

**MEETING SUMMARY SW CPAC  
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Nathan B. Forrest High School – 5530 Firestone Road  
Tuesday, April 12, 2005  
6:30 p.m.**

**SW CPAC Committee Members:**

Lee Martin, Chair	Ralph Malphurs, Vice Chair	Liza Adkison, Ortega Bluff
Rhonda Brewer, RAP	Opal Burgstiner, Westside Leaders	Len Burroughs, Murray Hill
Dick Jackson, RSVP	Richard Darby, Charter Member	Charles Kelley, WARA
Andrea Kemp, Council Appointee	Tree Kilbourn, Ortega Bluff	Sally Robson, RSVP
Alice Turknett, Timuquana Manor	Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor	Keri Tarnowski, Westin

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

Cal Ray, Mayor's Liaison	Pete Sutherland, Property Safety	Jane Upton, JHRC
	Tim Starling, Property Safety	Milton Locklear, FDOT
Andy Camp, Building Inspection	Folks Huxford, Planning & Dev.	Phil Mattox, JEA
Officer McAfee, JSO –Zone 4	Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD	Anna Dooley, Greenscape
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NSD	Sandy Strickland, TU	Bill Barrfield, FCCJ
Alberta Higgs, Westside Leaders	Mike Robinson, JEA	Carolyn Chester
Ted Finch, BJP Program Manager	David Hodges, AACC	W. Jones
Sue Hutchinson	Tina Schweckendieck	Leonard Kraft
Bruce Burgstine	Charles & Arlene Akeman	Rita Humphries
Albina Titus	Bert Smith	Peter Koleda
Paula Wingo	Karen Harris, Mellissa Estates	B.J. Butler

Excused: Carl Moore, Jean McCorkle, Charles Mann, John Brown, Don Ingram.

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Lee Martin called the meeting to order at 6:37p.m. at Nathan B. Forrest High School Media Center, 5530 Firestone Road, and welcomed everyone.

**JSO Report:** Officer Ian McAfee said that indigents are coming into the area due to the warm weather and calls for service have increased. The issue of panhandlers at Argyle and Blanding came up. Officer McAfee said that if panhandlers are spotted in the area, residents should call JSO, who will first issue a warning and then arrest them, because panhandling without a license is against the law. Trinity Rescue Ministries (355-1205) will help indigents with shelter and other services. The issue of prostitution on Steamboat Drive was raised. He mentioned that property crimes are often drug-related and explained that drugs and prostitution go hand-in-hand. Officer McAfee suggested that citizens who observe suspicious activities should call 573-3165 (Zone 4 Substation at Cedar Hills Shopping Center), talk to a supervisor there, and the supervisor will give the information to all officers during roll call. He suggested citizens “call-call-call” 630-0500, the Police Non-Emergency number and you can remain anonymous. Those calls give JSO the ammunition they need to help the problems in the area.

The Chair thanked Officer McAfee for being present for the meeting at a different time, date and location.

**Approval of the Meeting Summary**

*A motion to approve the March SW CPAC summary as written was made by Tree Kilbourn, and a second by Richard Darby. The vote: all were in favor. None opposed.*

### **Introductions/Acknowledgements:**

Chair Martin welcomed Alberta Hipps, president of the Westside Leaders, and Mayor's Liason, Cal Ray, and other staff.

### **Guest Speakers:**

**Anna Dooley**, Executive Director of Greenscape, presented information about Greenscape and listed some of the areas in Jacksonville that have been beautified by volunteers and staff who planted over 150,000 trees in 30 years in the metropolitan area. Greenscape is funded by memberships, grants and donations. Volunteers are the backbone of the program. Annually, they have a tree sale on the last Saturday in February. Ms. Dooley explained that Greenscape is interested in learning about and possibly assisting with proposed projects in communities that would like to add trees. Ms. Dooley provided a handout, "How To Organize A Tree Planting For Your Neighborhood". She can be reached at (904) 398-5757 or [grnscape@bellsouth.net](mailto:grnscape@bellsouth.net).

**Mike Robinson**, JEA Urban Forester, gave a Powerpoint presentation, "Right Tree/Right Place", about planning, purchasing, planting, pruning, and fertilizing trees. He suggested that residents plan 20 years ahead when planning where to plant a tree and what type of tree to purchase. Mr. Robinson also does the CPAC Communitree grant. Mr. Robinson delivered 100 trees and brochures, free of charge, to members and guests who attended the meeting. For further information, Mr. Robinson may be reached at (904) 665-6134.

The Chair thanked Anna Dooley and Mike Robinson for their presentations.

**Ted Finch**, BJP Program Manager, discussed Collins Road Improvement Project. He reported the intersection of Collins Rd. and Blanding Blvd. is in the design phase. The issue was raised about side access to Collins Road from businesses on Blanding. He said that a median on Collins will limit turns onto Collins from businesses adjacent to Blanding. Mr. Finch explained that, at this time, there are different designs that are being considered for the intersection of Collins Rd. and US 17. He said that the entire length of Collins Road will be widened and will include a bike path and sidewalks, but the section of road that crosses the wetlands will be limited to 2 lanes, to reduce the impact of the road project on the wetlands. A question was raised about signage and signalization needed by residents now. Mr. Finch said that citizens may expect to wait 3 years for relief. The issue came up of a needed parking area with canoe and kayak access to Ortega River. Mr. Finch said no public access is planned to the river at this time. For further information call 630-BJAX.

### **Sub Committee Reports & Announcements:**

• **Chairman's Report:** Nominations are needed for the Mayor's Award. Members were asked to form a subcommittee for the Mayor's Award. Tree Kilbourn and new member Keri Tarnowski volunteered for the committee. The Chairman read the new criteria for the award:

- An award will be made in the categories of individual and neighborhood organizations
- Nominees do not have to be CPAC members
- Nominations may be made by anyone in the planning district
- A category winner is permitted to receive 1 award in any 3 year period
- In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by NSD

At the next meeting, the subcommittee will provide recommendations and will accept nominations from the floor for the vote.

The Chairman announced a change to the meeting agenda: to encourage public participation on the CPAC meetings, the public comments will be moved forward on the agenda and a 3 minute rule will be established.

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

- **Membership Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Grants Subcommittee:** Member Sally Robson reported that they are still awaiting the grant from JCC and will call a meeting after they are received. The chairman announced that Ms. Robson has been doing an excellent job on grants and will be doing that again this year.
- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Economic Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** LUZ Chair Tree Kilbourn prepared and sent in the LUZ report, which was passed out to members and will be included with the minutes. Ms. Kilbourn sends notices and other information by e-mail. If members are not receiving their e-mail, they should let her know. Folks Huxford reported that the issue of rezoning property at Zambito Avenue and Noroad is scheduled to be heard April 14, 2005. He said that Councilman Davis was requesting that the rezoning be deferred for at least 1 cycle. Richard Darby stated the FCMPO will be presenting lots of changes and delays due to a shortage of funds. The question of naming Chaffee Road came up. Mr. Darby answered that the process started last summer and the Citizens Advisory Committee and elected officials will make recommendations.
- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):** No report. The Chairman commented that Carl Moore has done a magnificent job of organizing the August 25, 2005 Bus Tour and suggested that members and guests sign up for the very informative tour.

#### **Staff Reports :**

- **Mayor's Liaison:** Cal Ray had no report.
- **Planning & Development:** No report.
- **Zoning Enforcement:** No report.
- **Building Inspection Division:** No report.
- **Neighborhoods Department**
- **Property Safety:** Pete Sutherland reported that their office has moved to 1801 Art Museum Drive, Building 3500, Suite 200. The new phone number is 391-3550. Property Safety issued a 120 day stipulation order for 6342 Morris Avenue, and on the 121<sup>st</sup> day, the building was demolished. Staff members are revamping the process to facilitate either the rehabilitation or the demolition of structures. Please call 630-CITY to report a problem.
- **Consumer Affairs:** No report.
- **Neighborhood Services:** Marilyn Fenton-Harmer introduced Mary Beth Ridderman, SW District Planner. Ms. Fenton-Harmer made the following announcements:
  - Carl Moore is preparing for the SW CPAC bus tour on August 25, 2005, and he would like suggestions for the tour with hot topics and locations to see.
  - The Argyle Library is open and beautiful.
  - Phase One of McGirt's Creek Park and Community Center had been completed. There is ample parking.
  - The World of Nations Celebration is April 28 – May 1, 2005. Passes are \$3.00 for 1 day, and \$5.00 for 2 days.
  - The Mayor's Neighborhood Summit is June 24, 2005 at the Prime Osborne Convention Center.
  - CPAC Award Nominations are due by the May CPAC meeting and need to be voted on then. They are needed for the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit.
  - The School District purchased the land that School Board Member Vicki Drake talked about last month for a price tag of \$5.75 million and is located at 11400 Sam Caruso Way.
  - Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Parks Department at Cecil Recreation will be having a Jacksonville

Sports Fest with Olympians and Celebrity Athletes, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 13531 Lake Newman Drive. For more information, call 630-4100.

- Leadership Training will begin July 12, through September 1, 2005. Details will follow.
- Mayor's Town Hall Meeting will be in the SE, on Monday, April 18, 2005, at 6 p.m. at Beauclerc Elementary, 4555 Craven Road, West.
- Deadline for Mayor's Matching Grant is May 31, 2005. Interested persons need to attend 1 mandatory pre-application workshop, offered Thursday, April 21, 2005, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 28, 2005, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30.
- Please call 630-CITY (630-2489) to report a problem.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Member Opal Burgstiner announced that Westside Business Leaders are involved with landscape and improvements on the Town Center Phase II Project between Middleburg Road and Chaffee Road. She asked for support from the SW CPAC and, if approved, to send a letter of support to: Alberta Hipps, 6502 Shindler Rd., 32222. She added that there is no deadline for the letters.

*Richard Darby made a motion* for SW CPAC to provide a letter of support for the Town Center Project Phase II. *A second was made by Tree Kilbourn.* Ms. Kilbourn opened discussion on the letter and suggested that the LUZ committee draft the letter. *The vote:* all in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

- Willard Craft said that the House has voted 80 – 20 in favor of 12 years of serviced for elected officials and the Senate leaders favor 12 years of service, also referring to the current term limit of 8 years. He said he believes taxpayers will be faced with the issue of "Eight is Enough".
- There was a question on the current issue of city employees, like the Fire Department, endorsing political candidates. There were banners on fire trucks. Member Darby said there are fire trucks that are for hire or used by the union.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by member Dick Jackson and a second by member Richard Darby . The Vote: All in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.*

**Please note: the next meeting will be on Monday, May 9, 2005 at FCCJ, Kent Campus, at 7:00 p.m.**