

**Northwest District 5  
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee  
Leroy C. Kelly, Chair  
Gertrude Peele, Vice Chair**



**MEETING SUMMARY  
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, [32208]

**Thursday, May 12, 2011**

**Committee Members Present**

Leroy Kelly, Chair	Gertrude Peele, Vice Chair
Bertha Richardson, BLCA	Larry Solomon, Carver Manor
Patsy Bailey, Carver Pines	James Gloster, Kinlock Civic
Gloriden Norris, Lake Park	Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N.
Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs	Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs
Raye Gary, NWCP, Reed Campus	Linda Moore, North Riverside CDC
Alyson Dew, North Shore	Melodee Dew, North Shore
Linda Kittles, Ribault HOA	Roxsan Currier, Thomas Jefferson

Excused: Gadson Burgess, Danny Connell, William Anthony, Diane Kerr, Doretha Tompkins, Roberta Wilson

**Guests**

Council Member Brown, District 10	Daphne Colbert, ECA District 10
Wanda Forrest, North Florida TPO	Milton Locklear, North Florida TPO
James Kilcrease, PNG	Jocelyn Turner, Duval County Dept. of Health
English Watson, Magnolia Gardens N.	Elaine Billups, BLCA
Sarah & Hezekiah Deligar, Kinlock	Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks
Diane Tucker, Lincoln Villas East N.A.	Gwen Palmore, Kinlock
Debra Cotton, Lincoln Villa	Pat Calvin, Kinlock
Nathan Love Jr.	Luella McQueen
Stanley Scott, AAERTS	Althea Mikell, Sherwood Forest
Eunice Barnum, Sherwood Forest	Lloyd Washington, Grand Park
Brandi Johnson, NJCDC	

**City/Staff/Resource**

Devin Reed, Mayor's Representative	School Board Member Paula Wright, District 4
Thomas Hill, FDOT	JSO Zone 5 Lt. Pacheco
Daryl Joseph, RCS – Parks	Quinn Bledsoe, RCS – Parks
Lurise Bannister, Planning	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND

**Call to Order**

Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with a welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance at the new Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, [32208]

**Approval of the Meeting Summary**

*A motion to approve the April 14, 2011 summary as written was made by Member Gary and a second by Member Solomon. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.*

**Council Member Reggie Brown, District 10** – Council Member Brown welcomed everyone to the new Legends Center. He stated that the Grand Opening to the community will be Saturday, May 14. The name of the center came from the frame work that many great community members make and have made great contributions. They will have a committee that will have criteria to identify from history to the present to see if they qualify to be part of the Legends wall. Council Member Brown did state that Soutel and US 1 will have a new drainage project which is in the design phase now. He also acknowledged School Board Member Paula Wright. He stated that the community needs to come together as one. Believe in your community. The monies that are collected for memberships will stay at the center to maintain it. It is \$10 a month and this price will not be found anywhere in town. The next plans are for a water park like Adventure Landing on Soutel Drive. He appreciates the support and thanks everyone for coming out. If you need something please call his office. Council Member Brown can be reached at 630-1684 or [Rbrown@coj.net](mailto:Rbrown@coj.net)

**Recreation and Community Services Daryl Joseph and Quinn Bledsoe** – Daryl Joseph, NW CPAC Planner welcomed everyone to the Legends Center and thanked Council Member Brown. He stated this was a great place to have a meeting as well as play basketball. Programming Manager Quinn Bledsoe would like input from the CPAC membership on what type of programs they would like to have at the center. She will send out her e-mail via Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer to get your suggestions. The Summer Program Guide brochure is available with all the centers listed. The Legends Center has 6 staff members and they are open on Monday, May 16 for the first day of operation. Daryl Joseph can be reached at 255- 7903 or [djoseph@coj.net](mailto:djoseph@coj.net) Quinn Bledsoe can be reached at 255-7917 or [qbledsoe@coj.net](mailto:qbledsoe@coj.net) Chair Kelly thanked them all.

### **Staff Reports**

**JSO Zone 5** – Lt. Pacheco reported on the following: Assistant Chief Larry Jones has 6 commanders under him on the blue and gold squads. There are 3 blue and 3 gold commanders of which he is one. He works the evening watch from 5:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. with 22 officers and 2 sergeants. He stated that the boundaries for Zone 5 are: I-10, I-95, Trout River and the county line.

- Currently in this sector there have been burglaries in the evening. Please be sure to secure your cars by locking them and not keeping anything in plain sight like purses or cell phones. Members asked about the decrease in crime. The entire city has had a decrease in crime but especially in Zone 5. They also asked about using this building. JSO will have an office for officers in the Zone to stop and do paper work. That should start in a month or so. They also wanted to know about the bike patrols. The bikes are currently used during the day for the safety of the officers. They are also in the process of doing an inventory on the amount of bikes they have. If you have questions please call the Sub Station at: Zone 5 call 384-8028 at 1024 Superior Street, Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Mall or Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center. Police Non-Emergency 630-0500 - Police Neighborhood Watch – 630-2160  
First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously

### **Guest Speakers**

**North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)** Planning Manager Wanda Forrest gave a presentation on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the fiscal years 2011/2012 through 2015/2016. The TPO represents 4 counties: Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns. The Boards are made up of representatives from each of the counties. Member Solomon is on the Citizen Advisory Board (CAC) for the NW CPAC. She presented the TIP for the NW Planning District and highlighted the following projects:

- Page A 1 Beaver near Hammond – railroad crossing 2012-13
- A 1 McGirts Creek – bridge replacement 2015-16
- A 1 I-10 to Branam Field/Chaffee Rd. add lanes – design 2012
- A 2 I-10 and Cassast – drainage 2013-14
- A 2 I-10 interchange – landscaping 2012
- A 3 Marietta – interchange 2012-13
- A 3 I-295 North – widening 2013-14
- A 4 I-295 from Morris Ave to I-10 – drainage 2014-15
- A 4 I-295 - I-10 to I-95 – ITS Sign done
- A 4 I-295 at Pritchard – interchange 2015-16
- A 4 I-295 Trout River – resurfacing 2012-13

Members had a question if this was off US 1 where commonwealth dead ends? It is east and west. Ms. Forrest will make a note of that. However; it does need resurfacing. Planner Hill stated that is was defining the area north and south points. The project will go 7 miles north to south.

- A 5 Jones Rd. – Bridge replacement 2012-13
- A 6 Main Street from Trout River Bridge – resurfacing 2012-13

Due to the computer program this project may be outside the NW boundary but it touches a road in the NW Planning District.

- A 6 MLK to Boulevard – resurfacing left for construction
- A 7 New Kings Rd. from MLK to Edgewood – resurfacing 2012-13
- A 8 Old Roosevelt to Post St. – street widening 2011-12

This was just a highlight of projects scheduled in the next 5 years. The entire draft report was presented to the TPO Board today. They will be asking for their approval. The public meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m. at the North Florida TPO Board Room, 1022 Prudential Dr. For more information on the meeting contact, Marci Larson at (904) 306-7513.

Members had questions on the following: Where is the funding coming from? These are Department of Transportation projects with federal or state program dollars. With these projects how do they hire people? They come from different construction companies with a bid process and it depends on who receives the bid. There are only a handful of companies that do this type of work. They wanted to know if the Better Jacksonville Project was from the original project or new. It was from the original but was identified and pushed out with no funding till 2015-16. Wanda Forrest can be reached at 306-7514 or [wforrest@northfloridatpo.com](mailto:wforrest@northfloridatpo.com) Chair Kelly thanked her for the report.

**Childhood Obesity Coalition** – Jocelyn Turner, Duval County Health Department reported on the following:

- Colleagues from the Childhood Obesity Coalition were supposed to speak, in there absence Ms. Turner stated that there are 100 different organizations that are interested in Childhood obesity. Today children are being diagnosed with adult diseases. The Coalition would like organizations to encourage and support healthier choices fro children and adults too. This would include having more school/park partnerships and joint use for the school parks. Children need to be active. If you would like more information on the Coalition or to be put on the distribution list for upcoming events or their need for support for grants contact Ms. Turner at 253-2037.
- On Monday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a free Grants Workshop at the Jacksonville Urban League, 903 W. Union Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204.
- May is Women’s Health Month – be sure to get exams.
- On Friday, June 17 at 4 p.m. at FSCJ Downtown Advanced Technology Center, 401 W. State Street there will be a Young Males Summit and on Saturday, June 18 at 9 a.m. there will be a Men’s Health Summit.

Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or [Jocelyn\\_Turner@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Jocelyn_Turner@doh.state.fl.us)

## Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative Devin Reed reported on the following:

- The Budget is approximately \$1 billion dollars. 50% of the budget is police and fire. 20% are commitments with contracts, bonds etc. and the other 30% are services. The 50% for safety and 20% for commitments won't be touched. Therefore only the 30% for services can be cut. This would include parks, public works, libraries, programs and mowing etc. Currently there is a \$60 million dollar shortfall which has to come from the 30% for services. If we did not have the fees there would be a \$200 million shortfall. As the Director of Central Operations hw has a budget of \$160,000 million dollars which includes, Fleet Management, HR, Procurement, EBO Small Businesses, and Administrative Services. He had to cut his budget 10% which meant losing 21 positions and then was told to cut another 5% which may come to 47 hard working people let go. Members stated that they would then lose more taxes and have more foreclosures. We need to invest in Jacksonville. If we want companies to come to Jacksonville we have to have a quality of life that compels them to come here. Members stated that the time may be now to pay more taxes and get the kind of city and services we want. They also stated that we need to invest in education too.
- Director Reed thanked members for the role they played in his 104-year old Grandma's passing.
- Be sure to vote now with early voting and or on May 17.

Members wanted to know if the summer jobs for youth would be happening this summer. He will check on this and let us know. Chair Kelly thanked Mr. Reed. Director of Central Operations and Mayor's Representative Devin Reed can be reached at 255-8639 or [dreed@coj.net](mailto:dreed@coj.net)

Mayor's Office – Project New Ground – James Kilgrease, reported on the following:

- To-date 319 parcels in the 4 areas have been remediated.
- Brown's Dump site will start Phase 2 next month.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> and Cleveland site and Forrest Street haven't finished yet.
- Lonnie Miller and Forrest Street will start Phase 2 this summer.
- They are still collecting access agreements to get tested.

Members asked about testing in the Doeboy site. They will have to check with either the EPA or Department of Health. Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY (2489) or 357-8077

FDOT – Thomas Hill reported on the following:

- I-10 widening lane and Halsema will have a total closing tonight at 8 p.m.
- The Chaffee Road exit will be closed all weekend. Try to avoid the area.
- I-10 improvements at Stockton and Lane will have routine lane closures at night and the project is expected to be done by the spring of 2012. They are 60% complete and moving along.
- West Kings Rod to i-95 will close the ramp next Wednesday for the evening

Follow up from last month:

- Collins Rd extension is a city project. He has called 4 different departments and is still working on why it has stopped. Will follow up at the next meeting.
- The Tallulah signal will go back but they use computers to figure out the signalization to make the most efficient movement with optimizing the signal.
- The peeling mast arms project just started. They will rehab the worst arms in the city. DOT has ranked and evaluated the arms and the first one to be done is on Lem Turner near the Wal-Mart and Home Depot. They are trying to address this project.
- The signal at Norwood was turned off when the school closed does not warrant a light by the current numbers. At this time it does not support changing it back.

Members asked questions and had concerns on the following:

- On I-10 eastbound at Chaffee Rd. and Marietta there is a severe slope that cars are on a 33 degree angle when driving. When it rains water gathers on the inside lane. Mr. Hill will check on this.
- On I-95 Northbound at Lem Turner there is a ramp that is so short and dangerous. When cars come around the bend it backs up since it is now a short merge lane and cars almost hit each other. It was changed to 3 lanes. Mr. Hill will drive this and report back next month.
- At Moncrief and US 1 and Soutel there is a 45 mph speed limit and when the kids are walking to school it is very dangerous and a few kids have been hit. It is going towards S.A. Hull Elementary School. Mr. Hill will check on this.
- At I-95 and MLK there is a very short ramp and no right-of-way other than a signal. The northbound I-95 backs up. Can this be checked?
- At I-95 and I-10 in the left hand lane near Shiloh Church and the Post Office there is a merge going southbound over Beaver Street that going towards I-10 on the left hand side is real bad,
- At Norwood and Crestwood the lights have been blinking yellow for a week. A Member did call it in but wanted to check on it.

Thomas Hill can be reached at 360-5647 or [Thomas.hill@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Thomas.hill@dot.state.fl.us)

**Planning & Development** – Planner Lurise Bannister stated that there were no new issues for the Northwest. Lurise Bannister can be reached at 255-7839 or [Lurise@coj.net](mailto:Lurise@coj.net)

**Municipal Code Compliance** – Zone 5 Supervisor Danny Connell was excused but Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer gave his report: Systematic Inspections were completed in: Mixon Town, Lackawanna and Woodstock. Today they started a systematic inspection in Robinson's Addition and next week they will be in New Town. Please be sure to call in problems to 630-CITY (2489). Municipal Code can be reached at 255-7000.

**Duval County School Board** - School Board Member Paula Wright, reported on the following:

- There is a shortfall from the State of \$91 million dollars and they are working on what services to keep.

Members wanted to know what happened in Tallahassee since her last report to the NW CPAC. Board members went to Tallahassee and met with legislators and they said cuts would impact us. They also wanted to know if DCPS would be working on the Obesity problem in the lunch rooms as well as physical activities. Members would like to see the Duval County Public Schools work in conjunction with the Childhood Obesity Coalition to work on school lunches, snacks and soft drinks that are sold at school. Yes, they are addressing everything. They wanted to know if they would be privatizing jobs. At the May 18 meeting they will be looking at ways to cut dollars and that is one way. Is there a policy on leasing schools? Currently there is an open use agreement to work with the community but they are going to lesson the number of activities to save on costs. Is there a policy on football stadium use? It depends and there is a process. Ms. Wright will e-mail the policy to Member Kittles. The also wanted to know if there was going to be a chance for the community to meet with the EMO Board for the Intervene Schools? She is not sure and they are working on that. The Plan goes to Tallahassee next Tuesday and the Department of Education will make the decision to approve it plan. Member Solomon asked if School Board Member Wright was aware of the new cell tower next to S.A. Hull Elementary School. She had no idea and will check into it. They also asked her what District she was in. District 4. Chair Kelly thanked Ms. Wright and looks forward to seeing her at the next meeting. School Board Member Wright can be reached at 390-2293 or [wrightp@duvalschools.org](mailto:wrightp@duvalschools.org)

**Housing and Neighborhoods (HAND)** - Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

Please Remember to **Vote May 17, 2011** or Early Voting is from May 2 – May 15, 2011. Questions? Please call 630-1414.

**Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**

- **Stay Home** Program - If someone you know is worried about losing their home, call 255-8200 or 630-2489 and ask to register for a free foreclosure prevention program. To learn more, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program**- redevelops abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information call 255-8200 or 398-HOME or website [www.nspjax.com](http://www.nspjax.com)
- The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (**NWJEDF**) has public funds used to provide capital for project development. The prospective applicant must be a business located within the Northwest Jacksonville area or a business that is expanding its operations into this targeted area.

**Project New Ground** is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

**Jacksonville Journey:** The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, **May 19, 2011** at 4:00 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 8th floor, Conference Room 851. Contact: Michelle Innes at 630-1273

**Recreation and Community Services – Parks/Seniors**

- **JaxSNL** (Summer Nights Lights) will be at the following 8 Centers: Kennedy Center, Emmett Reed, Clanzel T. Brown, Mitchell Center, Charles “Boobie” Clark, H. T. Jones, Johnnie Walker and Beachwood Centers. JaxSNL is all about kids having a good time in a safe environment at city parks on Friday and Saturday nights from 7 p.m. to midnight starting on June 24 through Aug. 5.

**Registration for Summer Camps** – Tuesday, **May 17, 2011** at noon.

<https://parkreservations.coj.net/parkreservations/>

**Summer Camp Registration** - JaxParks continues to improve its registration process to make the summer camp experience better. Here is the link: <https://parkreservations.coj.net/parkreservations/> Registration for summer camp will be online and can be done from any computer with electronic payment. Both Visa and MasterCard, or a debit card with one of the credit cards logos, may be used. Anyone who applies for and receives a voucher may use the voucher as online payment. For more information:

<http://www3.coj.net/departments/recreation-and-community-services.aspx> JaxParks registration process has improved to allow everyone an equal opportunity to participate. As part of the improvements, we no longer offer pre-registration for previous campers. [Online open registration is](#) available **beginning May 17** at noon and will remain open until all seats are filled. Online registration is encouraged to assist you in having the best opportunity to secure a spot for your child. Free public online access is available at all [Jacksonville Public Libraries](#). Limited walk-in registration is available for those paying with cash or check at the JaxParks Administrative Offices at 214 N. Hogan St. Directional signage can be found in the lobby in front of suite 1001. Specialty Camp Registration is not included in the online registration process. Registration is on-site only for the following: [Tennis Camp](#) (Boone and Southside locations only) [Youth Basketball Camp at Cecil Recreation Complex](#), [Youth Volleyball Camp at Cecil Recreation Complex](#), [Youth Soccer Camp at Cecil Recreation Complex](#), [Ocean Camp at Hanna Park](#), [Junior Lifeguard Camp at Cecil Aquatic Center](#) All JaxParks Summer Camp enrollment is on a first come, first served basis.

**UF/IFAS Extension Survey** – The Florida Extension is a partnership between the University of Florida and Florida A&M University to improve the quality of life for people like you through education. In the coming decade, decisions will be made by Florida Extension that influences you and your community. We invite you to participate in the [Community Input Survey](#) as a way to give your opinions about certain issues that may impact these decisions. The survey runs **April 1 through August 19, 2011**. The results of the survey will be available on this web site late in the year. Please share this survey link with your family, friends, and coworkers. [http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot\\_topics/main\\_page/community\\_input\\_survey.html](http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot_topics/main_page/community_input_survey.html)

**Summer Lunch Providers Needed**

To apply to serve as a Summer Lunch Program site, visit [www.jaxkids.net](http://www.jaxkids.net), click on “Summer Programs” and download the application and information letter or call (904) 630-6430.

**Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown**

- **Free Training** – Running Effective Meetings – Roberts Rules of Order – Thursday, **May 26, 2011** at 6 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, Training Room 110, 214 N. Hogan St. [32202] To register call 255-8236 or [neighbor@coj.net](mailto:neighbor@coj.net)

- **Starry Nights** – Saturday, **May 21**, 2011 at Metropolitan Park. Join us as Starry Nights combines the wonderful sounds of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and a national performer! This event creates a festive downtown atmosphere with the beautiful St. Johns River serving as the perfect backdrop. Fees apply.
- **Jacksonville Jazz Festival** – From **May 26 to May 29**, 2011 all over downtown. Jacksonville Jazz Festival Announces Performers: Natalie Cole, Herbie Hancock, Marcus Miller and David Sanborn are among the jazz stars to perform at the four-day jazz festival. Learn more at [www.jaxjazzfest.com](http://www.jaxjazzfest.com)
- **Memorial Wall Ceremony** – Monday, **May 30**, 2011 at the Veterans Memorial Wall. Join us as we honor the local heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The ceremony includes keynote speakers, presentation of colors, family tributes, a wreath presentation and performances.
- The EPA will hold **Citizen/Industrial Environmental Forums** on the following dates:
  - Eastside - Saturday, **June 11**, 2011 – Kennedy Center, 1133 Ionia St. from 10 a.m. to noon
  - New Town – Thursday, **June 23**, 2011 – EWC – Milne Auditorium from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Northwest – Tuesday, **June 28**, 2011 – Legends Center, 5070 Soutel Dr. from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **The Jacksonville Landing Market** – Fridays at the Landing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Info: 353-1188
- **Riverside Arts Market** – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/>

#### **Blueprint for Prosperity Releases 2010 Annual Report**

The City of Jacksonville's Blueprint for Prosperity committee has released its 2010 Blueprint Annual Report. The document provides a snapshot of the city's progress as measured against set benchmarks in nine key areas: education, infrastructure, leadership, economic development, quality of life, and racial opportunity and harmony. [Read the Blueprint Report at: http://www3.coj.net/Mayor/Docs/Blueprint-for-Prosperity/BFP-2010-Report\\_1.aspx](http://www3.coj.net/Mayor/Docs/Blueprint-for-Prosperity/BFP-2010-Report_1.aspx)

#### **Weather Warning and Code Red Emergency Notification**

The Duval County Emergency Operations Center has implemented a telephone warning system to provide notification in the event of emergencies or severe weather. To sign up go to:

<https://cne.coderedweb.com/Default.aspx?groupid=EA7CUhsxLfCqympNrd82g%3d%3d>

#### **Phone Numbers**

- City Link **630-CITY** (630-2489) Please have the exact link address to obtain a tracking number to follow up.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org)
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St \* Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org)
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) (Search: Extension Office)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 or [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com)

#### **Chair Kelly's Report**

Chair Kelly wanted to share a few things:

- At last month's meeting a Motion was made to write to the Library Board about issues and concerns at the Bradham\*Brooks Library. Chair Kelly red the letter to the membership. The letter is attached.
- The Daily Record did an article on our very own Vice Chair Peele. The article was on May 10, 2011 with her picture on the front page which read "Gertrude Peele: All we need to do is go for it". It is a very motivating story with many of her accomplishments and it is a privilege to have her.
- Chair Kelly wanted to acknowledge Grand Park's President Lloyd Washington. Mr. Washington stated that as spokesperson for COPOCA there will be a meet and greet tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at EWC in the Student Union Building starting at 5:30 p.m. Please come to the event. He also stated that coming to these meetings does make a difference and they do serve a purpose.
- Chair Kelly asked the members how they liked the center. It was with over whelming support. He asked if the membership it they would like to meet at the Legends Center for the rest of the year. Members enthusiastically agreed.

**Subcommittee Reports** - none

**Announcements**

- Member Ward stated there would be a Health Fair Saturday, May 14 at Gateway Mall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the Dental Van.
- Ms. Tucker stated that she had copies of the resources that were available at the Shell Sweet Center and passed them out.

**Public Comments**

- Member Currier from Thomas Jefferson Civic Club announced that at her last meeting on Thursday, non members came in and took over. They announced they would be having elections for vacant positions and changing the by-laws. She was asked to hand over the keys to the Civic Club as well. The men claim to be business men in the Westside. They are the good ole boys and she is the first women to be president. Member Currier has sent her by-laws to Jacksonville Area Legal Aid's Attorney Carol Miller. She does not know how to handle this and asked members for guidance. Mr. Reed will give her his card to see how he can help.

Members asked where you go if you have a problem with your neighborhood organization. It depends on what type of problem it is. Please call the Housing and Neighborhoods Department at 255-8200 to speak with a Neighborhood Coordinator and they can direct you.

**Motion to Adjourn**

*A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Kittles and a second by Member Solomon.*

*The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57p.m.*

The next meeting will be Thursday, **June 9, 2011**

**New Location**

**Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, [32208]**

6 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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Barbara A.B. Gubbin  
Director

April 28, 2011

Mr. Leroy C. Kelley  
Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee  
Housing and Neighborhoods Department  
214 Hogan Street – 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your letter regarding routine maintenance issues at Bradham Brooks NW library. We are aware of the problems and are working with the Public Works Department and Public Buildings Division to repair all the items identified in your letter dated April 12, 2011. Below is an update of each of the items listed:

- The eaves/soffits in the upper roof area being used by birds as nesting sites will be repaired when the roofing work is completed later this year.
- We will work with the lawn maintenance vendor to pick up ground debris as they mow the lawn. In the interim, the site was cleaned by our two person crew on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- A CARE request (2011-64868) was placed to repair the exterior doors in question on March 14, 2011. The panic hardware was replaced and the work order was closed on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- A CARE request (2011-65699) was placed to remove the tree stump in question on March 15, 2011. The work order is still open pending completion.
- The area in front of the library was filled in and sodded two years ago by COJ Right of Way Grounds Maintenance. A new CARE request (2011-84969) was placed to resod the barren areas on April 20, 2011. Right of Way Grounds Maintenance will seed and water the areas in question in May.
- Fallen tree limbs were recently picked up by the landscaping crew.

Your interest in the libraries is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. B. Gubbin  
Director

CC: Jim Selzer, Library Board of Trustees Chair  
Joey Duncan, Public Works Director  
Lloyd Fountain, Public Buildings Chief  
Devin Reed, Central Operations Director  
Wight Greger, Housing and Neighborhoods Director  
Luis F. Flores, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Planning

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