

MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ Kent Campus – 3939 Roosevelt Blvd – Jacksonville, FL
Monday, November 14, 2005 7:00 p.m.

SW CPAC Committee Members:

Lee Martin, Chairman	Robert Smith, Family Investment	Carl Moore, Lakeside
Don Ingram, Charter Member	Liza Adkison, Ortega Bluffs	James Nolting, Confederate Pt.
Charles Mann, Charter Member	Tree Kilbourn, Ortega Bluffs	Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries
Richard Darby, Charter Member	Opal Burgstiner, W.B.L.A.	Sally Robson, RSVP
Alice Turknnett, Timuquana Manor	Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills	Len Buttroughs, MHPA
Polly Walker, Timuquana Manor	Charles Kelley. W.A.R.A.	Andrea Kemp, Council Appointee
Dick Jackson, RSVP	Jean McCorkle, Individual	Joe Moon, Sonshine Baptist Ch.

City Officials/Staff/Media/Guests

Hon. Suzanne Jenkins, District 4	Vicki Drake, Duval School Board	D. Israel-Messer, Argyle Today
Lorrie DeFrank, NSD	Vincent Tarver, Property Safety	Milton Locklear, FDOT
Folks Huxford, Planning & Dev.	Tim Starling, Property Safety	Bruce Burgstiner
William Crowe, Office Gen. Counsel	Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD	Ethel Nolting
Ray Morkin, Jr.	Rita Humphries	Mary Brown, DCSB
Sgt. R.D. Feacher, JSO	Donald Drake	Susan Chappel, FCCJ
Officer M. Sosa, JSO		

Excused: Ralph Malphurs, Steve Shaffer

Call to Order/Quorum

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

- **JSO Report:** Sgt. Feacher and Officer Sosa were present to answer questions. No questions were asked. They may be reached at Zone 4 Substation, 573-3165.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

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

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Introductions/Acknowledgements:

- Chairman Martin recognized the Honorable Suzanne Jenkins, Vicki Drake and Mary Brown and thanked them for being present.
- The chairman appointed Richard Darby as parliamentarian.

The chairman said that he would entertain a motion to go out of the order on the agenda to first vote on the proposed amendment to the by-laws first. *Don Ingram made a motion and a second was made by Tree Kilbourn. The vote: all were in favor. None opposed.*

- The Chairman reported that earlier this year the CPAC had voted to amend the by-laws and the membership was all in favor. Due to improper notice, it was necessary to vote a second time after proper notice was provided to the members. Notice was provided at the last meeting and by mail to the members. A ballot was provided to the members. *The vote: all in favor. None opposed.*
- The Chairman relinquished the Chair to Richard Darby. Mr. Darby announced that he would entertain nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair for 2006. *A motion was made by Tree Kilbourn to reaffirm Lee Martin to continue to serve as Chair and Ralph Ma[phur to continue serve as Vice Chair. A second was made by Don Ingram. The vote: all were in favor. None opposed.* Chairman Martin reassumed the Chair.

Guest Speakers: The Honorable Suzanne Jenkins presented information about the proposed 4 a.m. bill. The proposed bill would allow restaurants, bars and other retail establishments in a specific area in downtown to remain open to sell alcoholic beverages until 4 a.m. She had proposed several safeguards including: a sunset provision that would limit the area to a specific area of downtown, plans for security, parking, and sanitation along with strict permitting and noise abatement. According to Councilwoman Jenkins, the proposed bill would offer incentives that would attract larger restaurants and other businesses to downtown, which would provide a greater tax base to pay for services citywide. Councilwoman Jenkins said that she plans to withdraw the bill because the people of Jacksonville are not ready for the change at this time. Members and residents made comments and questions, some in support of and some against such a change. The chairman thanked Councilwoman Jenkins for her presentation.

Committee Reports & Announcements:

- **Chairman's Report:** The chairman reported that a question had been raised about SW CPAC meeting locations, to meet at FCCJ every month or continue to have quarterly meetings in a different location. *Tree Kilburn made a motion to open the discussion. A second was made by Mr. Ingram. Discussion: Ms. Kilbourn said that in the past, residents of the far Westside had expressed to her that meeting at FCCJ was not possible for them, due to traffic and distance from their homes. Ms. Burgstiner said that they lived in the far Westside and people they have invited have indicated that FCCJ is too far to drive for the meetings.* The Chair appointed Tree Kilbourn and Chuck Mann to serve on an ad-hoc subcommittee to look into options for meeting locations. Dr. Susan Chappell offered to serve on the committee to coordinate meeting dates and space at FCCJ. The Chair appointed Dr. Chappell to the committee and thanked all three for their service to the CPAC. He expressed his appreciation for FCCJ's ongoing support of the CPAC.
- The Executive Committee, consisting of the chairs from each subcommittee and two at-large members appointed by the chair, will meet every month at 6 p.m. immediately preceding each regularly scheduled meeting of the SW CPAC.
- The Chairman announced that Jean McCorkle will be in charge of the annual holiday covered dish social event to be held on December 12. He asked that members and guests contact Ms. McCorkle to let her know what type of covered dish they will bring to the social event. Ms. McCorkle's number is 403-3687.
- **Council Member's Announcements:** The Honorable Suzanne Jenkins provided the report as a guest speaker.

Duval County School Board: The Honorable Vicki Drake reported that plans are in progress and on track for two new schools, including one on Chaffee Road. She said that the new Superintendent of Schools starts this month. Sally Robson made *a motion to invite the Superintendent to speak at the SW CPAC. A second was made by Tree Kilbourn. The Chair said that he will invite the Superintendent*

- **Membership Subcommittee:** No report.
- **Grants Subcommittee:** Sally Robson reported that the SW CPAC's nominee, Tony Nasrallah, was not selected to receive the Bank of America Neighborhood Hero Grant. Ms. Robson also reported that

one recipient of the CPAC grants for children's programs remains unpaid. She added that each of the recipients received the money for their awards after their programs had already ended, which created financial hardships for some recipients. She added that next year there is no funding for CPAC grants. *Discussion: Councilwoman Suzanne Jenkins suggested that the CPAC consider forming a resolution about the need for grant funding and presenting the resolution to the City Council. Chuck Mann made a motion to form a resolution. A second was made by Robert Smith*

- **Education/Youth and Recreation Subcommittee:** Chuck Mann said he had no report, but he introduced Mary Brown. Ms. Brown listed the Region 3 schools in the Westside and said that their focus is on reading. The schools no longer offer electives. If a child needs more than one class in a particular subject, for example reading, the child will be assigned to more than one class in that subject. She emphasized the importance of literacy.
- **Economic Subcommittee:** Dick Jackson reported that he had attended planning meetings for Blueprint for Prosperity in the Westside and the blueprint is in draft form at this time.
- **Beautification Subcommittee:** Sally Robson was present but had no report.
- **Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation Subcommittee:** Tree Kilbourn provided copies of the LUZ report.
- **Community Safety Subcommittee:** Bruce Tyson reminded everyone to be careful with heaters during the upcoming cold snap. He suggested that members and guests check their smoke detector batteries. Mr. Tyson reported that free smoke detectors are available from the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department. JFRD staff will provide and install smoke detectors free of charge. The number to call to request the installation of a smoke detector is 630-3473.
- **Ad Hoc Subcommittees (By-laws, Bus Tour, Annual Social):** .
 - **Bus tour:** No report
 - **Annual Social:** Jean McCorkle reported that the annual holiday social will be held on Dec. 12, following the next CPAC meeting. It will be a covered dish event. Ms. McCorkle asked that members and guests call her at 403-3687 to let her know what type of dish they will be bringing.

Staff Reports:

- **Mayor's Liaison:** No report.
- **Planning & Development:** Folks Huxford was present but had no report.
- **Zoning Enforcement:** No report.
- **Building Inspection Division:** No report.
- **Neighborhoods Department:**
 - **Property Safety:** Tim Starling and Vincent Tarver were present. Mr. Starling announced that this is his last CPAC meeting. He and his family are moving out of the Jacksonville area. He said that he had enjoyed working with everyone and would miss seeing people on the Westside.
 - **Consumer Affairs:** No report.
 - **Neighborhood Services:** Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - Last month Neighborhoods staff and some residents attended the Florida Neighborhoods conference in Lakeland.
 - The new main library opened Nov. 12.
 - The Annual ShAdCo meeting is Nov. 17 with free parking at the Altell Stadium
 - The 21st Annual Light Parade will take place on Nov. 26, 7 p.m. on the downtown riverfront (to volunteer to help with the light parade of any other COJ sponsored events call the Office of Volunteer Services).
 - The draft of the Blueprint for Prosperity is on-line (www.coj.net).
 - To request COJ services or to register a complaint, please call 630-CITY.

Old Business: None

New Business: Debbie Israel-Messer reported that nominations are available from the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women for the 2006 Women's History Month Poster Honoree. She suggested that members send in nominations for Alberta Hipps because she has done so much for the Westside. November 17 is the deadline for nominations. The Chairman said that Ms. Hipps, along with other women in Jacksonville, could be nominated in recognition of community work. He provided copies of the nomination forms and announced that additional forms are available from Neighborhood Services.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m..

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 12, 2005, 7:00 p.m., at FCCJ Kent Campus, Building G – the open area near the student book store.

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the same location.