

MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Reynolds Lane Elementary School – 840 Reynolds Lane
Thursday, January 12, 2006

Committee Members Present

Joseph Anderson, Chairman
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor
Faye Richardson, Cisco Gardens
Henry & Iola McMickens
Diane Kerr, North Riverside
Elaine Burnett, RAP/RADO
Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills
*Vickie Anderson, Palmdale Gardens
*Brenda Waters, Royal Terrace
*awaiting papers

Gadson Burgess, Vice Chair
Vada Davis, Cisco Gardens
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N
Susannah Carter, Murray Hill
Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore
Edward Hall, Ribault Hills
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
*Mary Tate, Minosa Circle

City/Staff/Public/Media

Jerry Holland, Supervisor of Elections
Robert Phillips, Senior Elections Officer
Lt. Chris Tyree, JSO Zone 5
Pete Sutherland, Property Safety
Jennifer Kohn, Building Inspector
Terry Murphy, Planning & Development
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NSD
Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N
English Watson, Magnolia Gardens N
Ethel Criukshank, Pickettville
Darlene Bryd, Reynolds Lane

Leila Mousa, DCSB Region II
Andy McGovern, Elections Office
Lt. Walden, JSO Zone 5
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Lara Deittrich, Planning & Development
Joe Bailey, JHRC
Alma Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N
Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N
Ruth May, Thomas Jefferson
Ona Lee Thoden, Pickettville
Georgia Penny Trawick

UNF Nursing: Professor William Ahrens, Professor Susan McMarlin, Alicia Behrens, Christine Spires, Rebecca Dickey, Jessie Temple, Tabitha Danson, Ingrid Williamson, Kimberly Nall, Stephanie Queen, Michelle Louch, Catherine Thompson, Stacia Diaz, Amanda Wright, Kristin Lewis, Allison Brooks, Christine Ignacio, Melissa Winters, Kathryn Brunton, Rachelle Ramsed and Shasha Allen

Excused: Devin Reed, Doretha Tompkins, Tod Johnson, Kortney Mosley, JR Davenport and Ed Ceconello

Call to Order

Chairman Joseph Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Reynolds Lane Elementary and welcomed everyone. He thanked members and the UNF Nurses for coming and reading to a total of 78 children. Members and the UNF Nurses that read remarked on how well mannered the children were. They all listened attentively and were the best behaved students. It was also the best organized to date.

Invocation: Gadson Burgess

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the December 1, 2005 meeting summary as written was made by Diane Kerr and a second by Susannah Carter. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Guest Speakers

- **Supervisor of Elections Jerry Holland** gave a presentation on "Re-precincting". Re-precincting is where you vote (the polls) and Re-districting is changing the boundaries. District boundaries will not be changed. Currently there are 285 polling locations with some having 4000 voters and some 200. There are 535, 000 registered voters and want to have approximately 2900 people at each precinct. They looked carefully at locations and wanted to leave polls at nursing homes and or senior centers. Due to the Jessica Lunsford Act and having to have fingerprints on file for school locations have pulled the precincts from schools. There will now be 280 locations. The goal was to have a process that will net an effect of equality with reducing lines and better access to voting. There are challenges with handicap accessibility. Some precincts need ramps and mats for wheelchairs. Then there is the challenges of letting voters know where their new polls are located. A new card with your new precinct along with a letter will be mailed prior to the September election. They are planning a "Know your precinct" day and are asking the City Council for blue signs to be posted outside polling locations. If you have any questions please call Jerry Holland at 630-7777 and if he is not there his mobile phone number is on the voice message. Members asked numerous questions and looked over the color coded maps. Members asked Supervisor Holland to place a list of changes on the web site.
- **Blueprint for Prosperity "Raising the per capita income in Duval County"**- Member Elaine Burnett presented the Draft of the Blueprint for Prosperity. She went over key components. The document was prepared by the Chamber with approximately 355 citizens input from all across the city. If you need a copy Elaine will get one for you or you can e-mail to bpf@myjaxchamber.com or view it on line at www.blueprintforprosperity.com. The next step is for you to review the draft and make suggestions in writing. They are due by Jan. 30th. Then they would like your association or organization to become a partner. In becoming a partner you would support a process by endorsing the Blueprint and adopt strategies with benchmarks for measurement. Forms are available to become a partner at the above web site or Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can send you one plus you can send in your information to her as well at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Ste 310 A 32202 or fax to 630-7398. Some members wanted to see education a top priority and to decrease the murders in Jacksonville.

Chairman Anderson asked members to bring this information back to their organization and to get the suggestions in by Jan. 30th and consider becoming a partner.

Staff Reports

Mayor's Liaison Devin Reed asked to be excused but wanted members to attend an upcoming **Blueprint for Prosperity Meeting:**

January 23, 2006

6:00-8:00 p.m.

FCCJ South Campus

11901 Beach Boulevard

Wilson Building

January 24, 2006

6:00-8:00 p.m.

FCCJ North Campus

4501 Capper Road

Auditorium - Room C126

January 26, 2006

6:00-8:00 p.m.
FCCJ Kent Campus
3939 Roosevelt Boulevard
Auditorium - Room F128

January 30, 2006

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Jacksonville Beach Church of Christ
422 5th Avenue, North

January 31, 2006

6:00-8:00 p.m.
City Hall at St. James
117 West Duval Street, Suite 400
Renaissance Room-1st Floor

We need everyone to participate in this monumental effort to raise per capita income in Duval County. Each of the above-referenced meetings are intended to solicit input from each member of our community in order to "ensure that this Blueprint will reflect the diverse views and opinions" in six areas: (i) economic development; (ii) education; (iii) racial opportunity and harmony; (iv) infrastructure; (v) leadership; and (vi) quality of life. Blueprint for Prosperity and the Mayor's Office looks forward to receiving feedback from the NW CPAC towards "making Duval County an outstanding Community."

In addition to the above, would like to invite every member of the NW CPAC that is interested in the Jacksonville Small and Emerging Businesses ("JSEB") program to review the Annual Report for the JSEB program. To do so, simply visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Procurement/EBO+Office.htm>, and click on "2004-2005 Annual Report of the JSEB Program" - (You will need Adobe Reader 6.0 to access the link for the Annual Report. If you do not have this program or the correct version, click on the following link to receive free Adobe Reader 6.0: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>). Devin Reed can be reached at 630-1184 or dreed@coj.net

Duval County School Board Region II Superintendent Leila Mousa presented her quarterly update. She thanked members and UNF nurses for reading to the children. Reynolds Lane Elementary School 5 years ago was a D school and with the right leadership, teachers and support of parents this is now an A school.

- Part of Superintendent Wises' entry plan has been to visit as many schools as possible going class to class. He has been pleased with what he sees thus far.
- They need to work on Blueprint suggestions together with all stakeholders.
- In Region II 2 schools are a high D that almost made a C with leadership that is making a difference along with the very best teachers. We need to build incentives with the Board and Legislature for our teachers.
- State Accountability FCAT tests will be the first week in March and the Writing Assessment Test February 4, 8 and 10
- The Class Size Amendment has the District struggling to have individual class rooms by 2010. Each class will only be allowed 18 students at the elementary grade level, 22 at middle school and 25 at the high school. Currently we have teachers co-teaching once the numbers exceed the criteria. This has become a very positive thing by teaming up a new teacher with a veteran teacher becoming a mentor. This has helped to hold on to new teachers. The State says you can't use co-teaching but they have not funded the building of more

classrooms or portables. The School Board has asked for a list of suggestions on the consequences of not having enough classrooms such as double sessions and the year round calendar. These suggestions have not been accepted by our community in the past. The District may have to go to court to settle this. Members suggested contacting their legislators to help.

- Schools have a deadline of Feb. 16th for budget 2006/07
- A member had a problem and Ms. Mousa asked him to contact her directly at 693-7938
- The State Legislature is considering a move to divide up large school districts, (Duval has about 130,000 students) to 6 smaller districts. With our consolidated form of government this may be a problem especially with funding.
- Ms. Mousa was delighted to have the NW CPAC meet at our schools. We want to be sure of the student's safety so please check in with the Main Office if you go on a school campus.

Leila Mousa can be reached at 693-7938 or mousal@educationcentral.org

JSO Zone 5 Lt. Chris Tyree and Lt. Ray Walden had big news that Assistant Chief Jimmy Holderfield was promoted to a full chief and Jerry Cox to Assistant Chief of Zone 5. If you have any concerns please see them and they will have complaint forms at the next meeting and a copy in the minutes. Member Diane Kerr asked about Operation Showdown going to RAP and Murray Hill in Zone 4. She was concerned that her North Riverside neighborhood is in between the last one and now the new one and the criminals would end up in her neighborhood. Operation Showdown focuses on drugs, guns and prostitution. A question about having a ShAdCo ID to attend ShAdCo meetings came up. Anyone can attend a ShAdCo meeting. If you have questions call the Zone 5 Sub Station at 384-8028.

FDOT – Milton Locklear had no report but passed out a flyer on the Post and College project. It should turn back to a 2-way street near the end of November or December. Member Kerr had concerns with the FDOT new entranceway and work on Edison Avenue where they took down all the trees the community planted from a Mayor's Matching Grant. The community wants them replanted. Milton will check on this and report back. He can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@dot.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Lara Diettrich introduced the new NW CPAC Planner Terry Murphy. Her phone number is 630-2138 or Tmurphy@coj.net. Lara passed out a flyer from Meena Patel at 254-4418 for a health screening at the end of January. There will be a meeting with the Office of General Counsel on Wednesday on the Halfway House. Members were not satisfied with the security of the inmates, it is very lax. They are walking the neighborhood at all hours of the day and night. Lara will report back in April on the Growth Management Task Force. The next meeting of the River Water Quality is next Friday Jan. 20th and then Feb 3rd and 17th.

Property Safety Zone 5 Code Enforcement Supervisor Pete Sutherland passed out a list of 74 structures processed for demolition or to be boarded up. He aggressively checks the list of properties daily to see what needs to be done. A question on the length of time it takes was asked but there is no set time. Another question on slumlords rehabilitating a structure and renting it out with code violations came up. If you know of a property that needs to be checked call it in to 630-CITY and get a tracking number. Property Safety takes digital photos of every complaint for the file. Pete Sutherland can

be reached at 391-3600 or 1801 Art Museum Drive, Bldg. 3500, Suite 200 Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 396-1720 fax psafety@coj.net

Building Code Enforcement Officer Jennifer Kohn presented her quarterly report by passing out a packet of information on "Doing work requiring a permit without obtaining a permit", "Leased or Rental Property", "Residential work requiring a permit", "Residential work not requiring a permit", "Work requiring licensure", "Owner permit testing", "Homeowner testing information", "General guidelines for inspection sequence and procedures for residential construction" and "Common problems that cause failed inspections". If you have any questions Jennifer Kohn can be reached at 630-1100.

TRUE Commission – Member Diane Kerr received a letter from the TRUE Commission Chair Marcella Lowe asking for a letter to have Elaine Burnet as the NW CPACs representative for another term since her two term limit has expired. A copy of the letter will be with the January 12, 2006 minutes.

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

- Councilman Reggie Fullwood will be having a special meeting for Voting Precincts 9C, 9E, 9G and 9I on Wednesday, 1-25-06 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodstock Community Center, 2839 West Beaver Street – 630-1849
- Real Sense Campaign is going on for free tax preparation with quick refunds – you can call 211 or 632-0600 or 1-866-318-0211
- We will be having CPAC training sometime in February, details to come.
- The next Mayor's Town Hall Meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 30, 2006 at Ed White High, 1700 Old Middleburg Rd N. in the Auditorium at 6 p.m.
- Blueprint for Prosperity will be having community meetings in Jan – See information from Devin Reed.
- The Mayor's Matching Grant Application will be coming out in February with a mandatory meeting schedule for March but there will be a **new deadline date of 4-28-06**
- 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
 - Spring Music Fest – May 27, Metro Park – name TBA

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

UNF Professor Bill Aherns introduced student nurse Amanda Wright to make the following announcement: They are planning a Community Health Fair on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at the City Rescue Mission with more details to come at a later meeting. There will be entertainment, vision and dental screening, face painting, door prizes and fun things for all who attend. Please put this on your calendar and come support the event.

Due to a time constraint the members did not have a collection for yearbooks for foster children.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and a second by Elaine Burnett. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 9, 2006**
5 p.m. for reading, 6 p.m. for the meeting
North Shore Elementary School, 5701 Silver Plaza