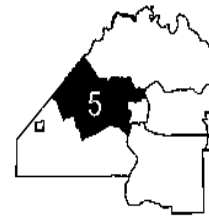


Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
John Pittman, Chair
Larry Solomon, Vice Chair



MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.
Thursday, January 9, 2014

Committee Members Present

Members	Staff
Chair – Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman	Florida Dep’t. of Transportation – Jim Green
Vice Chair - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon	JSO – Lt. Michael Shell
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	Neighborhoods – Code Compliance – Danny Connell
Magnolia Gardens – Gadson Burgess	Neighborhoods HCDD – Mary Beth Ridderman
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	Parks & Recreation – Shaniqua Simmons
Moncrief Springs - Carlotta McIntosh	Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
NCNW Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary	
Pickettville Civic – Robert Ledwick	Staff Excused
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins	Mayor’s Liaison – Elaine Spencer
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounsville	
	Visitors
Members Excused	Orzola Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
2nd Mile Ministries – Ruth Arnold	Ed Robinson – Ribault High School Principal
Better Living – Bertha Richardson	Vincent Hall – Raines High School Principal
Carver International – Leroy Kelly	Dzestinee Bland – Ribault High School Student
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	Larry M. Rosiers – Duval County Public Schools.
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	Lawrence Hicks – Ashley Lake Drive, Melrose Fl
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	Marshelle Berry – Jacksonville Public Library
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	Marvin Dunbar – Project New Ground
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	Katrina Brown – Basic Products LCC
North Riverside CDC – Diane Kerr	Lester Quadntance
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	
Ribault Hills – Oliver Muldrow	Elected Officials
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	Ed Suggs for Council Member Kimberly Daniels
Washington Heights – Yvonne Smart	
<i>Please contact marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260 if you will be absent.</i>	

• **Call to Order** –

- Chair Pittman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Chair Pittman opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville, FL, 32208.
- Chair Pittman introduced special guests from the Duval County Public Schools: Mr. Rosiers, Executive Director of Special Projects, Mr. Hall, Principal of Raines High School, Mr. Robinson, Principal of Ribault High School and Dzestinee Bland, Ribault High School Student.
- Chair Pittman recognized Vice Chair Larry Solomon. Vice Chair Solomon announced that he has applications for sororities.
- Chair Pittman recognized Ed Suggs, who represents Council Member Kimberly Daniels.

2. Approval of the Meeting Summary

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

3. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Report

Lt. Shell reported:

- Chief Davis met with the JSO Director and community staff today. Last year a goal was set to reduce crime by 2%. Sheriff Rutherford exceeded his goal – crime is down 4.5%. It is the lowest crime rate in the 41 year history.
- There has been an up-spike in the numbers of violent crimes. To respond in 2014, JSO will add resources in the areas with the highest numbers. JSO will be aggressive this year to reduce crime.
- Residents can help reduce crime and prevent crime:
 - Pay attention to surroundings, be careful, be observant about who is around the car in parking lots, at home, or at church. Predators are watching.
 - Look out for neighbors. Be nosy – pay attention – call 630-0500 if you observe suspicious activities. For example, two weeks ago, a neighbor called and two suspects were apprehended. As a result, there has been a sudden decrease in burglaries.
 - Next month, he will bring information about the Citizens' Academy.
 - Chair Pittman thanked Lt. Shell 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. Presentation – The scheduled presenter asked to reschedule.

5. Elected Officials – Ed Suggs represented the Honorable City Council Member Kimberly Daniels. Council Member Daniels is Chair of City Council's Public Health and Safety Subcommittee. He asked residents with questions or concerns to contact Mary Beth Ridderman who will forward the information to him. Chair Pittman thanked Mr. Suggs for attending the meeting and expressed his appreciation to Council Member Daniels for her community involvement.

- A question was raised about the statistics on the flu epidemic. Mr. Suggs said he will send the information electronically to Ms. Ridderman, who will forward the information.
- A concern was expressed about the poor condition of the rail crossing on Beaver near Lane Avenue. The crossing presents a safety hazard for drivers.

6. Staff Reports

Mayor's Liaison – Ms. Spencer's absence was excused. Chief Elaine Spencer may be reached at 255-8200 or Espencer@coj.net .

Duval County Public Schools – No representative.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green reported:

- First Coast Expressway between Argyle Forest Boulevard and I-10 will be under construction for approximately one year.
- I-10 and Marietta interchange is relocating to I-10 and Hammond Boulevard. Construction is scheduled for 18 months.
- Other projects continue on schedule.

Parks and Recreation – District Manager Shaniqua Simmons reported:

- Woodstock Park upgrades are completed.
- Beverly Hills Park – swing updates, football field upgrade and ADA access will begin this month.
- The walking track will be repaved in Spring, 2014. Mile markers will be added. She will report next month about seating.

Planning & Development – Lurise Bannister met with the LUZ Subcommittee earlier and provided a written report.

Project New Ground – Marvin Dunbar reported:

- Project New Ground is in Phase 3, currently at Fifth, Cleveland and Myrtle.
- Phase 4 will begin in the Forrest Street area: Woodlawn, Claude and Belford.
- 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 reported:
 - Code officers are heavily involved in Operation Urban Blight. They have worked in the following neighborhoods: Magnolia Gardens, Carver Manor and Grand Terrance.
 - Junk cars, especially in back yards, present a large problem. Officers must obtain permission to get to the back yards.
 - A major issue is that the city's leadership, including community leadership, wants results from Operation Urban Blight, but some residents in the community are unhappy about it.
 - Operation Urban Blight is a city-wide initiative to clean up blight in the entire city. Operation Urban Blight is very labor-intensive. Overall, officers have been successful but they need the CPACs' and residents' support.
 - Please call 630-2489 to report abandoned homes, particularly those that are standing open – those homes create an environment for prostitution, drug dealers and kids hanging out.
 - If you know of a home that has open doors or windows in the back yard, call Mr. Connell at 255-0700. He will contact JSO to enter the back yard.
 - Officers are finishing up with the Division's Operation Urban Blight Target Area 2. Code will be assigned a new target soon.
 - A concern was expressed about car lots parking cars too near the sidewalk. Mr. Connell said officers have often checked the lots and found they were in compliance.
 - To report problems contact 630-CITY (2489).
- **Housing & Community Development Division:** Neighborhood Coordinator, Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - Chair Pittman and Vice Chair Solomon attended the CPAC Officers' Training on January 7. Every CPAC was represented.
 - March 18 – Condominium & Townhome Training 1 p.m. Call 255-8260 to register.
 - March 18 – Homeowner Association Training 5:30 p.m. Call 255-8260 to register

7. Chair's Report

- Chair Pittman thanked Mr. Solomon and Ms. McIntosh for their past service as Chair and Vice Chair.
- He thanked the CPAC for this opportunity to be Chair.
- The NW CPAC has good participation but he would like to see new members and more participation. He asked members to share ideas and suggestions.

8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- LUZ – Roxsan Carter reported:
 - The subcommittee did not meet in December. This month they reviewed four applications with no objections.
 - Chair Pittman announced the 2014 members of the LUZ subcommittee are Robert Ledwick, Roxsan Currier and Bill Anthony. He asked for other volunteers. The subcommittee meets at 5:30 p.m. just prior to the CPAC meeting.
 - Transportation – Larry Solomon reported:
 - He attended the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization meeting.
 - The City is converting some vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to minimize pollution and save money.
 - Chair Pittman announced the 2014 member of the Transportation Subcommittee is Larry Solomon. He asked for other volunteers.
- TRUE – Leroy Kelly's absence was excused.
 - Chair Pittman asked for Mr. Kelly to provide more information on the TRUE Commission, Chair Pittman would like to participate in TRUE.

9. Unfinished Business –

- Chair Pittman and Vice Chair Solomon presented a 2013 Certificate of Appreciation to Velma Rounsville, who was unable to attend the November meeting when other members received certificates.
- Chair Pittman asked members to invite a neighbor to CPAC. CPACs affect the city's government.
- A concern was expressed that the Mayor's Representative and Mayor's Liaison not attend the meetings.

10. New Business –

- Vice Chair Solomon announced that Parks and Recreation will no longer assist with setting up or putting away tables and chairs. Members must set up and put away tables and chairs. An understanding is needed with Parks and Recreation.
- Chair Pittman announced he will entertain a motion from the floor for a letter to support the work of Municipal Coded Compliance officers in the NW and in Operation Urban Blight. Roxsan Currier made a motion and Vice Chair Solomon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chair Pittman will prepare the letter.

11. Public Comments/Announcements

12. Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Rounsville seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chair Pittman adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, February 13, 2014**
6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive