

SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT # 4
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING

FCCJ - Kent Campus Student Union G-121, 3939 Roosevelt Boulevard

Monday, September 8, 2003

Committee Members Present

Staff/Elected Officials/Guests/Media

(See the attached Sign-In Sheet... ***Please remember to sign in at all meetings.***)

- (1) **Call to Order – 7:08 p.m.**
 - Minutes of the previous meeting was approved.
 - Excused was: Richard Darby.

- (2) **Introduction of Guests/ Acknowledgments** – Councilwoman Mia Jones and Councilman Michael Corrigan were recognized. Additionally, Susan Chappel, FCCJ was introduced.

- (3) **Presentation(s) –**
 - David Bauerlein, Staff Writer, The Florida Times Union requested comments from the CPAC about the Better Jacksonville Plan RE: 6 – Lane Expansion of Blanding Boulevard from Wilson Boulevard to I-295. Comments ensued from Don Ingram, who stated that it would be a shame to tear up the existing landscaping and irrigation that the citizens worked so hard on to install and maintain.

- (4) **Subcommittee Reports & Announcements**
 - **Chairman’s Report** – The Chairman re-hashed the Bus Tour. Curtis Johnson agreed to give a history presentation at the next meeting.
 - **Council Member’s Announcements** – Council members Jones and Corrigan were both present. Diann Smith, assistant to Corrigan was introduced. Councilwoman Jones announced an upcoming District 10 Quarterly Neighborhood Association Meeting for September 16 in the Renaissance Room of City Hall. Daphne Colbert, Jones’ assistant was introduced. Councilman Daniel Davis’ Assistant was also present and acknowledged. Councilwoman Jones’ meeting location was questioned by Ralph Malphurs. Citizens stated that the location, City Hall, is a good location, due to its central location. A discussion was re-directed to the County Courthouse Project. The cost of the project was questioned. Jessica Adams, assistant to Councilman Daniel Davis provided an update on the Cedar River Bridge project, the 118th Street beautification project, and the Wesconnett Road project.
 - **Education** – Arnold Whisenant thanked the CPAC for the \$4,000 grant for the scholarship fund. Information was reported on Westside school closures. The Westside Business Leaders Town Hall Project was announced.
 - **Economic Development** – No Report; Don Ingram spoke about the beautification

of the Lakeside neighborhood entrance. Mrs. Turknett asked about construction on Seaboard and 103rd Street. Ralph Malphurs commented on pipe bursting. Someone inquires about the Town Center Projects.

- **Beautification, Community Facilities and Services** - Curtis Johnson reported the Lane Wiley Community Center addition is progressing. He stated work is developing for the M.L. Gibbs Center. He said 1000 people were there for a football game and there was no place for the cars to be parked.
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation** - Councilwoman Jones stated a Burger King and an auto parts store has applications pending zoning actions. Someone else said that there is a problem with the St. Johns Theater development. Stinson Park is being re-built.

(5) Staff Reports/Announcements

- **Neighborhoods Department** – Karen Blutcher announced the State Neighborhoods Conference and Mayor’s Neighborhood Summit. Carl Moore requested volunteers for the CPAC booth.
- **Building & Zoning** – No Report
- **Planning & Development** – Westside Toyota is re-zoning. The Southwest Vision Plan is being conducted.
- **Duval County School Board** – Ms. Brown, representing the School Board was present and stated that the Westside has 8 new principals and the President Bush is visiting Hyde park Elementary.
- **Office of the Sheriff** – A Sheriff’s walk was announced for Argyle Forest.
- **Fire & Rescue** – Not Present
- **Property Safety** – Dale Miley reported a new code officer in Zone 4.

(6) Old Business/New Business – Charles Mann praised Property Safety and stated that Murray Hill is sending reps to the state conference. Nominations were made for Individual and Neighborhood of the Year. Names were given by the Chairman for certificates for contributors to the Bus Tour.

(7) Comments From the Public –

- Joan Rick announced the Wesconnett Class Reunion. Someone noted the death and funeral of Charles Bennett.

(8) Motion to Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 8, 2003, FCCJ Kent Campus, room 121-G.