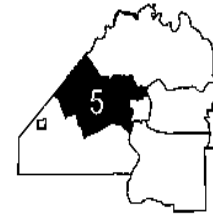


Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Solomon, Larry J., Chair
Carlotta McIntosh, Vice Chair



MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.
Thursday, October 10, 2013

Committee Members Present

Members	Elected Officials
Chair – Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon	Council Member Reginald Brown
Vice Chair - Moncrief Springs - Carlotta McIntosh	
2 nd Mile Ministries – Ruth Arnold	Staff
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	DCPS -
Magnolia Gardens – Gadson Burgess	FDOT – Thomas Hill
Moncrief Springs – Yvonne Ward	JSO – J.P. Welch #68546
NCNW Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary	Neighborhoods HCDD – Mary Beth Ridderman
Ribault Hills – Oliver Muldrow	Neighborhoods – Code – Devron Cody
Ribault Hills – Edward Hall	Parks & Recreation – Shaniqua Simmons
Riverview – Doretha Thompkins	Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
Timber Oaks – Velma Rounsville	
	Staff Excused
Members Excused	Mayor’s Liaison – Elaine Spencer
Better Living – Bertha Richardson	
Carver International – Leroy Kelly	Visitors
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	Orzola Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	Diane Tucker – LVENA
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	Elaine Billups – BLCA
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	L. Partlow - COPOCA
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	Joyce Clark Taylor – Better Living Association
North Riverside CDC – Diane Kerr	Ronald Taylor - Better Living Association
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	Marshelle J. Berry – Jax Public Library
Ribault Homeowners – Linda Kittles	Kateina Brown – Basic Products
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	Eunice Barnum – Sherwood Forest/Paradise Park
Washington Heights – Yvonne Smart	

1. Call to Order - Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.. Chair Solomon established that a quorum was present, welcomed everyone. He introduced himself and Vice Chair McIntosh. Chair Solomon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville, FL, 32208.

2. Approval of the Meeting Summary

A Motion to accept the September meeting summary was made by Member Burgess and seconded by Member Thompkins. The Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

3. Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office (JSO) Report

Officer Welch reported:

- Violent crime is down. Be proactive.
- Car burglaries and home burglaries are still occurring. Cars with valuables in sight are targets for smash and grab.

- A concern was expressed about kids congregating in the street near Cleveland and Katanga Drive North, near the service station. People bring chairs into the street and park cars on the sidewalks.
- A concern was expressed about break-ins into empty homes. Mr. Solomon's mother's home has been broken into 4 times since August 2014.
- JSO received applause from attendees. Chair Solomon thanked Officer Welch for his report.

For more information:

- Assistant Chief Tony Davis - 384-8028 or Tony.Davis@jaxsheriff.org
- Zone 5 Sub Station - 384-8028 at Superior Street
- Zone 1 Sub Station - 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Mall
- Zone 4 - 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center
- Neighborhood Watch – 630-2160
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- Police Non-Emergency 630-0500
- Crime stats: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office/Crime-Statistics-Information-Acceptance.aspx>
- Offender Watch: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office/Offender-Watch.aspx>

4. Presentations – Council Member Reginald Brown presented a District 10 Update.

- The budget has been finished. The millage rate increase will prevent loss of jobs and city services.
- Sidewalks have been edged and cleaned of overgrown grass. He encouraged residents to call his office, 630-1684 when they see sidewalks that need to be edged. For sidewalks that are broken, overgrown or that do not comply to American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or if you know of or see a road that has no sidewalk or that has only a dirt footpath, call it in. Jacksonville received \$40 million for these types of sidewalk issues. In school areas, call Duval County Public Schools 390-2000. In neighborhoods, call 630-CITY. On State Highways, call FDOT.
- He has advocated for a water park at this location. He needs the community's help to build a water park on Soutel Drive. Call your City Council Members and At Large Members.
- The Marriot chain of hotels will build around US 1 – that will bring in tax revenues and provide employment.
- Lincoln Villa Community Center was rehabilitated. An event will be held in November or December, but no date has been set.
- A Consolidation Task Force was selected to review things that need improvement. The task force has 30 people: 20 White males, 1 elected official and 10 women and other minorities.
- Town Hall meeting on Oct. 17 at the Legends Center, 6 p.m.
- The following issues were raised and discussed:
 - The Community Action Plan.
 - The Northwest Trust Fund.
 - The need for upgraded bus stops was discussed. Please provide specific addresses/locations to Council Member Brown at 630-1684
 - Contracts need to be changed to require that mowing contractors and those that clean sidewalks haul away the debris and grass, not leave it in the right of way.
 - The turn-around for service is too slow when requests are made through 630-CITY. Code Compliance explained property-owners' rights and the legal process between calling 630-CITY and seeing the property mowed.

- o When mowing contractors cut cited properties, they remove or destroy gates, making it impossible to secure the property.
- o Ongoing illegal dumping at Riverview and 4th Avenue and at Pipit and Moncrief. Residents request camera installation at both sites. Inmate crews are needed for clean-up.
- o Call Council Member Brown or 630-CITY when bags of trash or stacks of debris have been picked up by volunteers and need hauling away.
- o Mayor Brown and City Council were commended for making compromises on a budget that residents can live with.
- o Septic tank removal for homes near waterways. If you have questions, call John Pappas at 255-8753.
- o More Code Compliance officers are needed.
- o Inmates could be used to clean up right-of way. Call the JSO Zone Office (384-8028) if you know of an area or project that needs inmate assistance.
- o Uber wants to provide taxi service in Jacksonville.
- o If you do not get Council Member Brown's emails, contact Mercedes Parker at 630-7213.
- o Residents raised issues about specific locations. Council Member Brown asked them to call 630-City, get the confirmation number, the proposed compliance date and then follow-up.
- o Residents thanked Council Member Brown for doing a great job for the NW.

5. Elected Officials – The Honorable Reginald Brown was the guest speaker. See above.

6. Staff Reports

Mayor's Liaison – Ms. Spencer's absence was excused. Ms. Ridderman reported that Ms. Spencer plans to be at the November meeting. Chief Elaine Spencer may be reached at 255-8203 or Espencer@coj.net.

Duval County Public Schools – no representative.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Thomas Hill reported:

- Thomas Hill, FDOT reported.
- Edgewood and Ina Street – a pedestrian project in underway.
- I-10 and Marietta interchange - construction will begin this month.
- I-295 and Commonwealth – widening the on-ramps. Expect lane closures at night through October 12.
- Cassatt Avenue – nightly closures for a resurfacing project.
- Mathews Bridge – repairs from a ship damaging the bridge are scheduled to be completed within 40 days from the accident.
- Mr. Hill is being promoted and leaving Jacksonville. He said it was never a burden to staff the NW CPAC. Chair Solomon and others thanked Mr. Hill for his excellent service to the NW CPAC and residents. Chair Solomon commended Mr. Hill for being very prompt and responsive in researching residents' questions or concerns.

Parks and Recreation – District Manager Shaniqua Simmons reported:

- National Parks are shut down because of the federal budget and federal employee furloughs. City parks remain open.
- Twenty four employees were lost due to budget cuts. A flier was provided that lists reduction in hours at community centers. An attempt will be made to accommodate community meetings.
- The CPAC provided a round of applause for Ms. Simmons.

Planning & Development – Lurise Bannister met with the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee.

Project New Ground – not present.

Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY (2489) or contact the Outreach Center at 357-8077, located at 1605 N. Myrtle Avenue from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Housing and Neighborhoods (HAND) –

- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Devron Cody reported:
 - Officers performed almost 26,000 inspections in the NW District in the last fiscal year.
 - To report problems contact 630-CITY (2489).
- **Housing & Community Development Division:** Neighborhood Coordinator, Mary Beth Ridderman, reported:
 - A written report was provided.
 - There is no news about hiring for the coordinator's position vacated by Marilyn Fenton-Harmer.
 - CPAC Chair and Vice Chair Training – January 7 at 4 p.m., Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., Room 851.
 - Homeowners, Condo and Townhome training March 18. HOA training at 1 p.m. HOA and Townhomes at 5:30. Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., Room 110. Preregistration required due to limited space.
 - 2013 NW CPAC Meeting Dates: Nov. 14, 2013; no December meeting.

7. Chair Solomon's Report

- Ms. Gary was appointed as Chair of the Social Subcommittee. Please sign up and let her know what you will bring in order to provide a balanced meal. The Social immediately follows the November 14 CPAC meeting. Chair Solomon thanked Ms. Gary for volunteering.

8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- LUZ – the subcommittee met, but had nothing to review, nothing to report.
- Transportation – Chair Solomon reported:
 - The Mathews Bridge repair is expected to cost \$3 million
 - The St. Johns River Ferry is funded for another year.
 - A commuter rail has been discussed.
- TRUE – no report.
- Nominating Subcommittee - The slate of officers is John Pittman, Chair and Larry Solomon, Vice Chair. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to elections.

9. Unfinished Business – none

10. New Business –

- Mr. Pittman commented he would like to have the CPAC write a letter to the Superintendent of Schools to provide a voting member. No action was taken.
- More people need to participate in CPAC.
- The term limits for Chair should be extended to 3 years, because in 2 years, the Chair is just becoming knowledgeable about the position. Chair Solomon made a motion to prepare a letter to Mayor Brown to request a change to a three year term. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Mr. Hall made a motion to amend the motion to extend the term of office to four years. A second was made by Ron Taylor. The vote 13 for 1 opposed for a three year term. The vote 1 for 4 years and none opposed. (Members did not vote a second time). The motion passed to write a letter to Mayor Brown to request the officers' term of office be three years.

- A motion was made to honor Marilyn Fenton-Harmer at the November 14 meeting by presenting a gift and certificate. A motion was made by Ms. Rounsville and a second by Ms. Thompkins. All were in favor. Discussion was held. Chair Solomon will provide the gift. Ms. Ridderman will prepare a certificate for the Mayor's and Chair's signatures.
- **11. Public Comments/Announcements**
- Ruth Arnold reported the Brentwood Fall Festival is October 26, 1-4 p.m. Kids and adults have free admission for food, games and candy.
- Eunice Barnum announced the Sherwood Forest/Lincoln Villas Town Hall Meeting is Oct. 17, 6 p.m. at the Legends Center.

12. Motion to Adjourn

The end of the agenda was reached. Chair Solomon adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, November 14, 2013**
6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive

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