MEETING SUMMARY NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE Lola Culver Elementary School – 580 Lawton Avenue

Thursday, October 12, 2006

Committee Members Present

Joseph Anderson, Chairman Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile Ministries Tim Butts, Better Living Faye Richardson, Cisco Gardens Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore Elaine Burnett, RADO/RAP Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills Yvonne Smart, Washington Heights Daphne Colbert, District 10 Assistant Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N Bertha Richardson, Better Living Barney Roberts, Charter Member Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N Penny Trawick, Pickettville Edward Hall, Ribault Hills Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition *Delilah Jackson, AARP * Brenda Waters, Royal Terrace

City/Staff/Public/Media

Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison, Director of ProcurementMilton Locklear, FDOTJocelyn TurneJessica Bell, Planning & DevelopmentTerri LindemaSgt. M. T. Mahaffay, JSO Zone 5Marilyn FentorLee Martin, SW CPAC ChairmanOrzola BurgeAlma Hudson, Magnolia Gardens NThomas HudsEnglish Watson, Magnolia Gardens NElaine Billups,Leighanne M. Grove, Panama ParkK. Torelli, PanWaffale Driggers, Panama ParkTonya StillsVirginia Holcomb, Royal TerraceJames RoherJoseph & Jolynn Parrit, 1st Coast Assisted Living

Jocelyn Turner, Department of Health Terri Lindemann, Property Safety Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NSD Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N Elaine Billups, Better Living K. Torelli, Panama Park Tonya Stills James Roher

UNF Nurses

Karrie, Hodges, Tim Horvath, Jennifer Bicksler, Michala Tracy, Lauren McAlister, Diana Dudenkova

Excused: Thomas May, Tod Johnson, Doretha Tompkins

Call to Order

Chairman Joseph Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 6:00 p.m. at Lola Culver Elementary Media Center.

Invocation: Gadson Burgess

Guest Speakers

Chairman Anderson introduced SW CPAC Chairman, Lee Martin. Chairman Martin passed out and read a letter that said "this is a resolution that the SW CPAC made to support Mayor Peyton and the Jacksonville City Council's position that the former Cecil Field remain and continue to be developed as Cecil Commerce Center. This is not about patriotism but about the future of the Westside and Jacksonville and your vote on Nov. 7, 2006 will affect the entire city. You may want to lend your support and take a position on this or not. "

Chairman Anderson's Report

Chairman Anderson asked for donations for foster children to purchase year books for graduating seniors. Donations of \$64.66 were collected.

He also acknowledged and thanked the UNF nurses for attending our meeting.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the September 14, 2006 summary as written was made by Member Bertha Richardson and a second by Member Barney Roberts. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed

Councilwoman Mia Jones, District 10

Executive Assistant Daphne Colbert reported that via the Councilwoman's office there is information on various grants. Please get on a mailing list. There office can send you information but also register with the Neighborhood Services Division. If you would like to apply for these grants through Sen. Bill Nelson's office a letter of support from Councilwoman Jones will be needed. Call 630-1684 for the support letter. They are also working with Sen. Tony Hill on various projects. They met with FDOT and Public Work on landscaping the median on US 1 last year and through Sen. Hill's office were able to get palm trees coming this spring or the beginning of summer. Councilwoman Jones can be reached at 630-1684 or Mjones@coj.net

Staff Reports

JSO Report

JSO Zone 5 Sgt. Mahaffy reminded members about the Neighborhood Watch Program, ShAdCo and First Coast Crime Stoppers 1-866-845-TIPS call and remain anonymous and you may be eligible to get a cash reward if an arrest is made. There is also "See It Say it Stop it" to turn in an illegal gun, call in and receive a reward. They have a new pamphlet "Hot Spots" that you can mail in to JSO or bring it in to the Sub Station at 210 S. McDuff Ave. Member Muldrow asked how check points are done since there was one on Lem Turner and Prospect again. Neighbors have concerns on this. They do random stops with a pre-determined number of how many cars will be stopped i.e. every 5th car and check license and registration. They may also set up radar detection. There are certain guidelines. They also put out announcements to the media. Member Richardson asked about the horse patrols. Member Burgess would still like to have the horses patrol in the Magnolia Gardens North area near Raines. Call Community Affairs at 630-2160 to see if this is possible. If you have a concern in your area let JSO know at the Sub Station, 210 S McDuff Ave. at 382-8028.

Mayor's Liaison Devin Reed reported on the following:

- Upcoming Mayor's Town Hall Meeting Oct. 16, 2006 at 6 p.m. at First Coast High School.
- The Mayor will be speaking at Butler with the Lights on After School Program.
- The MOB (Mayor's Older Buddies) has reorganized and will meet every quarter. If you know of a senior citizen that would like to be involved you can call Mary Ferrell at 630-2681.
- If you need assistance with a CARE issue that has not received any results please call Devin. Devin Reed can be reached at 630-1184 or dreed@coj.net

<u>Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)</u> Milton Locklear had no report but answered questions from members. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or <u>Milton.Locklear@dot.state.fl.us</u>

<u>Planning & Development</u> Jessica Bell passed out the NW Planning report. Member Richardson had a question about a 6 ft. tall and 4 ft. wide box on Myrtle Ave. There will be a workshop on Monday about the Pritchard Road development. There is a lot of interest in this. Jessica Bell can be reached at 630-1446 or Jebell@coj.net

Property Safety/Code Enforcement Officer Terri Lindemann reported on the NEAT (Neighborhoods Enforcement Action Team) concept going into Lackawanna, Biltmore, New Town and in Arlington. It concentrates on eliminating unsafe structures, junk vehicles and vacant lots with overgrowth and trash going street by street issue by issue. In Biltmore they have been going in with the police. Then they re-inspect the issue in 15 days. In Sherwood Forest they did over 200 inspections and work orders. They can be reached at 391-3600.

<u>Department of Health</u> Jocelyn Turner was glad to be coming back to the NW CPAC. They have a new Director Robert Harmon. He will be having Town Hall meetings so please come hear "How Healthy is My Neighborhood." There will be light snacks. Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 630-3373 or <u>Jocelyn_Turner@doh.state.fl.us</u>

<u>Neighborhood Services Division</u> Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

- Members congratulated our very own NW CPAC Member Timothy Butts, from the Better Living Community Association, for winning the Florida State Neighborhood Conference Team Award in District 2. Mr. Butts was very surprised by such an honor. His President, Member Bertha Richardson, nominated him for this award. They were both congratulated.
- The Mayor's Town Hall meeting schedule for 2006:
 - o Monday, October 16, 2006 North Planning District #6 First Coast High School
 - o 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, December 14, 2006 Pickettville Civic Club, 3459 North Lane Ave. "Holiday Social"
- Growing Great Neighborhoods: Seeds of Change Update the Northwest Steering Committee is in place and meeting monthly, litter patrols are continuing throughout the city, plans are being made to have more summer jobs available for youth and JSO continues to have more officers on the street. The Mayor will be reading at Eugene Butler Middle School this afternoon to promote the importance of after school programs "Lights on After School!"
- The Mayor's Initiative "Blueprint for Prosperity" is still 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, to register for the Mayor's Book Club for 4-year old children please call **630-4754**.
- JaxParks upcoming events:

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- o Art in the Park, Riverside Park, Sat. 10-14-06 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- o Movies in the Park featuring "Are We There Yet?" at Clanzel T. Brown Park, Friday, 10-27-06 7 p.m.
- The Department of Health will be hosting Town Hall Meetings flyers are available
- City Information:
 - 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 924-5361Gateway 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
 - O City Services 630-CITY (630-2489) Please have the exact address and get a tracking number and estimated date of completion
- SAVE the DATE:
 - Joint CPAC Candidate Forum Tuesday, March 6, 2007 Duval County Extension Office/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

NW CPAC Bus Tour

Will meet after the NW CPAC meeting and discuss the bus route. Member Faye Richardson from Cisco Gardens and SE Toyota Systems offered to have the Community Center open for a restroom break and have some refreshments.

NW/SW CPAC Candidate Forum

The Committee will meet after the NW CPAC meeting to discuss questions for the forum. If you have suggestions please turn them in to Chairman Anderson.

Nominating Committee's Report

The slate of officers for 2007 is: Chairman – Joseph Anderson Vice Chair – Gadson Burgess

Neighborhood Happenings

- Members would like to see Duval County Public School Superintendent Wise be a guest speaker in 2007.
- Members from Washington Heights Estates had problems with trash being picked up. Call 630-CITY to be sure that the solid waste contractors pick up the trash and can be fined by the City of Jacksonville if they do not follow through. That goes for tires too.
- The Cisco Gardens Association meet on the 3rd Monday of every month if anyone would like to attend at the Cisco Gardens Community Center at 7 p.m.
- Member Elaine Burnett reported an issue of drug activity in RAP and RADO will hold its first fund raiser at Five Points Theatre along with North Riverside. At 7 p.m. on 11-3-06

Community Discussion

Joseph Parrot introduced himself and talked about the need for assisted living facilities for our elderly. They would like to open a facility off Soutel (Norfolk and Lem Turner – past the old Pic-N-Save). They are working on getting a contractor and some help from the city with the JEDC and JEDCO. They are in the application process. Members asked questions: Have you met with the Planning Dept.? Will you have mental patients? No, nor will they have any Alzheimer's patients. There is a need in the area. They are the First Coast Assisted Living Center. If you have any other questions call 742-0131 or 568-1696. They will be better prepared next time.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by member Bertha Richardson and a second by Member Oliver Muldrow. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, **December 14, 2006** at the Pickettville Civic Club, 3459 North Lane Ave.