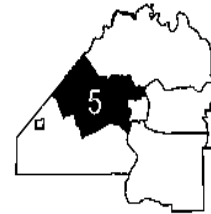


**Northwest District 5**  
**Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Solomon, Larry J. , Chair**  
**Carlotta McIntosh, Vice Chair**



**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.  
**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

**Committee Members Present**

Solomon, Larry J., Chair	Carlotta McIntosh, Vice Chair
Leroy Kelly, Carver International	William Anthony, Cherokee Cove
Patsy Bailey, Carver Pines	James Gloster, Kinlock Civic
Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.	Raye Gary, NWCP, Reed Campus
Linda Moore, North Riverside	John Pittman, Pickettville
Robert Ledwick, Pickettville	Edward Hall, Ribault Hills
Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills	B. J. Scott, Ribault HOA
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition	Roxsan Currier, Thomas Jefferson
James Green, North Shore*	Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks*

\*Pending

Excused: Bertha Richardson, Diane Kerr, Doretha Tompkins

**Guests**

Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.	Sam Holman, The Hester Group
Nichelle Floyd	Trent Tuttle, North Shore
Amanda Schmidt	Ishmael Eaves
Khamil L. Ojoyo	

**City/Staff/Resource**

JSO Zone 5 – Sgt. M. E. Dorner	Thomas Hill, FDOT
Daryl Joseph, Recreation	Lurise Bannister, Planning
Danny Connell, Municipal Code	Lillie Granger, DCPS
Elizabeth Henderson, EPD	Brian Pippin, JEA
Claudia Scott, JFRD	Judy Urback, JEA
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HCDD	

**Call to Order**

Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with a welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive. Chair Solomon asked members and guests to please save questions and answers to the end of the presentations and to be acknowledged by the Chair. He then turned the meeting over to former Chair Kelly for a presentation. Chair Kelly wanted to thank Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for 2 wonderful years working with him as Chair. He and all the members wanted to thank her for all her hard work. He presented her with a plaque of appreciation. She stated that it was an honor to serve them and thanked them all for the plaque and acknowledgement.

**Approval of the Meeting Summary**

*A motion to approve the November 10, 2011 summary as written was made by Member Burgess and a second by Member Hall. The Vote: All in favor. None opposed.*

## **Staff Reports**

**JSO Zone 5** – On behalf of Lt. Gay, Sgt. M. E. Dorner came to take concerns. The Police Union did agree to the 3% pay reduction. Members asked how one could find out the crime stats in a neighborhood? Go to the JSO web page at Crime Stats link:

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office/Crime-Statistics-Information-Acceptance.aspx>

Offender Watch link: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office/Offender-Watch.aspx>

If you have questions please call the Sub Station at:

Zone 5 call 384-8028 at 1024 Superior Street

Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Mall

Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center

Police Non-Emergency 630-0500

Neighborhood Watch – 630-2160

First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously

## **Guest Speakers**

**JEA** - Contract Employee Judy Urback, Conservation & Efficiency Specialist gave a presentation on ShopSmart and asked if any organization would like a presentation to sign up tonight. Here are the details: ShopSmart provides financial incentives for customers to:

- Get a home energy audit, and
- Make upgrades that will improve their home's energy efficiency.
- 100% rebate on diagnostic energy audit if homeowner makes upgrades that are projected to reduce energy consumption by 15%
- Low- or no-interest financing for upgrades through partner lending institutions
- Rebates on: window tinting, insulation, efficient heating and cooling systems, duct repair, solar water heaters, efficient lighting and bulbs and efficient appliances

JEA reps would like to speak at HOA meetings to:

- Identify residents who are interested in learning about ShopSmart
- Recruit a host and attendees for a "Home Energy Makeover Block Party"
- Host has home energy audit performed
- Then hosts a "party" with about 10 neighbors (homes may be similar)
- At party, auditor demonstrates audit process and shares results

JEA's goal is for residents to get energy audits (25% discount up front) and improve energy efficiency of homes (with the remaining cost of audit reimbursed after upgrades are made).

Members had questions on the following:

- Will the company that does the audit do the repairs? Some companies do and some don't. Be sure to get a JEA approved contractor to do the work. Rebates will not apply to home owners that do it themselves.
- Will the rebates apply to new homes? The program is targeted for homes 15 years and older but the rebate will apply to new homes.

JEA will hold home energy makeover block parties and one person may get the audit for free.

Please sign up. Brian Pippin can be reached at 665-7051 or [pippbc@jea.com](mailto:pippbc@jea.com)

**Duval Emergency Preparedness** – Liz Henderson, Exercise and Training Coordinator talked about being prepared for any disaster. Jacksonville has been very fortunate this past year but need to be prepared for this upcoming year. The Legends Center Evacuation Shelter is the only City run shelter in Jacksonville. That being said they need volunteers to run the shelter in an emergency. The Legends Center will be a special needs center with a nurse/doctor available. This shelter is in your community. Free training is available with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Claudia Scott invited members to sign up for these classes. They will be for 8 weeks – 1 night per week from 6 to 9 p.m. starting on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012 at the Legends Center. CERT training has neighbors coming to your aid in time of a disaster when first responders can't get there. Basic first aid, CPR, how to use a fire extinguisher, life savings techniques and what to do in a variety of emergencies will be taught. Members had a variety of questions. Ms. Henderson can be reached at 630-2676 or [ehender@coj.net](mailto:ehender@coj.net)

## Staff Reports

**Mayor's Representative** – not present. Acting Director of Central Operations and Mayor's Representative Marlene Russell can be reached at 255-8777 or [marlener@coj.net](mailto:marlener@coj.net)

**Project New Ground** – Sam Holman, The Hester Group reported on the following:

- The contractors have slowed down during the holidays
- Phase 2 is completed for Forest Street and Phase 1 for Cleveland St.
- Phase 2 for the Brown's dump site will start in February. Each phase has 100 parcels.
- They will start in June/July in Brooklyn, Mixon Town and Springfield.

Members wanted to know the completion date/timeline for Project New Ground. They do not have that date yet. Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY (2489) or 357-8077

**FDOT** – Thomas Hill reported on the following:

Projects under construction:

- **Interstate 10** Adding lanes and reconstructing from east of Halsema Road to Lane Avenue (8.2 miles). Hubbard Construction Company of Winter Park began January 12, 2009 and should finish on time in the fall of 2012 at a cost of \$58.9 million.
- **Main Street (US 17)** – Resurface from Trout River Boulevard to Trout River Bridge and relocate roadway under the bridge. Also reconstruct the Trout River Bridge fender system. Superior Construction Company of Jacksonville should begin in the fall of 2011 and finish in the fall of 2013 at a cost of \$5,649,714.71.

Lane closures:

- I -10 will close ramps tonight
- Golfair will close lanes for routine maintenance to Friday

Follow up from the November meeting: Projects in Five-Year Work Program:

- **Beaver Street (US 90)** Rebuild railroad crossing near Hammond Avenue in 2012/13 at estimated cost of \$250,000.
- **Beaver Street (US 90)** Resurface from west of McDuff Avenue to east of Stockton Street (.9 mile). Bids to open in August 2013 at estimated cost of \$1.6 million.
- **Dunn Avenue (State Road 104)** Resurface from New Kings Road (US 1) to Interstate 295 (2 miles). Bids to open in August 2012 at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million.
- **Dunn Avenue (State Road 104)** Resurface from Biscayne Boulevard to Interstate 95 ramps (1 mile). Bids to open in August 2013 at an estimated cost of \$2 million.
- **Dunn Avenue (State Road 104)** Intersection improvements from west of Garden Boulevard to east of Walgreen's driveway. Bids to open in November 2012 at an estimated cost of \$400,000.
- **Edgewood Avenue (State Road 111)** Rebuild railroad crossing near 20th Street in 2012/13 at estimated cost of \$375,000.
- **Interstate 295** Improvements at Dunn Avenue (State Road 104) interchange. Bids to open in August 2013 at estimated cost of \$935,000.
- **Interstate 295** Resurface from Commonwealth Avenue to Trout River (6 miles). Bids to open in January 2103 at an estimated cost of \$10.6 million.
- **Interstate 295** Interchange improvements at Pritchard Road in 2015/16 at estimated cost of \$6.5 million.
- **Jones Road** – Replace Bridge over Six Mile Creek. Bids to open in October 2012 at an estimated cost of \$3.1 million.
- **Lem Turner Road (State Road 115)** Traffic signal system from 44th Street to Interstate 295 (6.7 miles) in 2012/13 at estimated cost of \$280,000.
- **Main Street (US 17)** Repairs to the Trout River Bridge. Bids to open in July 2012 at an estimated cost \$1.2 million.
- **New Kings Road (US 1)** Resurface from Borden Street to Edgewood Avenue (State Road 111) (1.2 mile). Bids to open in July 2012 at an estimated cost of \$2.4 million.
- **New Kings Road (US 1)** Resurface from Dunn Avenue (State Road 104) to Interstate 295 (2 miles). Bids to open in August 2012 at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million.

Members wanted to know how FDOT get funds for projects and how jobs are created. Funding comes from the gas tax receipts funding the roads and a little money from the tag tax fee. The jobs are contracted out from Tallahassee and they do not count heads for jobs. The Pickettville project has no money and is a dead project. Members wanted to know if the US 1 and MLK resurfacing project would go to the county line – not sure and will check on this. Thomas Hill can be reached at 360-5647 or [Thomas.Hill@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Thomas.Hill@dot.state.fl.us)

**Planning & Development** – Planner Lurise Bannister reported on the following:

- Applications for the Northwest have been limited with the one zoning exception for the KIPP School on McDuff Avenue.

Lurise Bannister can be reached at 255-7839 or [Lurise@coj.net](mailto:Lurise@coj.net)

**Municipal Code Compliance** – Supervisor Danny Connell reported on the following:

- Property Safety completed 10,354 inspections last year and the number that stood out were the unsafe structures. If a neighbor sees a house that is open in the front or back be sure to call it in so no one is hurt. The open homes bring all kinds of illegal activities to a neighborhood.

Zone 5 completed inspections 1/8/2011 thru 1/12/12

<u>Track</u>	<u>Violations</u>
Commercial	91
Junk Vehicle	1438
Litter-Illegal Signs	7
Nuisance	6472
Nuisance Board Up	886
Residential	523
Unsafe Structure	381
Zoning-Commercial/Industrial	120
Zoning-Residential	395
Zoning-Yard/Land Use	41

Total NW Violations **10354**

Zone 5 completed systematic inspections September 2011 thru December 2011

<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Cases</u>
Magnolia Gardens	192
New Town	157
Whitehouse	87
Paxon	38
Biltmore	107
Sherwood Forest	178
Lackawanna	255
Robinson’s Addition	250
Lincoln Hills	263

Total Cases in All Neighborhoods **1335**

Zone 5 Corridor Inspections

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cases</u>
Lane Avenue	Nov. 2011	22
Cassat Avenue	Jan. 2012	41

Total Cases **63**

- Members were concerned with the number of NW vacant homes that draw illegal activities to them when they are left open. Unfortunately Code Compliance/Property Safety has no legal authority to go in the back of the house. They can only go in the front of the house.

Please be sure to call in problems to 630-CITY (2489). Code Compliance can be reached at 255-7000.

**Recreation and Community Services** – Daryl Joseph reported on the following:

- Happy New Year! One of the things Mayor Brown is looking for is water access and ways to have the average person go out fishing and kayaking.
- James Field Park is completed.
- They will be adding a new park in Caver International this spring.
- The Harborview Boat Dock is under construction adding restrooms.
- The North Shore Park has a sign for kayaking but it is not convenient to get in and out with mud 2 or 3 inches deep. The launches need some work to be made more attractive. Some do look very nice. They will be adding more locations and making some improvements.

Daryl Joseph can be reached at 255-7903 or [djoseph@coj.net](mailto:djoseph@coj.net)

**Duval County Public School** – On behalf of Tony Bellamy, Lillie Granger reported on the following:

- At the January 9, 2012 School Board meeting the following took place:
    - Schools were recognized for football: Gilbert Middle, Fletcher and First Coast High.
    - Peterson Academy was recognized for going up 3 letter grades, Lee High School for going up 2 letter grades, Parker for going up 2 letter grades and Ribault for going up 1 letter grade.
    - 18 high schools went up – [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org) to see the results
    - The Graduation rate rose to 71.2% and the dropout rate went to 2.3%
  - There will be no school on Martin Luther King Day.
  - January 20, 2012 is a planning day, no school for students.
  - February 7, 2012 is the next School Board meeting in the Cline Auditorium
- Tony Bellamy can be reached at 630-6852.

**Housing and Neighborhoods (HAND)** - Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following that was not on the written report:

- Real Talk... Real Change III Youth Rights – Right Now! “A candid dialogue on the fair representation and equitable treatment of youth and young adults – Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012 – Main Library, Conference Center, 303 N. Laura St., Exhibits 5:30 p.m. Panel Dialogue 6:30 p.m. – register for this free event at: [rsvp@@e3businessgroup.us](mailto:rsvp@@e3businessgroup.us)

**Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown**

- **Mayor Brown's Reform Plan Approved by City Council** – the bill ([2011-0732](#)) was passed by a 16-1 Council vote on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011. The bill passed after much review by City Council and a citizens' review panel. The mayor signed the bill into ordinance on Dec. 22. This marks phase-one of the mayor's reform plan. In the second phase, the mayor will work closely with department heads to examine the new structure of government for maximum savings and efficiency measures. Mayor Brown introduced legislation in November as a major step towards saving taxpayer money and reorganizing the city's workforce to deliver public services more effectively and efficiently. Target savings range from 10 to 15 percent of the city's General Fund. These will come from a variety of areas such as energy costs, better fleet management and employee health care costs. For more information about the reform plan, visit the mayor's [reform plan page](#) at <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Reform-Plan.aspx>
- **Neighborhoods Department** – Housing and Community Development Division –\_New name
- **MLK Parade** – Monday, January 16, 2012 – 10 a.m., road closures from 8 a.m. to noon. The parade will assemble at Jefferson Street and Water Street between 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Proposed Parade route and temporary road closures: The parade will go east on Water Street to Independent Drive. The parade will turn left on Newnan Street and proceed one block north to Bay Street. The procession will make a right turn on Bay Street and proceed east to Gator Bowl Way. The parade will end at EverBank Field's parking lot "J".
- As part of Mayor Alvin Brown's commitment to take Jacksonville to the next level, he is enhancing access to area waterways. The Mayor recently announced 12 newly-designated **kayak launch sites** along the St. Johns River and its tributaries, with plans to announce additional sites as they are developed. With the increased access, JaxParks now has 44 launch sites for motorized and/or non-motorized watercraft. The newly-designated sites are: Mandarin Park, 14780 Mandarin Rd. County Dock, Nathan Krestul Park, 2001 LaVaca Road, Stinson Park, 4050 San Juan Ave., St. Johns Marina, 901 Museum Circle, Metro Park Marina, 4110 Gator Bowl Drive, Blue Cypress Park, 4012 University Blvd. N., Arlington Lions Club Park, 4233 Richard D. Gatlin Road, Reddie Point Preserve, 4499 Yachtsman Way, North Shore Park, 7901 Pearl St., Ribault River Preserve, 2617 Ribault Scenic Dr. Riverview Park, 9620 E. Water Street

- **Mayor's Mentors** - Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown announced the launch of Mayor's Mentors, a public-private partnership to train and place 500 new school-based mentors with Duval County Public School students by April 1, at no cost to taxpayers. The Mayor's goal is to recruit, train and match mentors with Duval County Public School students to increase on-time, next grade promotion and graduation rates. For more information on becoming a Mayor's Mentor, the public may call United Way's 2-1-1 or visit [www.coj.net/mayorsmentors](http://www.coj.net/mayorsmentors).
- **Jacksonville Multi-Jurisdictional Disparity Study Meeting** – Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To learn more about the Disparity Study being conducted or to pre-register for this meeting please contact Mason Tillman Associates, LTD at: (904) 339-9549 or visit [www.jaxdisparitystudy.com](http://www.jaxdisparitystudy.com) or e-mail [jaxdispartystudy@mtaltd.com](mailto:jaxdispartystudy@mtaltd.com)
- **First Wednesday Art Walk, February 1, 2012** – rain or shine  
[http://downtownjacksonville.org/Marketing/First\\_Wednesday\\_Artwalk.aspx](http://downtownjacksonville.org/Marketing/First_Wednesday_Artwalk.aspx)
- Farmer's Market at RAM (FRAM) will be open January 7th – Feb. 25, 2012. The **Riverside Arts Market** Will re-open March 3, 2012, located under the Fuller Warren Bridge <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/>
- **The Jacksonville Landing Market** – Fridays at The Landing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Info: 353-1188
- **Project New Ground** – For information contact the City at 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

**Phone Numbers -** City Link **630-CITY** (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.

- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information contact 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org)
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St \* Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org)
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500-First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) (Search word Extension Office)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 or [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com)

**2012 NC CPAC Calendar:**

Thursday, February 9, 2012	Thursday, March 8, 2012	Thursday, April 12, 2012
Thursday, May 10, 2012	Thursday, June 14, 2012	July NO Meeting
Thursday, August 9, 2012	Thursday, Sep. 13, 2012	Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012
Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012	December NO Meeting	

**Chair Solomon's Report**

- Chair Solomon asked members what goals they would like to work on this year. He talked about the need for education on zoning, branches of government and government operation with the new reorganization with various departments. He also stated that we need younger people to get involved so that we may mentor them and they can take our place in the future. This year we need to do better on educating ourselves.
- Ethics in a Nutshell – deferred to Feb.
- Subcommittees for 2012
  - LUZ (Land Use and Zoning) – Chair William Anthony
  - Transportation – Chair Larry Solomon
  - TRUE Commission – Member Leroy Kelly
  - If we need other committees please be willing to step up to the plate to serve.

**Subcommittee Reports** - none

**Unfinished business** – none

**New Business** – none

**Announcements** – none

**Public Comments** – none

**Motion to Adjourn**

*A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Burgess and a second by Member Currier. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.*

The next NW CPAC meeting will be Thursday, **February 9**, 2012  
6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive

Submitted by: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8236 or [Mfharmer@coj.net](mailto:Mfharmer@coj.net)

Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report January 12, 2012																							
Project #/App. # New Agenda Items	Project Type	Description	Council's 1st Public Hearing	LP/PC *	LUZ Comm. **	Final City Council ***	Comments																
E-2011-075	Exception	at McDuff Ave N (between 1st Street W. and 5th Street W)		1/12/2012			Application was filed by Wyman duggan, Esq., Rogers Towers P.A. The property is currently zoned Commercial Community/General - 2 (CCG-2). Exception sought for school meeting the performance standard and development criteria set forth in Part 4. for more information please contact PDD at 904-255-7865.																
<b>New Agenda Items</b>																							
* LP/PC meets in Council Chambers of the St. James Building at 1:00 PM, 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.																							
** LUZ Comm. meets in Council Chambers of the St. James Building at 5:00 PM, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.																							
*** City Council meets in Council Chambers of the St. James Building at 5:00 PM, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.																							
<b>JPDD Contacts:</b>																							
Land Use:																							
Rezoning/Exceptions/Variances/Waivers:																							
PUD Rezoning:																							
Cell Towers:																							
Administrative Deviations:																							
Site Review:																							
Neighborhood Action Plans																							
<b>Northwest CPAC District Planner:</b>																							
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Gary Kresel</td> <td>255-7833</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Folks Huxford</td> <td>255-7817</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bruce Lewis</td> <td>255-7820</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ken Avery</td> <td>255-7818</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seva Abasova</td> <td>255-8555</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lisa Ransom</td> <td>255-7834</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lurise Bannister</td> <td>255-7839</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lurise@col.net</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>								Gary Kresel	255-7833	Folks Huxford	255-7817	Bruce Lewis	255-7820	Ken Avery	255-7818	Seva Abasova	255-8555	Lisa Ransom	255-7834	Lurise Bannister	255-7839	Lurise@col.net	
Gary Kresel	255-7833																						
Folks Huxford	255-7817																						
Bruce Lewis	255-7820																						
Ken Avery	255-7818																						
Seva Abasova	255-8555																						
Lisa Ransom	255-7834																						
Lurise Bannister	255-7839																						
Lurise@col.net																							
<b>Notes</b>																							
No upcoming community meetings scheduled.																							
PDD is now online with application process for land use and rezoning applications. Contact Wendy, 255-7948, with questions.																							