxville Regional Branch Library is Sept. 30 at 2 p.m..
  - The Florida Neighborhoods Conference is October 20 - 22 in Lakeland. Information is available on-line [www.FNClakeland.org](http://www.FNClakeland.org) .
  - Handouts are available including Eye On The Storm , How to Prepare your Pets, A Hurricane Planning Guide.
  - 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 Don Ingram. A second was made by Dick Jackson. The Vote: All in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9: 07 p.m.*

**The next meeting will be on Monday, October 10, 2005, 7:00 p.m., at Forrest High School.**