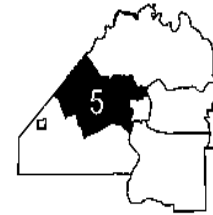


**Northwest District 5**  
**Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Solomon, Larry J., Chair**  
**Carlotta McIntosh, Vice Chair**



**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
 Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.  
**Thursday, November 14, 2013**

**Committee Members Present**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Chair – Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon	JSO – Lt. Michael Shell
Vice Chair - Moncrief Springs - Carlotta McIntosh	Neighborhoods HCDD – Mary Beth Ridderman
Better Living – Bertha Richardson	Neighborhoods – Code – Danny Connell
Carver International – Leroy Kelly	Parks & Recreation – Shaniqua Simmons
Magnolia Gardens – Gadson Burgess	
Magnolia Gardens – Ella Watson	<b>Staff Excused</b>
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	Mayor’s Liaison – Elaine Spencer
Moncrief Springs – Yvonne Ward	Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
NCNW Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary	
Pickettville Civic - John Pittman	<b>Visitors</b>
Pickettville Civic – Robert Ledwick	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer
Ribault Hills – Oliver Muldrow	Bob Harmer
Ribault Hills – Edward Hall	Kristen Harmer
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins	Katrina Blakely
	Josh Blakely
<b>Members Excused</b>	Addison Blakely
2nd Mile Ministries – Ruth Arnold	David Tucker
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	Orzola Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	Diane Tucker - LVENA
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	Elaine Billups - BLCA
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	Katie Salz – Second Harvest
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	Mike Castro - UNF Nursing
North Riverside CDC – Diane Kerr	Taylor Edwards - UNF Nursing
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	Chrissy Ruggerio - UNF Nursing
Ribault Homeowners – Linda Kittles	Amy Bethea - UNF Nursing
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	Frances Gaudier - UNF Nursing
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounsville	Mildred Johnson - Sherwood Forest Community Network
Washington Heights – Yvonne Smart	Khamil L. Ojeyo
	Marvin Dunbar – Project New Ground
<i>Please contact <a href="mailto:marybeth@coj.net">marybeth@coj.net</a> or 255-8260 if you will be absent.</i>	Martha R – Sherwood Forest Community Network
	Stephen Wells
<b>Elected Officials</b>	Joyce Taylor - Better Living
DCPS - Honorable Paula Wright	Ronald Taylor – Better Living

**1. Call to Order** - Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Chair Solomon established a quorum was present and welcomed everyone. Chair Solomon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville, FL, 32208.

**2. Approval of the Meeting Summary**

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

### **3. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Report**

Lt. Shell reported:

- The substation is moving from Superior Street to Edward Waters College.
- The stop station will remain at Marietta.
- Chair Solomon thanked Lt. Shell for his report and invited him to stay for the social following the meeting. Lt. Shell declined – he had other meetings to attend.

For more information:

- Assistant Chief Tony Davis - 384-8028 or [Tony.Davis@jaxsheriff.org](mailto: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** – Bus Rapid Transit North Corridor Project by JTA, Suraya Teeple. A PowerPoint presentation showed the BRT bus corridor. BRT is part of the planned regional transportation system. Buses will be branded “Max”, with a gold color. Buses will arrive at transit stations every 10-15 minutes. Intersection improvements such as traffic signal priority will be completed to allow buses and emergency vehicles to have green signal priority. Buses will travel in transit lanes. Parking will be available in park and ride lots. The phases are planned in this order: downtown: North phase to Lem Turner; SE because of employment opportunities, East - downtown and SW - downtown to the Orange Park Mall. Buses will run: First Street, the new VA hospital, UNF Health (Shands), MLK Parkway, Boulevard, Gateway Shopping Center, Rowe's, Soutel Drive, Capper Road and Dunn Avenue. There will be a park and ride near Home Depot and a station at Wal-Mart. For more information, please visit <http://www.jtafla.com/>

**5. Elected Officials** – The Honorable Paula Wright announced Discover Duval Schools, which provides school tours. The next meeting is November 20, please call 390-2000 to reserve your seat. Chair Solomon welcomed Ms. Wright and thanked her for attending the CPAC meeting.

### **6. Staff Reports**

**Mayor's Liaison** – Ms. Spencer's absence was excused. Chief Elaine Spencer may be reached at 255-8203 or [Espencer@coj.net](mailto:Espencer@coj.net).

**Duval County Public Schools** – See above. The Honorable Paula Wright, an elected official, represented Duval County Public Schools.

**Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** - no representative/no report.

**Parks and Recreation** – District Manager Shaniqua Simmons reported:

- Woodstock Park – playground construction will be completed in December 2013.
- Beverly Hills Park – swing updates, football field upgrade and ADA access will be completed in December 2013.
- A concern was expressed about the swing set at Fields Park, which presents a safety issue. It needs immediate repair or replacement.
- A resident expressed appreciation for work completed on the Fields Park walkway.

**Planning & Development** – Lurise Bannister's absence was excused.

**Project New Ground** – representative was present but did not provide a report.

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:** Danny Connell:
  - Apologized for missing the last meeting.
  - Officers are buried in work. One new officer has been hired and will be in training.
  - In October, a systematic inspection was completed in Magnolia Gardens. In November, a systematic inspection was completed in Lake Forest.
  - The new fiscal year numbers started on September 1, 2013. Since that time officers completed the following inspections: 22 commercial, 2 illegal signs, 139 junk vehicles, 6 litter signs, 3132 nuisance, 322 residential, 140 unsafe structures, and zoning, for a total of 4204 inspections in approximately 75 days, in addition to 2 systematic inspections (Magnolia Gardens and Lake Forest)
  - Code officers are heavily involved in Operation Urban Blight.
  - He wished everyone Happy Holidays and expressed appreciation for support from Zone 5 residents. He expressed special appreciation for Chair Solomon's support.
  - Chair Solomon thanked Mr. Connell for his work in Zone 5. Vice Chair McIntosh presented Mr. Connell with a certificate of appreciation signed by Chair Solomon.
  - To report problems contact 630-CITY (2489).
- **Housing & Community Development Division:** Neighborhood Coordinator, Mary Beth Ridderman staffed this meeting. She provided no report.

**7. Elections:** Nomination Subcommittee Chair Roxsan Currier assumed Chairmanship of the meeting for the election. She announced the Slate of Officers: John Pittman for Chair and Larry Solomon for Vice Chair. She asked for but received no nominations from the floor. Vote was conducted by hand-sign, using each member's name tent. Former Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer assisted in counting the votes. The vote: John Pittman for Chair and Larry Solomon for Vice Chair. Chair Solomon announced he is looking forward to serving with Mr. Pittman.

### **8. Chair Solomon's Report**

- Chair Solomon acknowledged the UNF Nursing Students, who prepared healthy dishes with recipe cards to share during the annual social event. He expressed appreciation for their interest and involvement in CPAC.
- All six CPAC Chairs met with Mayor Alvin Brown on Nov. 18.
- The NW CPAC previously sent a letter to Superintendent Vitti, inviting participation by students. A pilot project will begin in the NW CPAC in 2014, with two students from Raines and 2 from Ribault. Students will not receive community service hours. A suggestion was made by former Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, that the students become CPAC members. In the past, Paxon students became members. Chair Solomon suggested members get to know Roberts Rules of Order so the students can learn by experience.
- Chair Solomon recognized Ms. Raye Gary as Chair of the Social Subcommittee and thanked her for her hard work. She arranged for everyone to bring food and she set up the room, which looks beautiful. Chair Solomon thanked Ms. Gary for volunteering. The CPAC gave a round of applause.

## **8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- LUZ – John Pittman reported the subcommittee met and reviewed three items with no objections.
- Transportation – no report in the interest of time.
- TRUE – Leroy Kelly reported the TRUE Commission looks at bills submitted to City Council, they look at how the City's money is spent and how government works. The next meeting is at noon on November 14, to look at bills submitted for the upcoming session, including pension reform. Visitors are welcome at the meetings.
- Nominating Subcommittee – See Section 7. Chair Solomon thanked the subcommittee members for their work.

## **9. Unfinished Business** – none

## **10. New Business** – none

## **11. Public Comments/Announcements**

- Chair Solomon announced the Jacksonville City Council will present a Resolution to Marilyn Fenton-Harmer to recognize her contributions to the City of Jacksonville. The presentation will be made on December 10 during the regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street. A reception will follow in the Don Davis Room, also located in City Hall.
  - Chair Solomon presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Jacksonville. The certificate was signed by Mayor Brown, Director Ashanta-Barker, Chief Spencer, Supervisor Logsdon and Chair Solomon.
  - Chair Solomon thanked Ms. Fenton-Harmer for her dedication to the Northwest CPAC. Several residents expressed their appreciation and said her work reflected positively on the NW District and made them all look good.
- Chair Solomon, assisted by Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, presented certificates of appreciation to CPAC members.
- Ms. Fenton-Harmer and Mary Beth Ridderman, in behalf of Mayor Alvin Brown, presented certificates of appreciation to Chair Solomon, Vice Chair McIntosh and each Subcommittee Chair. Mr. Solomon was presented with a book from the Neighborhoods Department, *Just Miles from Downtown. The book had mementos signed by CPAC Members and Staff Members.*
- Katie Salz, from Second Harvest, announced a new garden project is underway at the Northside Church of Christ Community Center. She provided fliers about the community garden project.
- Marilyn Fenton-Harmer asked for a photograph of the entire NW CPAC. She thanked them for all the years of great service and said felt she had left to pursue her dream of teaching but she had left them in good hands, with Ms. Ridderman, who really cares about people. "I love you".
- Ms. Gary thanked everyone for bringing food to share and announced the buffet line was ready.

## **12. Motion to Adjourn**

*The end of the agenda was reached. Mr. Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roxsan Currier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chair Solomon adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m. for the annual social.*

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, January 9, 2014**

6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive

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