

MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Paxon Middle School – 3276 Norman Thagard Blvd.
Thursday, March 9, 2006

Committee Members Present

Joseph Anderson, Chairman	Gadson Burgess, Vice Chair
Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile Ministries	Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor	Ernest Clayton, Kinlock Civic
James Gloster, Kinlock Civic	Glriden Norris, Lake Park
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N	Tony Nasrallah, MHPA
Edward Ceconello, Paxon/Biltmore	Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore
Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills	B.J. Scott, Ribault HOA
Rev. Anthony Wyche, Ribault Hills	Doretha Tompkins, Riverview
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition	Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
*Sonya Ross, Lake Park	*Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Gardens
*Yvonne Smart, Washington Heights Est.	
*awaiting papers	

City/Staff/Public/Media

Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison, Director of Procurement	
Dave Jones, Department of Health	Caroline Silvers, SJRWMD
Vince Seibold, FDEP	Karl Hankins, JEA
Carol Miller, JALA	Lt. Tyree, JSO Zone 5
Del Miley, Property Safety Zone 5	Terri Lindeman, Property Safety
Milton Locklear, FDOT	Terry Murphy, Planning & Development
Nettie Cook, JHRC	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NSD
Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N	Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N
Anne Herndon, Better Living	Deloris Brown, Full Service School
Felicia Simmons, Full Service School	Carolyn Wright, Full Service School
Karl Hankin	Pastor Ruth Taylor
Ethel Cruishank, Pickettville	Penny Trawick, Pickettville
Frank Brenden Paxon/Biltmore	Larry Simmons, American Legion #197
Lucille Frazier, Moncrief Gardens	Frances Boyd, Moncrief Gardens
Sandy Bellville, Paxon/Biltmore	

Excused: Diane Kerr, Tod Johnson, Susannah Carter, Edward Hall, J.R. Davenport

Call to Order

Chairman Joseph Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Paxon Middle School and welcomed everyone. Vice Principal Singleton welcomed the NW CPAC on behalf of Principal Pierce, staff and students at Paxon Middle. We are welcome at anytime. Membership collected \$52 (donations) for yearbooks for foster children in the NW CPAC.

Invocation: Gadson Burgess

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the February 9, 2006 meeting summary as written was made by Thomas May and a second by Bertha Richardson. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Update from February 9th Meeting with PREC

Parks, Recreation, Entertainment and Preservation (PREC) had two questions come up from the NW CPAC meeting with Director John Culbreth:

1. Are there any new parks planned for the New Town area? **No** Is there any funding available from Councilman Fullwood? **No**

2. There is a vacant lot for sale at Edgewood and Moncrief and Ave. B. Would this be a good spot for a park? Dept. is to assess suitability. **We have looked at the lot and feel that since it is next to a liquor store it is an inappropriate location for a park.**

Guest Speakers

- David Jones, Florida Department of Health, made the following presentation on "Reclaimed Water" along with Caroline Silver, St. Johns River Water Management, Karl Hankins, JEA, and Vince Seibold, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. They discussed reclaimed water which is wastewater that has been thoroughly treated to remove harmful substances so it can be reused. In order to conserve groundwater for the future and Florida's growing population reclaimed water addresses both of these problems. It also provides an environmentally responsible alternative to wastewater disposal. It is commonly used to irrigate golf courses and landscaping. Using reclaimed water leaves us with more supplies of fresh drinking water. The purple pipes that are being installed around the city are for reclaimed water. Members had numerous questions. For more information you can call Dave Jones at 630-3259 or the St. Johns Water Management District at 386-32-4540 or www.sjrwmd.com
- Gloriden Norris, Full Service Schools of Jacksonville, made a presentation and introduced her colleagues from the other Full Service Schools in the Northwest Planning District. There are 7 Full Service Schools in Jacksonville.
 - Ribault Resource Center – 924-1680- Gloriden Norris
 - Paxon Resource Center - 381-6073 – Carolyn Wright
 - Jackson/Springfield Resource Center – 359-6250 – Felicia Simmons
 - Westside Family Resource Center – 390-3284 – Delores BrownThey provide services that remove barriers out of the way for children. They are a referral source. They are in collaboration with the Duval County School Board, the United Way and the Jacksonville Children's Commission, Department of Health and other foundations. They also have a health van that goes to middle and high schools for physicals and immunizations as well as for ill students.

NW CPAC Request

Carol Miller, Attorney, Area Legal Aid, Inc. made a presentation on "What is a CRA". At the February NW CPAC meeting Member Rev. Anthony Wyche asked for the NW CPACs support for a CRA for the 45th Street and Moncrief Springs neighborhood. President Yvonne Ward from the area is in support of the redevelopment that Member Wyche is proposing. Members were not familiar with a CRA. Attorney Miller explained that local units of government could designate a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) only in places with slum and blight to revitalize those districts. The CRA process would be to adopt a finding of need, create a CRA plan, and establish a redevelopment trust fund, get this approved, have a public hearing and then get approved by the county with an ordinance. Members had numerous questions. *A Motion to write a letter of support from the NW CPAC was made by Member Thomas May and a second by Member Bertha Richardson. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.*

Staff Reports

JSO Zone 5 – Lt Tyree reported the findings from last month on Helena and Junior Streets. There were 41 arrests and 9 warrants and are looking at zoning and lighting solutions. Crime in Zone 5 is down year-to-date. If you have a problem please fill out the incident form. You can fax it to 384-8610. If you have questions you can call the Zone 5 Sub Station at 384-8028. They are located at 210 S McDuff Avenue.

Mayor's Liaison Devin Reed – reported that at the SLT (Strategic Leadership Team) meeting the Mayor's Downtown initiative would continue to have condos on the river, taking one lane of the Main Street Bridge and closing it to have more pedestrian traffic with vendors across the bridge to connect the North and South Riverbank. They would turn Friendship Fountain into an interactive water feature for children and families. Members did not want to see vendors on the Main Street Bridge or close one lane of traffic. It would be unsafe. There will be a Family Fest on Saturday at Arques Park off Normandy. On March 25th at MOSH the Mayor's Book Club will have free admission and events for the children. Members continue to ask for the roadway on Moncrief Road from 33rd St. to 36th Street to be repaired. Members also want to see the cemeteries across from Raines High School cleaned. Liaison Reed asked members to put these issues in writing. Devin Reed can be reached at 630-1184 or dreed@coj.net

FDOT – Milton Locklear reported that there will be a meeting on the I-10 Marietta Interchange on 4-6-06 at Cecil Center at 5 p.m. He will also check on the ramp on Main Street. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@dot.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Terry Murphy reported on the LUZ report with 78% of the applications were re-referred and there were 3 PUD applications: Commonwealth – with single residences, PUD on Pritchard Road was also re-referred. Members asked if the posted signs could state what the change will be along with a number to call and big enough to read from the street. Terry Murphy can be reached at 630-2138 or Tmurphy@coj.net.

Property Safety Zone 5 Code Enforcement, Terri Lindeman reported that they have a new computer system. There have been a few problems with weed lots and block numbers. Supervisor Del Miley answered questions on the posting of signs. Members asked if signs could state what the problem was and be large enough to read from the street. If you have a problem please call 630-CITY (630-2489). They can be reached at 391-3600 or 1801 Art Museum Drive, Bldg. 3500, Suite 200 Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 396-1720 fax or psafety@coj.net

Neighborhood Services – Marilyn Fenton-Harmer made the following announcements:

- The CPAC training went very well. Notes on the CPAC Public Records Workshop were available.
- On Tuesday, April 4th there will be a workshop for residents that are interested in joining CPAC. It will be at the Main Library at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room 2 & 3 on the Conference Level. If you know of someone that wants to join the NW CPAC please have them register at 630-7398
- The **NW Mayor's Town Hall Meeting Thursday, 4-27-06** at 6 p.m. with the location is still to be determined.
- The Mayor's Matching Grant Application should be out soon with 1 mandatory workshop to attend in March and a new deadline date of Friday, **April 28, 2006**
- Applications for becoming a partner for Blueprint for Prosperity are available
- The Mayor's Fish-a-Thon for seniors will be Monday, March 20th at Hanna Park – flyers are available with the details.
- March 18, 2006 – St. Johns River Clean Up. Learn more www.coj.net or 630-2489.
- March Celebration of Jax Parks. All activities are free and open to the public.
 - Saturday, March 11th Explore the River at Walter Jones Historical Park 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 11964 Mandarin Road
 - Sunday, March 12th Explore Ft. Caroline National Memorial at 10 a.m. -1p.m.
 - Learn more on line www.jaxparks.com

- Upcoming city events – Mark your calendars:
 - 2006 Jazz Festival April 6-9, Metro Park, Ritz and Florida Theatre
 - World of Nations – May 4-7 Metro Park \$3 one day and \$5 two day pass
 - Spring Music Fest – May 27, Metro Park – name TBA
- Mayor’s Neighborhood Summit, Friday, June 23rd – changes for 2006– the event is free with workshops and exhibits but the lunch will be \$5 and you have to register and pay for this in advance.
- Real Sense Campaign is going on for free tax preparation with quick refunds – for information call 211 or 632-0600 or 1-866-318-0211
- Job Fair at Gateway Mall on Thursday, March 30th
- District 7 – Children’s Commission, Councilwoman Lockett-Felder will host a Festival for Jacksonville Families - Trolley pick-up and drop-off locations: Community Connections, 325 E. Duval St. Chappell Childcare Center, FCCJ Downtown Campus, 101 W. State St., and will be the Westside Family Festival, Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Normandy Elementary School, Arques Park, 6803 Arques Road
- CPAC Training Wednesday, 2-22-06 for officers and members from noon to 3 p.m. at the New Main Library please RSVP to Marilyn if you will be attending 630-7024
- The UNF Nurses will be hosting a Fun Day “Health” Fair at Mallison Park on Saturday, April 8, 2006. Please come!

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 630-7024 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Members asked that future trainings be in the evening so that they may attend.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Edward Cecconello and a second by Ella Watson. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 13, 2006**
 5 p.m. for reading, 6 p.m. for the meeting
 Pickett Elementary School – 6305 Old Kings Road North