

MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
North Shore Elementary School – 5701 Silver Plaza
Thursday, February 9, 2006

Committee Members Present

Joseph Anderson, Chairman
Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile Ministries
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor
Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N
Henry McMickens
Rev. Anthony Wyche, Ribault Hills
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
*Jim Green, Northshore
*awaiting papers

Gadson Burgess, Vice Chair
Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Barney Roberts, Charter Member
J.R. Davenport, NWJ CDC
Edward Ceconello, Paxon/Biltmore
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition
*Mary Tate, Minosa Circle
*Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Gardens

City/Staff/Public/Media

Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison, Director of Procurement
John Culbreth, Director of Parks, Recreation, Entertainment and Conservation (PREC)
Denise Ostertag, Chief of Recreation Activities (PREC)
Assistant Chief Jerry Coxen, JSO Zone 5
N.E. Inyant, Property Safety Zone 5
Terry Murphy, Planning & Development
Kortney Mosley, Public Works
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NSD
Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N
English Watson, Magnolia Gardens N
Lalatta and Bernard Dawson
Sgt. Farhat, JSO Zone 5
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Joe Bailey, JHRC
Thelma Jackson, Faith Based Office
Alma Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N
Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N
Delila Jackson, AARP
Pastor Ruth Taylor

Excused: Diane Kerr, Tod Johnson,

Call to Order

Chairman Joseph Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Media Center at North Shore Elementary and welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Gadson Burgess

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the January 12, 2006 meeting summary as written was made by Thomas Hudson and a second by Thomas May. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Guest Speaker

John H. Culbreth, "The Future of the Department". The new Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation, Entertainment and Conservation introduced himself and went over highlights on plans for the department that the Mayor and City Council adopted from the Parks Task Force recommendations:

- o They will be adding a person for fund raising to solicit support for parks
- o Partner with the community
- o Have a Parks Advisory Board
- o Create new programs for residents like community festivals

He is open to new ideas and opportunities for the parks department. He then answered numerous questions from NW CPAC members on how to get a new park (possibly on Edgewood/Avenue B/Moncrief Road), park renovations, the use of parks which is open for the entire community not just a specific neighborhood and they are also waiting to hear from the EPA on Lonnie Miller Park. Member May thanked him for naming a passive park for Alva York in Marietta. He can be reached at 630-3535 or culbreth@coj.net or funexperts@coj.net

Staff Reports

JSO Zone 5 - The new Assistant Chief for Zone 5, Jerry Coxen, introduced himself and Sgt. Farhat. He has worked all over the city and is glad to be back in Zone 5. He is a firm believer in communication. They went over a Zone 5 report: Burglaries to residents and businesses is down year to date, there is a 60% reduction in domestic violence in Sector M. Members asked questions on getting more patrols in NW neighborhoods. A/C Coxen said he wants his officers to be more visible and approachable by becoming involved with the community.

- Members would like to see bike patrols.
- Member Wyche talked about installing video cameras in his Center in Moncrief and wanted to know the legality of them. A/C Coxen suggested calling JSO Larry Pritchard at 630-2100.
- Member Roberts wanted to see the drugs on Junior Street stopped which is right across the street from S. P. Livingston Elementary. A/C Coxen will check on this.
- Member Green wanted to know how a neighborhood gets Operation Showdown which focuses on drugs, guns and prostitution.
- A question of parking a tractor trailer in a residential neighborhood came up. It is illegal to park at a home. Members said that JTA buses and school buses go into neighborhoods all the time and tear up the roads. Milton Locklear will check on this due to the weight limit.
- There is a lot of activity on Helena Street across from the church that does not have a house number on it.

If you have questions call the Zone 5 Sub Station at 384-8028.

Mayor's Liaison Devin Reed – If you have a concern and you are not sure who to contact please let him know and he will get you a name and number. Mayor Peyton has now started a monthly newsletter with his updates. He talked about a speaker for duplicate street names. Members would like to have this presentation at the next available CPAC meeting. There will be a tax exempt forum on 2-27-06 at 9 a.m. in the Renaissance Room. This is for agencies to learn about the laws for tax exemption status. Member Hudson asked how the cemeteries on Moncrief Road could get cleaned up. They are right between Council District 8 and District 10. Devin Reed can be reached at 630-1184 or dreed@coj.net

FDOT – Milton Locklear reported that 4/5 projects will start in the summer: Beaver Street, McDuff to Stockton, Main Street/Winona to the River, Post to Edgewood to Riverside Ave., he will also check on the JTA buses on local streets. A question on road resurfacing and sidewalks and curbs with houses that have cracked aprons came up, this is a Better Jax. issue call 630-BJAX. A question on can narrow roads with ditches on each side be widened and ditches covered up. Public Works Coordinator Kortney Mosley said that Director Alan Mosley had spoken to Ms. Ward on this and they would clean them out but this is for drainage. Member Wyche asked how the road culverts could get covered up. Kortney explained that there was no funding available. A question on getting sidewalks came up please call Kortney Mosley at 630-0675 to request them. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@dot.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Terry Murphy passed out the NW report. Members asked her to have a report on the status of houses on Lane Avenue and the more than 300 house off Pritchard Road. Terry Murphy can be reached at 630-2138 or Tmurphy@coj.net.

Property Safety Zone 5 Code Enforcement N.E. Inyant was in attendance for Pete Sutherland and asked members if anyone had any issues to call 630-CITY (630-2489) Pete Sutherland 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

Faith Based Office Thelma Jackson made the following announcements:

- To help build capacity there will be Board Training for the following:
 - **Sponsorship Resource Workshops**
Professor: Anthony B. Miles, President, US Sponsorship Resource Cen.
Place: City Hall, Renaissance Room
Dates: Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11, 2006
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Contact: chathorn@coj.net
 - **Introduction To Non-Profit Management**
Professor: Kevin Monahan, University of North Florida
Place: City Hall, Mezzanine Floor, Exam Room 3
Dates: Tuesdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4, and 11.
Time: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Contact: chathorn@coj.net

This workshop focuses on training for organizations to understand social entrepreneur mindsets, develop a clear vision, and reducing uneven cash flow. Participants will also learn how to manage their programs and budgets better to achieve their goals and objectives.

- **NEW *Board Roles and Responsibilities Training (1 Day)**
Professor: Judy Smith, Volunteer Jacksonville
Place: City Hall, Mezzanine Floor, Exam Room 3
Dates: March 13, 15, 20, 22, 27. (Please choose one date)
Time: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Contact: chathorn@coj.net

This training focuses on the fiduciary responsibility, programmatic responsibility and financial responsibility as a non profit. PLEASE NOTE: All board members and executive director are required to attend one training class. They are not required to attend at the same time. Please make arrangements with your board members before scheduling. If for any reason a board member does not attend, your organization will not complete this area of training. All board members will be subject to attending training in a future phase.

- **NEW *How to Start A Non-Profit**
Professor: Carlotta Williams, Kama Khalina
Place: City Hall, Mezzanine Floor, Exam Room 3
Dates: Saturday, April 8
Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Contact: chathorn@coj.net

Provides training in the areas of obtaining a 501 (c) (3) status and developing strategic plans and resource development. **Registration:** You must register with the Mayor's Office of Faithand Community Based Partnerships. First come, first served. Please contact Catrice Hathorn at the above information consisting of your name, organization name, phone number, and address.

- There are also small grants available for 501.c 3 organizations with less than \$300,000 and a staff of 6 or less to bridge the gap.
- The Mayor's Pray will be Friday, 2-28-06 at the Church of Christ at 2179 Emerson.
- An Evening with the Mayor will be March 19th at the Potter's House at 5119 Normandy Blvd.
- The Mayor's Family Summit will be Friday, April 28-29, 2006 TBD Prime Osborn Convention Center, Contact: 904-630-4000

Thelma Jackson can be reached at 630-7676

Jacksonville Human Rights Commission (JHRC) Joe Bailey and Nettie Cook started to attend the NW CPAC meetings last year as observers to get a finger on the pulse in the City of Jacksonville. Chairman Anderson apologized for not recognizing his attendance last month.

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

- 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
- Tentative Date for NW Mayor's Town Hall Meeting Thursday, 4-27-06 at 6 p.m. with the location 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
- A "How to write grants" workshop is being planned for Thursday, April 6, 2006 details to come.
- 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.
- Neighborhood Services has a new receptionist, Laura Lee from the Call Center.

- March 18, 2006 – St. Johns River Clean Up. Learn more www.coj.net or 630-2489.
- March 4 -12, 2006 Celebration of Jax Parks. All activities are free and open to the public.
 - Saturday, March 4th Mayor's kick-off 8:30 a.m. at Cecil Recreation Center followed by Jax Sports Fest 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Sports clinics with celebrity athletes & local experts, softball, baseball, cheerleading, football, soccer, basketball and a lifeguard rodeo)
 - Sunday, March 5th Explore the Timucuan Trail State and National Parks at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ribault Club, Fort George Island Cultural State Park
 - 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
- Club Rec is the Department of Parks, Recreation and Entertainment's popular after school program. It is offered at [20 community centers](#) throughout Duval County. Club Rec leaders offer programs designed to meet the after-school needs of active students ages 6-13. Children are admitted to Club Rec absolutely FREE, and the benefits are amazing. Program hours are from 3:30 - 6 p.m.
- 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
- 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
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.

Chairman Anderson NW 2006 Subcommittees

Chairman Anderson would like the following to serve as the 2006 chairpersons for the following committees and pick their own committee members:

Thomas May	Transportation
Diane Kerr	Land Use and Zoning (LUZ)
True Commission	Elaine Burnett
Beautification	Roberta Wilson and Janice Kelly
Bus Tour	To be announced later in the year

Neighborhood Happenings

Member Rev. Anthony Wyche asked for a letter of support from the NW CPAC for a CRA (Community Renewal Area). Members were asked if they knew what this was and only one person had heard of a CRA. Member Wyche explained it but members wanted more information. President Yvonne Ward of Moncrief Improvement, the area that was being asked for the CRA, was in support of Member Wyche's request. Member Wyche will bring back information next month due to Member Solomon asking to table this item.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Edward Cecconello and a second by Thomas May. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 9, 2006**
5 p.m. for reading, 6 p.m. for the meeting
Paxon Middle School – 3276 Norman Thagard Blvd.