

MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Leroy Clemons Community Center – 55 North Jackson Street
Thursday, June 8, 2006

Committee Members Present

Joseph Anderson, Chairman
Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N
Joan Davenport, NWJ CDC
Elaine Burnett, RADO/RAP
Rev. Anthony Wyche, Ribault Manor
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
*Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs
*Awaiting papers

Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor
Marcus Smith, NWJ CDC
Georgia "Penny" Trawick, Pickettville
Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition
*Paulette Turner, Lake Forest

City/Staff/Public/Media

Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison/Director of Procurement
Lt. Goff, JSO Zone 5
Terri Lindemann, Property Safety/Code
Terry Murphy, Planning & Development
Nettie Cook, JHRC
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
Linda Kittles, Ribault Manor
Elaine Billups, Better Living
Cindy Parker, Lake Forest
Elissa & Ben Walker
Rose Deverts
Joyce & Arliss Griffin
Prof. William Ahrens, UNF Nursing Program

Milton Locklear, FDOT
N. T. Inyang, Property Safety/Code
Jessica Bell, Planning & Development
Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N
Ruth May, Thomas Jefferson
English Watson, Magnolia Gardens N
Anne Herndon, Better Living
Deborah Wyche, Second Chance
Rose Jordan
Wanda Bergeron
Pastor Ruth Taylor

Excused: Tod Johnson, Susannah Carter, Diane Kerr, Ernest Clayton, Doretha Tompkins, Delilah Jackson, Edward Ceconnello

Call to Order

Chairman Joseph Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Leroy Clemons Community Center, 55 North Jackson Street and welcomed everyone. A very special thank you to Member Thomas May, his wife and daughter for the wonderful home cooked dinner. Thank you to the Leroy Clemons staff for the use of the center.

Invocation: Gadson Burgess

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the May 11, 2006 meeting summary as written was made by Member Anthony Wyche, Sr. and a second by Member Bertha Richardson. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed

Chairman Anderson's Report

- There are handouts for *Emergency Evacuation forms for special needs and public transportation to a shelter. These forms must be filled out each year as well as the new form for pets.*
- *Welcome to new members Jean Tolbert and Leona Bessent from Metro Gardens (they were not in attendance).*
- In the Agenda packet is an attachment for JSO Zone 5 Incident report. If you have a complaint, fill this out. This will create a log and it will give you the amount of time the officers have worked on the complaint.
- CPAC is not in the money business, but on our own we wanted to enhance the lives of foster children that are barely making ends meet and this would be a nice way to present something (yearbooks) to graduating foster children. We want to make their lives better. We appreciate what ever amount you can donate. Collection for yearbooks for Foster Children was \$40.00

Guest Speaker

- David Flagler, Division Chief Animal Care & Control gave a presentation. This is his second year with the City of Jacksonville. Jacksonville is one of the most challenging cities due to our wonderful climate. It is hard for our animals with fleas, ticks and heart worms. To be a pet owner it requires more work than anywhere in the country. To be a responsible owner the animal must be licensed, spayed and neutered and love their pets. This season we will be having pet friendly evacuation shelters but you have to register. Foster homes are needed for young puppies and kittens. Members asked questions on the following: What to do about dogs running wild in Murray Hill Park? Try to find out where they live and call 630-CITY. Pepper spray works well if a dog will attack. People have been dumping out animals in the Pickettville Community. When a trap is requested we need assurance that Animal Care will set it up since it is very large. They do assist with the dog trap but not the cat trap. Alligators are handled by the Florida Fish & Wildlife. Members commended Animal Care for the job they are doing. David Flagler can be reached at 387-8895 or DFlagler@coj.net

Staff Reports

JSO Zone 5 – Crime is down 8% year-to-date in Zone 5. There has been a rash of burglaries in Marietta. They caught a suspect and have cleared 20 cases. They are addressing traffic concerns and the high incident areas. Be sure to secure your guns so juveniles don't get a hold of them. They are working a fatality off Cleveland Rd. as we speak. Members were concerned with the amount of drug dealing going on in the NW Planning District. You can call 630-CRAK to report drug activity and remain anonymous. You can also report this at a ShAdCo meeting. Chairman Anderson invited members and guests to Sector O ShAdCo meeting on Monday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Pickettville Civic Club on North Lane Ave. You can also call First Coast Crime Stoppers 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) and possibly receive a reward of up to \$1000 if a conviction is made. Members wanted to know if there was counseling available for victims. You can call Victim Services with the City of Jacksonville. A question if motor scooters are legal on the street. No they are not. A lot of parents don't know that they are illegal and they do not follow the rules of the road. Call JSO if you see them at 630-0500. Members wanted to commend the job Zone 5 officers were doing. Call the Zone Sub Station for more information at: Zone 5 – 384-8028, Zone 4 – 573-3165 or Zone 1 – 924-5361.

Mayor's Liaison Devin Reed – apologized for leaving early last month for his son's induction into the National Junior Honor Society.

- The Mayor's Office is working on providing summer jobs for our youth ages 16 to 18-years old. The Mayor will be at the first day orientation on Monday, June 12th. This is all part of his pilot program Growing Great Neighborhoods: Seeds of Change in the Royal Terrace Moncrief and 29th & Chase area. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at Saint Clair Evans Academy at 6 p.m.
- The Mayor's next Town Hall meeting will be in the SE Planning District at Twin Lakes Academy Middle School, 8050 Point Meadows Drive.
- The Mayor's Neighborhood Summit will be Friday, June 23rd at the Prime Osborn Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please come and participate in all our events.
- They are also working on the plan for downtown and how to bring more greenery to downtown.
- The Mayor's Office is looking at providing a standard packet for the CPACs each month and will keep us informed. Members wanted to include information on the TRUE Commission with that report.
- Members wanted to know how to get a traffic light at 32nd Street and Stuart in the new Golfair Estates neighborhood. They also need trees cut down.
- Members wanted to have the Mayor's Town Hall calendar for the year.
- Members wanted to know what could be done about an old closed Amoco Station off of Moncrief as well as other commercial buildings.
- Members wanted to know what could be done about the Ribault High School pool playing loud music all day long.
- For the month of June there will be mini jazz festivals along the riverfront and they are free.
- JEA is doing a study on the cost of putting utilities underground. It is very expensive but it would help during hurricanes.
- Members were still concerned with tractor trailers parking in residential neighborhoods and not following the zoning laws.
- Members reminded other members that signs on the roadways and street poles are illegal and can be removed. They intentionally violate the law at the cost of doing business.

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

Florida Department of Transportation - Milton Locklear talked about the New Kings Rd. and the railroad which is still in design and should be finished in the fall of 2008. They are preparing better access to the Sherwood Plaza. There will be a public hearing on the downtown transportation center with rail, track and skyway at the Prime Osborn Convention Center on June 29 at 4:30p.m. It will show the proposed design and will ask for comments from the public. The first phase is very impressive. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@dot.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Terry Murphy passed out her monthly report and introduced our new Planner for the NW CPAC Jessica Bell. Jessica went over the report and discussed the following:
2006A-011 9800/9820 Plummer Road - AGR to RLD, 200 acres, 660-880 homes in subdivision
2006A-012 NW Jones Rd./Garden St. - AGR to CGC, 10.32 acres, commercial retail in Sierra Oaks
Members had a problem with the word quadrant used to describe the Northwest Planning District #5. Members do not want that word used to describe the Planning District. Terry Murphy can be reached at 630-2138 or Tmurphy@coj.net and Jessica Bell can be reached at 630-1446 or Jebell@coj.net

Property Safety - Terri Lindemann reported that she followed up on the Magnolia Gardens issue. If you have any concerns you can report them directly at the meeting or call 630-CITY. She will follow up with you at the next meeting. Questions on parking tractor trailers in residential neighborhoods continue to come up. If it is on the city right-of-way call JSO 630-0500 if it is a residential neighborhood call 630-CITY, it is a zoning violation. There are 3 Code Enforcement – Property Safety, Zoning and Building Inspectors. There are inspectors that do work on the weekend. A question about a restaurant opening up, does it need a license? Yes. It is at 6704 Van Gundy. They are also holding block parties and JSO was called and the neighbors were told that they can have the party since it is on private property. This was not correct and JSO will follow up on this. Members were concerned with inoperable cars with grass growing up through it. Property Safety can cite an inoperable car please call it in to 630-CITY. They were also concerned with 8 ft. fences that hide problems. There is nothing that can be done on those due to property rights. They can be reached at 391-3600 or 1801 Art Museum Dr., Bldg. 3500, Suite 200 or psafety@coj.net

Neighborhood Services

- Thank you to Member Thomas May and his family for providing a delicious dinner for the NW CPAC meeting members and guests.
- Please don't forget that if you have a problem you can always call 630-CITY (630-2489) and report it there, you don't have to wait until a CPAC meeting. However, if you have reported the problem and it is past the estimated dates of completion please bring that information to the meeting so that we may work on it.
- The Mayor's Neighborhood Summit will be Friday, June 23, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Free workshops and exhibit area – lunch \$5 registration fee. Please RSVP at 630-7398 to get a registration form.
- The CommUniverCity will be holding the next "Training for Neighborhood Leaders – 101" from July 11 – Aug. 10, sessions are held on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at the FCCJ Urban Resource Center, 601 W. State St. This training will help new leaders cultivate leadership abilities. Please call 630-7398 to register.
- The next Northwest CPAC (Citizens Planning Advisory Committee) meeting will be at 6 p.m. **Thursday, July 13, 2006**, NW Bradham Brooks Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West. State Attorney Harry Shorstein will be our guest speaker.
- Council Vice President Michael Corrigan is holding a town meeting Monday, June 12, 2006 at Riverside Presbyterian Church from 6-7 p.m. where the topic of discussion will be the Post and College streets two-way conversion project.
- The next Mayor's Town Hall Meeting will be on Monday, June 19, 2006 in the SE Planning District, Twin Lakes Academy Middle School Auditorium, 8050 Point Meadows Drive.
- 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 will be moving from City Hall at St. James to the Building at 1 W. Adams Street at the end of the month. Phone numbers are expected to remain the same.
- The 2006 Senior Services Directories are available tonight and at the Mary Singleton Center (duplicate copies) or any of the Jacksonville Public Libraries.

- The Parks Department will be holding summer Mini Fests. The NW one will be July 14th at Clanzel Brown.
- Zoo tickets are available. Contact Marilyn for the details.
- Please consider becoming a Blueprint for Prosperity Partner. Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 630-7024 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Sub Committees – No reports

Neighborhood Happenings

- Member May invited members to the next Thomas Jefferson meeting on the first Thursday in September. There will be a covered dish.
- Professor Ahrens reported that the UNF nurses are preparing for midterms but will be at the Summit in the afternoon taking blood pressures.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Rev. Anthony Wyche and a second by Member Oliver Muldrow. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The **next meeting** will be on **Thursday, July 13, 2006**
NW Bradham Brooks Library, 1755 Edgewood Avenue West at 6 p.m.