

MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Northwestern Middle School – 2100 W. 45th St.
Thursday, September 14, 2006

Committee Members Present

Joseph Anderson, Chairman	Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N
Bertha Richardson, Better Living	Leroy Kelly, Carver International
Larry Solomon, Caver Manor	Barney Roberts, Charter Member
Ernest Clayton, Kinlock	James Gloster, Kinlock
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N	Diane Kerr, North Riverside
Lucille Grant, Old Floradale	Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore
Elaine Burnett, RAP/RADO	Gertrude Peele, NWNW
Rev. Anthony Wyche, Second Chance	Yvonne Smart, Washington Heights Estates
*Diana Richardson, Harborview	*Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs
*Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs	*Delilah Jackson, AARP
*Paul Carneal, Weschester	*Linda Kittles, Ribault Manor
*Awaiting papers	

City/Staff/Public/Media

Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison – Director of Procurement	
Brad Thoburn, Interim Director of Planning & Development	
Sgt. Cunningham, JSO Zone 5	Milton Locklear, FDOT
Terri Lindemann, Property Safety/Code	Henry Brown, Property Safety/Code
Jessica Bell, Planning & Development	Nancy Kirts, PREC (Parks)
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services	Elaine Billups, Better Living
Gatsie Grant, Better Living	Novella Williams, Old Floradale
English Watson, Magnolia Gardens N.	Dawn Hudson, Candidate for Judge
Chris "Dale" Monti, Candidate Soil & Water	Calvin "Cal" Lee, Candidate Soil & Water
David Thompson, Candidate for Judge	Barbara Wishop, DCHD

UNF Nursing Students:

Precious Nolasco, Erjoma Demionj, Kate Lee, Rebekah Bassett, Patricia Smith, Esther Manhood

Excused: Thomas May, Tod Johnson, Doretha Tompkins, Joan Davenport, Paulette Turner

Call to Order

Chairman Joseph Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Northwestern Middle School in the Media Center. He welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Gadson Burgess

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the August 10, 2006 meeting summary was made by Member Diane Kerr and a second by Member Ernest Clayton. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed

Chairman Anderson's Report

Chairman Anderson asked if anyone was running for an elected position to please stand and introduce them selves: Dawn Hudson, Candidate for Judge, Chris "Dale" Monti, Candidate Soil & Water, Calvin "Cal" Lee, Candidate Soil & Water and David Thompson, Candidate for Judge were all in attendance. The NW CPAC will not endorse any candidate but will be hosting a joint "Candidate Forum" with the SW CPAC on March 6, 2007 at the Department of Agriculture at 1010 N. McDuff. Please mark your calendar to attend this event.

- Chairman Anderson appointed Diane Kerr to chair of the nominating committee and the 2006 bus tour committee.
- The CPAC Picnic hosted by the SW CPAC with the Mayor attending will be Saturday, September 16, 2006 at Little Talbot State Park for \$10 which includes entrance into the park and lunch. Anyone interested in buying a ticket see Chairman Anderson.
- Chairman Anderson thanked the UNF nurses for coming to the meeting.

Guest Speakers

- Brad Thoburn, Assistant Director of Planning Policy gave an "Update on the Growth Management Task Force". NW CPAC Member Diane Kerr was a member of this Task Force. The reports along with the recommendations are on line at www.coj.net. It outlines the surrounding counties and the growth management to 2030. He went over the 10 recommendations of the plan. Members had lots of questions on the following:
 - Is there cemetery space available in the plan for burials?
 - Is there a plan for industry, JEA and citizens to stop polluting the St. John's River?
 - How can septic tanks still be used in certain new developments when they continue to be a problem? Can we get a list of all the problem areas with failing septic tanks?
In the Lake Forest Neighborhood they are installing sewer lines but in other areas like 45th Street they continue not to have sewer. This is problematic in redevelopment.
Currently there are no requirements to inspect septic tanks. They are looking into have an inspection done every 3 to 5 years.
 - Is there an agreement with the Duval County Public School Board to develop schools as new sub divisions come on line? And what about older neighborhoods? Is there an inter-local agreement with the DCPS? Is there a way for the developer to donate land for schools?
- Nancy Kirts, Park Maintenance Manager "Project Help – Help Eliminate Litter in Parks – volunteer project that would be implemented during the JaxParks... Get out there event May 2007". This would be a project that the CPAC could do on May 19th at a park in the district. They could clean it up and beautify it. They would provide bags, gloves etc.
 - Chairman Anderson suggested that the Parks Dept. get the supervisor at each park involved and have them be the point of contact for this event.
 - At Burnett Park on Election Day the park was a mess.
 - CPAC members suggested selling Park land and or donating it to the neighborhood if it wasn't big enough for a park.

For more information Nancy Kirts can be reached at 630-5403.

Staff Reports

JSO Zone 5 – Sgt. Cunningham reported on the following:

- Operation Safe Streets is bringing 40 officers into Zone 5 from other zones in the city to help patrol violent crime areas.
- Over all crime is down 41%.
- Wednesday Walks will be having a pastor and 3 officers walk in particular neighborhoods for a walk and talk. They began last week. If you need more info call 384-8028.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) – you can call in a crime tip anonymously and if an arrest is made you may be eligible for a reward up to \$1000. The Gun Bounty program of \$1000 for 1 gun with 1 arrest can also be called in to First Coast Crime Stoppers.
- Members would like to see the mounted patrol in the NW Planning District especially near Simonds-Johnson Park on Moncrief Rd.
- Members continue to be concerned with young people hanging out on the corners that are involved with drugs.

If you need non-emergency JSO information call 630-0500. If you need ShAdCo or other information you can call the Zone Sub Station at: Zone 5 – 384-8028 Zone 4 – 573-3165 Zone 1 – 924-5361.

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Mayor's Liaison Devin Reed reported on the following:

- Please mark your calendars for the next Mayor's Town Hall meeting in the North Planning District on Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. The location is still to be determined. The Mayor's schedule is very busy and they want to be sure of the date. Members would like to know the location much sooner than a month out to let their members know when and where it will be. They suggested advertising in the TU as well as the community section and local papers to have a better turn out. They suggested putting it on the COJ home web page and calendar. All the Mayor's directors of the various city departments are at the Town Hall meetings. Please tell your neighbors and come to the meeting.
- The Dinsmore Park will have it's re-opening on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m.
- Carvill Park is getting close and he will make sure that this happens.

Devin Reed can be reached at 630-1184 or dreed@coj.net

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Milton Locklear reported on the I-10 and I-95 projects. If you would like to see what it looks like come to the Irene/Edison St. office.

- Member Clayton wanted information on the Kings Rd. overpass. JTA is doing it and the design is almost done. He wanted to know if the road can be repaired in the mean time. CSX has stated that the road currently meets the standards for safety.
- Members wanted to know about the Stockton Street exit ramp – it will be closing and the Forest St. ramp will be opening very soon.

Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@dot.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Jessica Bell passed out the NW Planning report and a “Quick fact sheet”. It listed the NW planning permits and the numbers have been steadily going up.

- At Lorenzo Courts the NAP (Neighborhood Action Plan) did not support any more apartment complexes going in that area.
- The public hearing about the homes behind Famous Amos will be on 9-25-06.
- In Oct. there will be workshops on Garden, Jones and Pritchard Rd.

If you see an “Orange Planning Sign” call and she will tell you what is going on with that property. Jessica Bell can be reached at 630-1446 or Jebell@coj.net

Property Safety – Officer Terri Lindemann reported on the following:

- Please call 630-CITY to report issues they will get to them via the CARE system.
- Member Elaine Burnett thanked Property Safety/Code Enforcement for help with a junk vehicle that had been parked for years in a neighbor’s yard was finally removed.
- Cars on the city right-of-way will need to be cited from JSO. If the car is inoperable, no tag and in a yard they will cite them. The owner has 15 days from the time of notification to correct the issue.
- Currently the Special Masters can fine an owner up to \$250 a day for a violation.
- An issue of a tree blocking the city right-of-way and you can’t visually see cars will need to be called into traffic engineering at 630-CITY.

Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600 or 1801 Art Museum Dr., Bldg. 3500, Suite 200 or psafety@coj.net and Officer Lindemann can be reached at 371-0865.

Neighborhood Services – Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NW Neighborhood Coordinator/Planner reported on the following:

- Please be sure to sign the sign-in sheets at every meeting.
- Annual Joint CPAC PICNIC will be on Saturday, September 16, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Little Talbot Island State Park, 12157 Hecksher Drive – Chairman Anderson is selling the tickets \$10 per person which includes lunch and the park entrance fee.
- Upcoming CommUniverCity training on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Cuba Hunter Community Center, 3620 Bedford Road, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on how to start a neighborhood association with a toolkit of ideas. Please call 630-7398 to sign up. There are yellow flyers with the information.
- If you are interested in becoming a member of Keep Jacksonville Beautiful please let Marilyn know or you can call John Shellhorn for more details at 630-3420.
- Since there will not be a November NW CPAC meeting due to the bus tour, we will have to have a Nominating Committee in place tonight to have a slate of officers on the October mail-out for elections at our December meeting. Nominations from the floor are always accepted.
- A copy of the August 2006 CPAC summaries were available for members to view.
- Special Events has streamlined the process for those that would like to schedule events on city property with attendance of more than 500. If you need assistance with this please call 630-3690 or JHumpp@coj.net – Jamie Hupp
- Dinsmore Park and Community Center will be celebrating a Re-opening on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. 7126 Civic Club Drive.
- The Mayor’s Town Hall meeting schedule for 2006 with locations to be determined:
 - Monday, October 16, 2006 North Planning District #6
 - Monday, November 27, 2006 Greater Arlington/Beaches Planning District #2
- The next Northwest CPAC (Citizens Planning Advisory Committee) meeting will be at 6 p.m. **Thursday, October 12, 2006 Lola Culver Elementary School, 580 Lawton Avenue 924-3000**

- With Hurricane Season upon us there are new pet evacuation forms for the shelters along with special medical needs and transportation forms that have to be submitted each year.
- The Neighborhood Services Office has moved from City Hall at St. James to 1 W. Adams Street, 3rd floor. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are the same.
- The Mayor's Initiative "Blueprint for Prosperity" is looking for you to become a partner. There will be orientations in the upcoming months on how to develop strategies for key benchmarks. Please consider becoming a Blueprint Partner. For info call Harlan Stallings at 366-6618
- The Mayor's Rally Jacksonville had a very successful kick-off this past weekend at the Main Library and Hemming Plaza. If you have 4-year old children please call **630-4754** to register for the Mayor's Book Club.
- City Council Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday 6pm City Council Chambers – City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. For information call 630-1377
- School Board Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6pm School Board Building - 1701 Prudential Drive. For information please call 390-2000.
- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council)
 - **Zone 5** call 384-8028 210 S. McDuff Avenue
 - **Zone 4** call 573-3165 Cedar Hills Shopping Center
 - **Zone 1** call 924-5361 Gateway Shopping Center
- Police Non-Emergency 630-0500 Police Neighborhood Watch – 630-2160 First Coast Crime Stoppers 1-866--845 TIPS (8477)
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- **City Services 630-CITY** (630-2489) Please have the exact address and get a tracking number and estimated date of completion
- **SAVE the DATE:**
 - Florida Neighborhoods Conference – Fort Lauderdale, October 5-7, 2006 for information www.floridaneighborhoods.org
 - Joint CPAC Candidate Forum Tuesday, March 6, 2007 Department of Agriculture Auditorium, 1010 S. McDuff at 6 p.m.

If you have any questions please call Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NW Neighborhood Coordinator/Planner at 630-7024 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Sub Committees

TRUE Commission – Member Elaine Burnett reported that the next TRUE Commission meeting will be on the 1st Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The latest action that they worked on was the impact on homes being repaired in the NW area. Previous NW CPAC member Rosa Walker brought the problem of home repairs not being done satisfactorily. This revamped the way the Jacksonville Housing Authority will have repairs done in order for the work to be done right the first time.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Barney Roberts and a second by Member Ernest Clayton. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The **next meeting** will be on **Thursday, October 12, 2006**
Lola Culver Elementary School, 580 Lawton Avenue at 6 p.m.