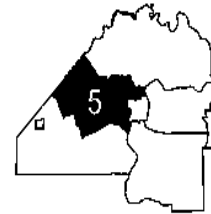


**Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
John Pittman, Chair
Larry Solomon, Vice Chair**



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

Committee Members Present

Members	Staff
Chair – Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman	Mayor’s Representative - Taurean Sinclair
2nd Mile Ministries – Ruth Arnold	Florida Dep’t. of Transportation – Jim Green
Carver International – Leroy Kelly	Jacksonville Electric Authority – Wayne Young
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	Jacksonville Public Library – Marshelle Berry
Magnolia Gardens North – Gadson Burgess	JSO – Lt. Michael B. Shell
Magnolia Gardens North – Ella R. Watson	JSO – Lt. Rich Buoye
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	Parks & Recreation – Shaniqua Simmons
Marietta Senior Center – Tim Rossetter	Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
Moncrief Springs - Carlotta McIntosh	Planning and Development – Mary Beth Ridderman
Moncrief Springs – Yvonne Ward	Public Works – Jeff Foster
NCNW Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary	Regulatory Compliance – Devron Cody
Pickettville Civic – Robert Ledwick	
Ribault Hills – Oliver Muldrow	Elected Officials (no representation)
Ribault Hills – Edward Hall	
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounsville	Visitors
	Alberta Hipps – Hipps Group, Inc.
	Erica Graham - Nextdoor
Members Excused	Orzola Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	Elaine Billups - BLCA
North Riverside CDC – Diane Kerr	James Evans – Peyton Village
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins	Joyce Clark Taylor – Better Living Community
Vice Chair - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon	Ronald Taylor - Better Living Community
	B.J. Scott – Ribault Manor
Members Absent	Marvin Dunbar – Project New Ground
Better Living – Bertha Richardson	Mildred Johnson – Sherwood Forest Community Network
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	
<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.

2. Approval of the Meeting Summary

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

2. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Lt. Shell reported:

- Year-to-date, violent crime is up a bit.
- Property crime is down.
- Kids will be out of school soon. Remember to lock house and vehicles.
- 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 Sub Station - 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. Raines and Ribault High School - no representative was present for the meeting.

5. Presentation – Street Drug Identification by JSO Lt. Rich Buoye, JSO Narcotics Unit

- Lt. Buoye has 19 years' experience in law enforcement. His division consists of four squads of 6 – 8 detectives on each squad, with a total of 28 detectives, all street-level operatives. The division is undermanned. Working undercover is the most dangerous job in the city. A mid-level team has 7 officers that inspect UPS, USPS and FedEx distribution sites. This team does call-outs on meth labs and marijuana grow-houses (houses that have been gutted and are being used to grow marijuana under electric lighting.) The pill squad works with doctor-shopping and pill mills. Now that the pill mills have been investigated and many closed, pill-users have turned to heroine instead of prescription pills such as Oxycodone, Oxycontin and Roxycodone, Percoset, which are also opiates. Major narcotics cases may involve other agencies, wire taps and travel to other states. The narcotics team's ultimate goal is to obtain evidence - a video recording of a dealer selling to a JSO undercover detective. JSO officers take a pre-hire drug screen and afterwards undergo random drug screening.
 - Drugs are in every neighborhood in Jacksonville. Drugs are the nucleus of everything JSO does.
 - The DART or Drug Abatement Response Team (DART) is another strategy to combat drugs in the community. DART condemns buildings being used for drugs – but the process takes time because proof is needed.
 - Lt. Buoye brought sealed displays of street drugs and paraphernalia for educational information.
 - Marijuana remains the number one drug of choice followed by crack cocaine and pills. Marijuana is a gateway drug, often lowering inhibitions and allowing users to accept other drugs and crimes. Marijuana possession is not strongly prosecuted because so many people think it is acceptable.
 - Synthetic marijuana, sometimes called potpourri, K-2, Spice or Wacky Weed is illegal. It is marketed to children, using attractive packaging with popular cartoon and other characters. Previously marketed in convenience stores, synthetic marijuana is seldom seen now in chain stores, but only in smaller stores, sometimes in back rooms, for example, where certain customers have access.
 - Methamphetamine (meth) is usually in crystal or powder form which is smoked or snorted. It is made from a variety of easily obtainable ingredients: lighter fluid, iodine, match heads, lithium (from batteries) Drano, Sudafed, brake fluid, lye or

hydrochloric acid. Small batches are made in the One Pot Shake & Bake method, using 2-liter bottles or Gatorade bottles. Meth is extremely combustible, even in small batches. It is highly addictive and most users make just enough meth to sell to purchase ingredients for another batch, then use the rest.

- Bath salts (i.e. Cloud Nine or Bliss) are designer drugs, that look like Epsom salts. Ingredients are synthetic and vary from batch to batch. Very addictive, this drug causes hallucinations and paranoia and some users see demons. He referred to the Miami incident of face-eating.
- Krokodil or Crocodile is an inexpensive designer drug, made with iodine or crushed iodine and other ingredients then injected under the skin, causing the skin to look like crocodile skin and deteriorate. The drug is highly addictive and users die within two years.
- He suggested watching the movie "Breaking Bad", about a meth lab operator.
 - The following comments and concerns were expressed:
 - Legalized medical marijuana is not wanted in Duval County. Some residents see it as a gateway drug to more serious drug use and more criminal activity to support drug habits.
 - Some neighborhood stores regularly sell cigarettes and alcohol to minors. JSO asked residents to call 630-2165.
 - Internet gambling casinos attract problems.
- To report suspected drug activity, call 630-CRAK. Each report will be investigated but remember that investigations take time to complete.

6. Special Guest: JFRD Chief Kurt Wilson will reschedule.

7. Elected Officials – No representation.

8. Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative – Taurean Sinclair reported:

- JAXPORT was acknowledged at the federal level. Port improvement are still in the funding process.
- The pension task force will meet twice more before making recommendations to Mayor Brown.
- The Mayor's Youth Initiative and Black Male Achievement (BMA) were combined into one strategic plan. The program will launch in the 32209 and 32208 zip codes.
- Resources in health, mental health, jobs, economic development, education, family, and fatherhood will be available to returning citizens (ex-offenders).
- The Young Men of Color Initiative by President Obama and the Cities United Program deal with African- American on African-American violence, an issue the entire country is addressing.
- The following concerns were expressed:
 - The city should place as much priority on returning veterans as currently being placed on "returning citizens". The Mayor's Representative said Mayor Brown is an advocate for veterans and the Mayor's Office supports veterans through the Military Affairs, Veteran and Disabled Services Department.
 - All races have similar problems, yet the president is focusing on a Young Men of Color Initiative and the City is targeting black males, in the Black Male Achievement Program and other programs. How does the city address non-black males? The Mayor's Representative replied resources in other programs are available for Hispanic males. White males will be referred to other resources. A citywide parent event is planned to provide resource information for everyone.

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

Duval County Public Schools – no representative was present.

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

- Several projects are underway
- Beaver Street between ones Road and McCargo – the resurfacing project is finishing up.
- The Cassat Avenue interchange is finishing up.
- I-10 and Marietta – land clearing has begun for the new interchange. The project is scheduled to be completed by Fall, 2015.
- 1-10, Marietta and State Road 23/First Coast Highway – a public meeting is scheduled for March 18, 4:30 at the Holiday Inn Express near Chafee Road. The toll road starts South of New World Avenue. Fliers were distributed.

Jacksonville Electric Authority – Wayne Young reported:

- JEA's top priority goal is customer relations and customer satisfaction.
- JEA is pushing to increase outreach to the community. A representative will attend each CPAC meeting. The report will be tailored to the residents' requests for information.
- JEA is currently involved in a routine pattern of pre-storm tree-trimming. If residents have concerns about trees in their neighborhood, please contact JEA.
- The following concern was expressed:
 - Since JEA closed its branch offices, JEA customers go to Winn Dixie to pay their bills. Very long lines and long waiting times create tension, verbal altercations and potential fights. Mr. Young explained that all branch offices were closed to reduce operating costs. Sites were opened at area stores for customers' convenience. Checks may be mailed, payments may be made on-line or by phone, or by EZ payment or through your bank through an automated payment.
- To report a JEA problem, call 630-6500.

Parks and Recreation – Shaniqua Simmons reported:

- She provided maps and samples of signs for the Lonnie Miller Park walking trails.
- A concern was expressed: park programming is needed for kids after school and on weekends. Ms. Simmons listed several parks (Kennedy, Legends, Emmett Reed, and Carvill Park) that already have programming from 2:30 – 7:30 p.m. on school days. If specific parks need programming, call 630-CITY.

Planning & Development –

- Lurise Bannister reported:
 - She met with the LUZ Subcommittee prior to the CPAC meeting.
 - Mrs. Hipps presented information about 2014-143, an application to change zoning to put a Commercial Diving Academy on the site of the former Jackie's Seafood. The LUZ voted to support the change.
 - She provided a written report.
 - A sign waiver application, 2014-01, was approved by City Council.
 - Other items listed on her report were deferred by the Planning Commission.
- Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - The Homeowner and Condo Association training scheduled for March 18 was cancelled by the presenter because registration numbers were low. The class was rescheduled for September 23, 2014.
 - She provided a Save-The-Date flier, for a Civil Rights Fair Housing Bus Tour scheduled for April 23, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The tour is offered by Jacksonville Legal Air, the Fair Housing unit. Space is limited. Contact David Cronin at 356-8371 ext. 327 to reserve a seat.

Project New Ground – Marvin Dunbar was present but he did not report.

- 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.

Regulatory Compliance – Municipal Code Compliance: Devron Cody reported:

- Code Compliance Officers have been very busy with Operation Urban Blight
- A number of properties in Zip Code 32209 have been cited.
- The following concerns were expressed by residents:
 - A sinkhole has developed on Acorn Street. (Please call 630-CITY with the full address.)
 - Chickens run loose at a restaurant drive-through creating health and safety issues. (Please call 630-CITY with the full address.)
 - Neighbors permanently leave trash cans on the right-of-way. (Please call 630-CITY with the full address.)
- To report problems, contact 630-CITY (2489).

Public Works – Jeff Foster reported:

- Solid waste has 262,000 customers with 2 automated projects in two areas of the city.
- The State has mandated that by 2020, 75% of all waste must be recycled.
- The city gets paid \$41.07 per ton of recycled waste.
- Public Works will begin to use compressed natural gas for its vehicles. The landfills now generate power. They will begin to power the city's vehicles.
- The Trail Ridge Landfill will expand in 10 years.
- Public Works initiated an ash site master plan program for neighborhoods. All areas have been cleaned up except the area behind the fence at Lonnie Miller Park. The area that will house the proposed water park is clean now. Council Member Brown would like to add amenities such as a boardwalk and canoe launch, but it is cost prohibitive.
- The Brownfields position is now back at Public Works. Ground Works USA is a Brownfields grant to increase agriculture and community based redevelopment, using volunteerism.

9. Chair's Report Chair Pittman reported the CPAC Chairs and Vice Chairs met with members of the Consolidated Task Force. The Chairs are working on a letter to the task force.

10. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- LUZ – Robert Ledwick reported:
 - The subcommittee supports 2014-143. Mr. Ledwick made a motion to send a letter of support. A second was received from Mr. Burgess. The vote: all were in favor. Chair Pittman will prepare a letter.
- Transportation – Larry Solomon's absence was excused.
- TRUE – Leroy Kelly reported
 - The Legislative Tracking Committee reviews all bills.
 - TRUE supports the bill reversing COJH employees' residency requirement.
 - A visitor expressed a concern about reversing the requirement and said he thought all employees should live in the city.
 - TRUE does not support a bill to allow an Independent Library District which will have the authority to levy and collect taxes.
 - A question was asked about where TRUE obtained information about the libraries.
 - TRUE is involved in obtaining information about the pension reform.
 - Chair Pittman thanked Mr. Kelly for his work and for his report.

11. Unfinished Business – none.

12. New Business – none.

13. Public Comments/Announcements

- Marshelle Berry announced Bradham Brooks Library will offer an Electronic Classroom to teach free computer classes on the North side. Ms. Berry provided printed information.
- A brief discussion was held about the Commercial Diving Academy.
- Erica Graham from Nextdoor offered to speak at neighborhood association meetings. Nextdoor makes it easy for neighbors to communicate to share recommendations about local services, organize neighborhood events, report suspicious activity or to connect with parents and pet owners. It is a free service. Learn more at nextdoor.com.

14. 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 8:08 p.m.

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, April 10, 2014**
6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive