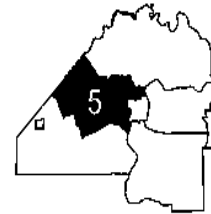


**Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
John Pittman, Chair
Larry Solomon, Vice Chair**



**MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.
Thursday, February 13, 2014**

Committee Members Present

Members	Staff
Chair – Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman	Duval Extension Office - Melanie Thomas
Vice Chair - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon	Duval Extension Office – Mary Puckett
Better Living – Bertha Richardson	Florida Dep’t. of Transportation –
Magnolia Gardens – Gadson Burgess	JSO – Lt. Michael Mahaffay
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	Neighborhoods – Code Compliance – Danny Connell
Marietta Senior Center – Tim Rossetter	Parks & Recreation – Shaniqua Simmons
Moncrief Springs - Carlotta McIntosh	Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
NCNW Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary	Planning and Development – Mary Beth Ridderman
Pickettville Civic – Robert Ledwick	
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounsville	
	Elected Officials
	Council Member Kimberly Daniels
	Council Member Reggie Brown
Members Excused	Paula Wright – Duval County Public Schools
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	
North Riverside CDC – Diane Kerr	
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins	
	Visitors
	Orzola Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
Members Absent	Ed Robinson – Duval Public Schools
2nd Mile Ministries – Ruth Arnold	Vincent Hall – Raines High School Principal
Carver International – Leroy Kelly	Celia Miller – Urban Core CPAC/GNM
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	Glorious Johnson – Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	Elaine Billups - BLCA
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	Marshelle Berry – Jacksonville Public Library
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	Marvin Dunbar – Project New Ground
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	Mildred Johnson – Sherwood Forest Community Network
Ribault Hills – Oliver Muldrow	Martha Richburg - Sherwood Forest Community Network
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	Dzestinee Bland – Ribault High School Student
	Larry M. Roziers – Duval County Public Schools.
	Mr. Ribault
	Ms. Raines (alternate)
<i>Please contact marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260 if you will be absent.</i>	
3 consecutive unexcused absences = loss of membership	

1. Call to Order –

- Chair Pittman called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 recognized special guests from the Duval County Public Schools: Paula Wright, Board Member; Larry Roziers, Executive Director of Special Projects; Vincent Hall, Principal of Raines High School; Ed Robinson, Principal of Ribault High School; Dzestinee Bland, Ribault High School Student; Mr. Ribault and Ms. Raines High School.

2. Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to accept the January 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. Mahaffay reported:

- He has worked in Zone 5 for 11 years and has served as the midnight watch commander for 3 years.
- Compared to last year, Zone 5 is down .5% in crime, with an increase in violent crime and a decrease in property crime.
- Issues are auto thefts and auto burglaries. Most cases are due to unlocked cars, keys in the ignition or running. It is a misdemeanor to leave an unattended vehicle running.
- Residents can help reduce crime and prevent crime:
 - Watch out for neighbors, lock vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.
- ShAdCo Blood Drive – March 1, 2014 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 4575 Moncrief Rd. Blood testing is also available.
- 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 – Growing and Preserving Healthy Foods by Mary Puckett and Melanie Thomas, Duval County Extension Office.

- The Extension Office offers several classes
 - A Day of Gardening, Feb. 22, 8:30 – 2:30 \$15 registration and prepayment required.
 - Container Gardening, Mar. 22, 9 a.m. \$5 registration and prepayment required.
- Free soil testing is available at the Extension Office.
- Please refer to the handout, Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide to select the correct time of year to plant vegetables and the space required.
- Master Gardeners are on duty to answer questions. Call 255-7450.
- The Duval Canning Center was built in the 1930's to prepare food for prisoners. In World War II, it was used for home canning. Master Gardeners volunteer to teach canning classes at the center and assist residents with home canning. Costs are involved with canning at the center and appointments are required.
 - Lemon Curd Jelly class, March 1, 9 a.m. Preregistration and prepayment required.
 - Throughout the year canning classes are offered. (Handout).
- Please see the brochures provided or contact the Extension Office for copies: Jacksonville Canning Center Class Canning Dates, The Extension Connection, Jacksonville Canning Center Recipes, A New Leaf Newsletter, Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide and Upcoming Programs.
- To learn more about Duval County Extension Office Programs, please call 255-7450 or visit <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu>.

5. Elected Officials –

- Council Member Reggie Brown spoke about the following topics: the proposed gas tax extension, reduction in COJ staff/doing more with fewer staff people and the need for infrastructure in the NW District.

- Some residents are in favor of new taxes to fund necessary COJ staff and services.
- Staff members need to be assigned in parks year round to arrange and supervise youth and family activities.
- Park lights are left on at night when no one is in the park. Some residents expressed concerns that lighted parks attract criminal elements and cause nearby neighborhoods to be less safe.
- Council Member Kimberly Daniels reported she is Chair of City Council's Public Health and Safety Subcommittee. Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at marybeth@coj.net with any questions or concerns. Ms. Ridderman will forward them to Council Member Daniels.
 - Numbers are rapidly increasing of HIV and syphilis cases.
 - Residents are using the emergency room for colds and other non-serious illnesses. She would like to see some of that money used for indigent care.
 - JFRD was commended for doing an excellent job of containing hazardous materials at a train derailment near Baptist Hospital.
 - Members expressed the following concerns:
 - A pedestrian crosswalk needed at Morris Manor.
 - CPAC members must set up stored furniture before meeting and fold/put away furnishings afterwards because Parks and Recreation no longer has staff to assist. It is a concern that residents will be injured in the process.
 - JFRD trucks appear to be insufficiently stocked with foam to fight certain fires.
 - JFRD has only two Hazmat trucks for the entire City. One is 21 years old. When one truck is down for repairs, the entire City has only one truck to combat hazardous spills/leaks/fires/explosions.
- Chair Pittman expressed his appreciation and the CPAC's appreciation to Council Member Brown and Council Member Daniels for attending the meeting. He asked them to return often. Residents applauded.

6. Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative – Taurean Sinclair reported:

- The Mayor's Youth Initiative will be available to get youth involved. Mr. Sinclair helped design and create the program. It offers faith-based mentoring. Volunteers are needed to mentor kids in schools or places of worship. The program will launch next month.
- The Mayor's Summer Jobs Program is available for kids ages 16 – 21. Companies are needed to hire the kids. The City will hire 300 kids who will work 6 – 8 weeks for at least minimum wage. The City will fund 150 kids from Health Zone One.
- A Black Male Achievement Technical Assistance Grant combines initiatives to improve the lives of Jacksonville's Black males. Young people are needed to help strategize and plan.
- The Youth Advisory Committee consists of 50 youth from across the City, and involves intense government engagement with youth. The youth will meet with the Mayor's staff, tour City Hall, and participate in other activities. School principals will nominate 25 youth and the Mayor's Office will nominate 25 youth.
- Raines and Ribault were commended for setting the pace for dealing with kids at the school level.
- Vice Chair Solomon was commended for arranging with DCPS for this pilot program.
- Mayor Brown is working on pension reform.
- The Election is March, 2015. New leadership is needed to support youth.
- Mr. Sinclair found \$40 million from the Department of Juvenile Justice. It pays for the support process – not jobs.
- He met with the Department of Correction and Department of Children and Families and asked about crime prevention. For 1 percent reduction in recidivism, the State saves \$19 million in costs.
- He acknowledged the Honorable Paula Wright, who is working with Council Member Gaffney on "Say No to Disrespect".

- CPAC Member Velma Rounsville began a discussion about getting students more involved in CPAC by asking students for a monthly report. Roxsan Curry made a motion for students to report each month on their activities, programs, tests, events and programs. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded by Member Burgess. The vote: all were in favor.

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

Duval County Public Schools – Paula Wright was present.

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

Parks and Recreation – District Manager Shaniqua Simmons reported:

- She provided a map of walking trails at Lonnie Miller Park. The trails will be repaved. She initiated a discussion about what types of signs the community wants on the trails. No action was taken.
- Summer Camp registration begins March 1 on-line only. Parks will have 11 sites this year.
- The following concerns were expressed:

Planning & Development – Lurise Bannister met with the LUZ Subcommittee prior to the CPAC meeting. She announced:

- 2014-004C – a land use workshop will be held on Feb. 24, 4 p.m. Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. Room 110. The petitioner has asked to change the land use from residential to light industrial.

Project New Ground – Marvin Dunbar reported:

- Project New Ground has remediated 35 of 100 properties.
- He met with Ms. Miller. Her home will be remediated.
- Project New Ground is currently at Cleveland Street, Grove Street and Still Street.
- Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY (2489) or contact the Outreach Center from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 357-8077, 1605 N. Myrtle Ave.

Housing and Neighborhoods –

- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Danny Connell reported:
 - From Sept. 1 2013 to Feb. 13, 2014, Code officers completed inspections on: 52 commercial properties, 27 illegal signs, 752 junk vehicles, 259 litter-illegal signs, 5952 nuisance, 640 nuisance board-up, 932 residential, 306 unsafe structure, 53 zoning-commercial/industrial, 212 zoning – residential and 41 zoning yard/land use.
 - Operation Urban Blight is making good progress and all areas of the city will be covered. Activities are directed by COJ Administration. All agencies are working together: Solid Waste, Code Compliance, Animal Care and Protective Service, Public Works and others.
 - Municipal Code Officers have completed systematic inspections in these neighborhoods: Sherwood Forest, Harbor View, College Gardens, Ribault, Royal Terrace, Grand Park, Osceola Forest, Magnolia Gardens and Edgewood Manor.
 - A question and answer session followed.
 - There are not enough officers to do all of the work. Officers need residents' reports. To report problems contact 630-CITY (2489).
 - Mr. Connell thanked the CPAC for their continued support.
 - The CPAC Chair thanked Code Compliance officers for their hard work. The CPAC applauded.
- **Housing & Community Development Division:** Neighborhood Coordinator, Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - March 18 – Condominium & Townhome Training 1 p.m. Call 255-8260 to register.

- o March 18 – Homeowner Association Training 5:30 p.m. Call 255-8260 to register

7. Chair's Report

- Chair Pittman commended Mr. Solomon for contacting Duval County Public Schools to get the student pilot program started. He welcomed involvement from Duval County Public Schools and especially from the students. Mr. Roziers began a discussion about student involvement by challenging the CPAC to get the students involved – not just allow them to sit in the audience. He challenged the CPAC to allow the students to have a voice. The NW CPAC is the pilot project but the SE CPAC also wants student involvement. Velma Rounsville continued the discussion. Roxsan Curry made a motion that school students will report each month on their schools' activities, concerns, tests, events and programs. A discussion was held. A second was received from Mr. Burgess and Ms. Rounsville. All were in favor.

8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- LUZ – Roxsan Curry reported:
 - o All items previously discussed have been deferred for the next cycle.
 - o The subcommittee opposes 2014C-004 and requests the CPAC send a letter of opposition. Ms. Curry made a motion to send a letter of opposition. A second was received from by Tim Rossetter. All were in favor.
- Transportation – Larry Solomon reported:
 - o FDOT is discussing amending the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2013 – 2017/2018.
 - o FDOT discussed the Long Range Transportation Plan update.
 - o The Fuller Warren Bridge will be widened. Construction will cause major traffic problems. See future FDOT reports for updates.
- TRUE – Leroy Kelly was not present.

9. Unfinished Business – none.

10. New Business –

- Velma Rounsville announced the Zone 5 ShAdCo Safety Fair and blood drive is on March 1. The blood drive, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is in honor of former Sheriff Glover, who started ShAdCo. The event offers the following activities: child fingerprinting and photographing provided by the Florida Masonic Lodge, free food, Officer McGruff and safety exhibits.
- Members wished Roxsan Curry happy birthday.

11. Public Comments/Announcements

- Marshelle Berry announced Jacksonville Public Libraries' (JPL) funding was restored, including funding for 6 branch libraries, Saturday hours at the main Library and 33 staff positions. The library offers services at 21 locations. The Electronic Classroom will teach free computer classes on the North side. Classes will be small, with no more than 10 students per class. Students and volunteers are needed. Ms. Berry provided a brochure.

12. Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Ledwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chair Pittman adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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

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