

District #5 - Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Larry Solomon

Vice Chair: Carlotta McIntosh

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive

DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2012

Attendance:

Members:

Solomon, Larry J., Chair

Carlotta McIntosh, Vice Chair

William Anthony, Cherokee Cove

Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile Ministries

Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks HOA

Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.

Oliver Muldrow, Edward Hall, Ribault Hills Comm.

Linda Kittles, Ribault Manor HOA

John Pittman, Robert Ledwick, Pickettville Civic

Bertha Richardson, Better Living Community Assoc.

Excused: Diane Kerr, North Riverside CDC, Doretha Tompkins, Riverview, Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition

Elected Officials:

City Council Members - John Crescimbeni (G2), Robin Lumb (G5) and James Nealis, Executive Council Assistant to Councilman Anderson (G4)

Staff:

Lurise Bannister, Planning

Mike Mahaffey, JSO

Richard Prindiville, FDOT

Daryl Joseph, Recreation and Parks

Shawn Taylor, Recreation and Parks

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HCDD

Guests:

Bryan Knowles, North Shore Homeowners

Jill Knowles, North Shore Homeowners

Kent Steven, JTA

Van Dyke Walker, JTA

Shannon Eller, JTA

Katie Salz, Second Harvest

Conchita Robinson, JTA

Thomas Trowell, Republic Services

Andy Barker, Republic Services

Richard Gosnay, Republic Services

Elaine Billups, BLCA

Sam Holman, Project New Ground

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The meeting began with the pledge allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

Quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

Chair Solomon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2012 meeting. Member Burgess motioned to approve minutes as distributed with a second by Member Arnold. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The minutes were approved.

3. Staff Reports

• JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) - Lt. Mike Mahaffey

Lt. Mahaffey of Zone 5, JSO reported the year-to-date crime in Zone 5 has decreased 17% with violent crimes 23% down and property crimes 15% down. Citizens should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Question: Councilman Lumb asked how many intersections are slated for red light cameras to be installed in District 5.

Answer: Lt. Mahaffey replied he was not sure this would have to be answered by Traffic Engineering.

• Mayor's Liaison – None

• Duval County Public Schools – Not present

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Richard Prindiville (reported on behalf of Thomas Hill)
Mr. Prindiville reported on the following roadway projects:
 - I-10 adding lanes 8.2 miles from Halsema Road to Lane Avenue. This project began in 2009 and is expected to finish the summer of 2012. Expect eastbound lane closures Sunday through Thursday from 7:30 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.
 - I-10 repavement work on Lane Avenue to Stockton Street with more work to be added – slab concrete is in worse condition than was expected. Expected completion date is 2013 with lane closures Sunday through Thursday from 6:30 p.m. until 5:30 a.m. with the ramp to be closed 8 p.m. until 5 a.m.
 - MLK Parkway to Kings Road is being resurfaced for distance of 3.3 miles. The project began in November of 2011 and should be complete the spring of 2012. Lane closures may occur from MLK Parkway to Kings Road from 7 p.m. -7 a.m. and during the day from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Project is on schedule.
 - Main Street resurfacing project from Trout River Boulevard to Trout River Bridge began in 2011 and is on schedule with an expected completion date of 2013.
 - Lem Turner Road Bridge over the Ribault River northbound lane closures to begin April 16, 2012 until April 19, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for routine bridge maintenance.

Question: Board Member (unidentified) asked - Is Soutel Road a city or state maintained road?

Answer: Mr. Prindiville responded it is a city maintained road.

- **Neighborhoods – Housing and Community Development Division** – Marilyn Fenton-Harmer

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown/Notices

- Mayor Alvin Brown appointed Terrance L. Ashanta-Barker, an accomplished corporate attorney with a track record of public service, to lead the city's Neighborhoods Department. Mr. Ashanta-Barker comes into the position with experience as managing partner of the Ashanta-Barker Law Group in Cincinnati, as well as Chief Operations Officer and General Counsel of the Small & Carter Investments Co. in Detroit among numerous other leadership roles. The Neighborhoods Department oversees the divisions of Environmental Quality, Municipal Code Compliance, Animal Care and Protective Services, Mosquito Control and Housing and Community Development. Mr. Ashanta-Barker will earn an annual salary of \$130,000.
Mr. Ashanta-Barker has experience from the Orlando firm of Holland & Knight. He also worked as a senior attorney at Taft Stettinius & Hollister in Cincinnati. He was the valedictorian of his high school, Robert A. Taft in Cincinnati, before obtaining his bachelor's degree from Tuskegee University and his law degree from Florida State University.
- NBA Hall of Famer Artis Gilmore will serve as Mayor Brown's Ambassador for Sports, Entertainment and Physical Fitness. In the role, Mr. Gilmore will help to cultivate relationships to attract major sporting events, trade shows and special events while serving as an advocate for people of all ages to adapt to healthier lifestyles. Salary: \$60,000.
- Alan Verlander was chosen to be the mayor's Sports and Entertainment Director. Mr. Verlander has been the athletics director at Jacksonville University since 2005. During that time, Jacksonville University has laid claim to 36 conference or state championship titles and millions of dollars in new funds have been raised to modernize sports facilities. Salary: \$179,416.
- Tonisha Landry-Gaines will serve as the Director of Special Events. She had been working as a special assistant to the mayor since July 1, 2011, during which time she played an active role in preparing for major events such as the mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast and Mayor Brown's Business Builder. Salary: \$98,000.
- Mayor Brown Unveils Economic Growth Initiatives – Legislation would reform city policy to create jobs, revitalize Downtown. "One of my priorities as Mayor is to partner with the business community to create jobs and enhance economic growth," said Mayor Brown. "This legislation will make Jacksonville more competitive by speeding the process of bringing high wage jobs and strong economic development to Jacksonville, while also helping to reinvigorate our Downtown."
- First Annual Mayor Brown **Interfaith Celebration – Friday, April 20, 2012** at 7:30 a.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., 32202. Join Mayor Brown for a breakfast event uniting the faith community in an opportunity to uplift and encourage the citizens of Jacksonville, Tickets are \$25. If you are purchasing after April 6, shipping is not available. Please be sure to check "pick-up" to receive your tickets prior to the event. Call the Office of Special Events at 630-3690 for details or <http://www.makeascenedowntown.com/Shop/First-Annual-Mayor-Brown-Interfaith-Celebration-Ti.aspx>
- **Mayor Brown's College Student Aid Workshops: Register at: <http://indo-usnefl.com/fafsa>**
The City of Jacksonville and the [Indo-U.S. Chamber of Commerce of Northeast Florida](http://www.indo-usnefl.com) are partnering together to assist aspiring college students in completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at no cost to students or taxpayers. Trained volunteers will help students complete and file FAFSA applications, a necessary step in the college entrance process. There will be seven workshops at various locations listed on the back.
 - Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Raines High School, 3663 Raines Ave.
 - Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kirby Middle School, 2034 Hubbard St.
- **National Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Week Activities:**
 - Friday, April 13, 2012 – Clara White Mission, 613 W. Ashley Street – 8:30 a.m.

- **10th Annual Fair Housing Awareness Symposium – Saturday, April 21, 2012** from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Main Library, 303 N. Main Street. The event is free and free parking at the Duval Street Parking Garage. Advanced registration is required by e-mail at JHRCRSVP@coj.net or by calling 630-1212 ext. 3020 (TTY 630-4125) Breakfast will be served and child care for children ages 4 –12-years old will be offered.
- **JaxReads:** Tim O'Brien speaks about "The Things They Carried" – Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., book signing at 8 p.m. Join this presentation as part of the community reading event from March 26th to April 26th.
- The City of Jacksonville's Planning and Development Department in partnership with Riverside Avondale Preservation will host the **Restore Jacksonville** conference. This five-day program will provide valuable information for homeowners, preservation enthusiasts and contractors, from researching the history of one's home to navigating the city's review processes. May 2 - 6, 2012 at the Jacksonville Main Library, 303 N. Laura St. Registration is \$25/day and \$50 for a 5-day full conference pass, until May 1. Sunday tours are free with the purchase of any one day registration (tours require advance registration, as space is limited). **On-site registration** is allowed for Homeowner Sessions (Saturday May 5). Tours and some special events require advance registration. Price at the door is \$30 and may not include access to Luncheon speaker. **Call or pre-register in person** at the following locations:- City of Jacksonville's Planning and Development Department, Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., Suite 300 ([map](#)). Phone: (904) 255-7859 - Riverside Avondale Preservation – Temporary Offices: 2705 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville FL 32204. Phone: (904) 389-2449 – www.restorejacksonville.com
- **World of Nations Celebration** - May 03, 2012 - May 06, 2012 at Metropolitan Park, 1410 Gator Bowl Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. At the World of Nations Celebration, experience the cuisine, artistry and customs from lands near and far. Admission is \$5 (One Day Ticket), \$8 (Two Day Ticket) or \$10 (Three Day Ticket). Children ages 3 and under are free. Grab your passport and join us for a great trip!
- **Installation of Lee Adams' mural, "Ribault's Landing"** - Tuesday, May 01, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Artist Lee Adams' 12' x 30' mural, *Ribault's Landing*, will be installed in the Florida Collection at the [Main Library](#) in downtown Jacksonville.
- **Living History at Fort Caroline National Memorial** - May 05, 2012 - May 06, 2012 at the Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve, 12713 Fort Caroline Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225. The National Park Service will offer educational demonstrations featuring costumed living historians at Fort Caroline National Memorial.
- **Jacksonville Jazz Festival** - Mark your calendar for this year's festival: **May 24-27, 2012**. Some of this year's confirmed performers include Sonny Rollins; Chick Corea, Stanley Clarke and Lenny White Trio; Patti Austin with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra; Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue; Poncho Sanchez and his Latin Jazz Band featuring Terence Blanchard; and Karrin Allyson
- **Two Days per Week Watering Returns as Clocks Spring Forward One Hour** –Designed to conserve Jacksonville's water supply and reduce the amount of nutrients flowing into the St. Johns River, Chapter 366 of the city's ordinance code limits watering to two days a week during Daylight Savings Time. Residential properties with an address that ends in an odd number or places without an address may water on Wednesday and Saturday, and those addresses which end in an even number may water on Thursday and Sunday. Non-residential irrigation is only permitted on Tuesday and Friday. **Watering is allowed only before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.** year-round. Violators of the irrigation schedule will be issued a warning ticket for the first observed offense. They will be given tickets for \$50 and \$250 for the second and third violations, respectively. Violators may also be subject to other enforcement. Lawn watering will return to one designated day per week beginning Nov. 4, 2012. To learn more about the restrictions, visit the City of Jacksonville Environmental Quality Division at www.coj.net.
- **The Riverside Arts Market (RAM)** and the Farmer's Market (FRAM) is open on Saturday's located under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/>
- **Project New Ground** is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 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
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St, Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or 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 (Search Extension Office)
- **JOBS** - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8a.m. – 5 p.m. or **924-1710** or www.employflorida.com
- **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Daniel Connell was excused.
- **Planning & Development** – Lurise Bannister
In May's absence last month there is no report from last month. The following is a recap:

- o 2012-64-Rezoning Edward Waters College renovation of dorms; 340 beds. Planning Commission deferred until May 24th.
- o Seeking adjustments in the Roadway frontage approval reduction seeking adjustments in the roadway.
- o 2012-013 went before the Planning Commission tonight for exception of alcoholic beverage sales.
- o 2012-196-Ribault Avenue, between Soutel and Turton Avenues. Looking at rezoning 40 acres PUD to PUD for residential and the bulkhead; and will go before the Planning Commission on 4/26/12.
- o Ken Avery, Northwest Planner retired last week. He has not been replaced to date.
- o 2012-014 - was approved this past Monday night, located at 1418 Lane Avenue. This was a PUD to PUD for adding additional uses on the existing property. The application was amended to include additional uses to the property. The location is a school and they want to add vocational activities to the existing school.

Question: Councilman Lumb advised that residents from Morris Manor, a retirement community, came to a City Council Meeting recently. They had concerns about the curve located near Norfolk and Soutel Avenue and how fast traffic is as they are not able to get across right there. Many of the residents are in wheelchairs or walkers and they have to go up to the intersection of Norfolk and Soutel Avenue which is approximately an extra 100 yards either side of the street to cross over to go to the Dollar General Store. Is there a plan to put a pedestrian cross walk at the Morris Manor location?

Answer: Ms. Banister responded her section deals primarily with the roadway planning; Traffic Operations would make these decisions. She stated she would make contact with the correct contact and obtain the information for her report next month.

- **Parks & Recreation** – Daryl Joseph

Mr. Joseph introduced Shawn Taylor, Program Coordinator of the City's Recreation Department. Mr. Taylor provided information about the upcoming Summer Camps and Summer Night Lights Program. He advised the Summer Camps will offer fun educational camps focusing on science and math, life skills and community service type activities. The City is partnered with UNF and the educational department gearing their lesson plans to follow the sunshine standards so the youngsters will have fun and education at the same time.

The Summer Night Lights will be held in 5 park locations throughout the city, featuring the field and court lights staying on until midnight. There will be activities and resource partners offered to families, partnerships with the Extension Office and general recreation and great partnership with JSO. This will offer a safe environment for teenagers and young people during the summer months.

The featured parks are as follows:

- o Charles Clark
- o Clanzel Brown
- o Emmett Reed
- o H.T. Jones
- o Mitchell Center

Question: What will be the dates and times these parks will offer the extra lighting?

Answer: Mr. Taylor replied it would be from June 22nd through August 11th every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. until Midnight.

Question: What are the fees for the camps?

Answer: Mr. Taylor advised the fee for the Summer Camps will be \$75 per two week session. Extended care will be offered from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. for an additional fee.

Question: Do you have brochures or literature regarding the programs?

Answer: Mr. Taylor stated there are brochures and program guides featuring the spring and summer activities and camps offered throughout the City. He will ensure brochures and guides are delivered to members.

- **Project New Ground** – Sam Holman

Mr. Holman provided a status of the areas located on the Northside which are being tested for contamination.

- o Brown's Dump – completed Phase 1 & 2;
- o 5th & Cleveland – completed Phase 1 & most of Phase 2 (contractor to bid again);
- o Lonnie Miller – completed Phase 1;
- o OU2 – Springfield contractor coming to start in May 2012.

Question: Where in the Springfield area is this site located?

Answer: Mr. Holman replied near Jefferson Street; go across one block to Main Street and up a few blocks to 4th and 8th Streets.

8 Presentations and Elected Officials Reports:

Presentation #1 - At Large City Councilman John Crescimbeni advised he is currently on his 2nd term in City Council; his first being the 1991-1999 as the district city council member west Arlington Representative and now Group 2 which serves the North of Atlantic Boulevard, San Pablo to the County line. Chair Solomon had questions for Council Members regarding the Districts-Legislature.

- o There will be 4 more reappointments, 23 to 27 districts population Florida (state).
- o Flum – 2030 comprehensive maps (state) Broad zoning overlay. Future level use maps which citizens may petition city council to change the categories.
File folder-drawers to cabinet, 1 drawer to different drawer. Land use changes – 7 zoning changes, 1 is legislative land use talk to city council. Zonings are different – Quasi-Judicial. You have a voice but City Council is charged as judges to hear accordingly. No real definition is declared. Declare all communication.
- o Ethics – In the news the past couple of years. The charter fell but has remained in the Ordinance Code. The previous mayor had appointed an Ethics Commission. It has been put back in the Charter now. There is a new wave of Ethics Commission, Mayor, City Council group to appoint and seek new members.
- o CPACs in General – I'm one of 3 councilmembers which currently serve and voted on the concept of CPACs under Mayor Austin when he was in office in the early 1990s. Some of the Neighborhoods had an umbrella organization such as the greater Arlington Civic Council and came together for future challenges. Mayor Austin recognized that not all parts of town had those types of organizations; so he came up with the concept – 6 areas – CPAC – GACC – City Rep. – JSO, Parks, etc. to bring you current information. CPACs have proven to be successful, and I'm a strong proponent, threat reduced staffing opposed to that and allows citizens more knowledgeable structure. 10-50 people CPAC boundary to rally on that topic.

Question: Councilman Crescimbeni asked the group a Trivia question: The 450 Anniversary of Mayport is coming soon. Does anyone know the date of when the 1st Thanksgiving of the Huguenots was?

Answer: 1562, over 450 years ago however not exactly sure of where but it was here in Jacksonville 1562.

Question: Member Kittles asked how do you know if this is true?

Answer: There is quite a bit of correspondence from the French regarding the established colony, plant life and giving thanks to the new land all referenced at that time period of 1562.

Question: Zoning Issue – the property owner has to petition to change the use of his property. Big Issue Revival Tent on PUD and he has a right to set it up there because it is a religious organization. Who else can get this changed as its more specific and restrictive?

Answer: Councilman Crescimbeni responded Zoning is complicated. A zoning district is standard zoning with a residential-low density. It comes with 2 lists; all things you can do right such as commercial and residential uses and with a List by exception which has an extra step by going to the Planning Commission in which you may get an exception to have permissible use. A PUD is where you can create your own zoning district with written description site plan. You submit your plan to City Council for approval and you must comply with land use, i.e. residential land use category but you have to write it down in your written description. Example was back in 1994 St. Andrews Church – old church which was located downtown moved it on a barge to Lone Star Road. A very small church and they at first were content with the size. They never thought they would want to expand the church's property or make it bigger. A PUD would have allowed them to create zoning and allow them to grow and have the zoning approved, but that would have been terribly expensive after the fact. However, a church member died and left money to the church, enough for them to have new zoning with no encroachment of the footprint. A PUD is flexible, but you must be forward thinking in how it's written.

Presentation #2 - Councilman Lumb advised the group, following Councilman Crescimbeni - everything he said is encyclopedic about spending tax money and the process. Councilman Crescimbeni has a list of all openings for the Boards and Commissions and requests that there be financial disclosure.

Question: Chair Solomon asked Councilman Lumb to expand on the Mayport Ferry.

Answer: Councilman Lumb advised he recently met with Congressman Crenshaw about the Mayport Ferry. The congressman helped save it once and possibly even a second time. Now there is no longer earmarked money on a local level for funding. Some \$12 million worth of

capital needs to be available with \$4 million in immediate funds. Councilman Lumb feels it's a mistake to let the state off the hook when it's the state's responsibility to get it and keep it. Numbers have fallen off 600,000 which was the annual number of riders before 2008, easily over 575,000 now reduced to approximately 250,000 a year. If level of ridership was still as high it could have sustained itself. They are looking for solutions, but there just isn't the funding available in the City's Treasury.

Presentation #3 - James Nealis, Executive Council Assistant for Councilman Anderson, is a new representative hired last month. He was previously an assistant state attorney and still a practicing attorney in Jacksonville. He is working closely with Councilman Anderson and learning how the councilman thinks. He states he is a numbers person and is always looking for ways to eliminate waste, and how can we make it work more effectively. Councilman Anderson is the Vice-President of Everbank and looks for ways to make it work financially. Speaking of the Mayport Ferry, but wondering where is the money going to come from? CPAC's family is a small unit able to see how things are done. CPAC members are very valuable. If you have questions, he is in the office Mondays and Tuesdays.

Question: What does the acronym ECA stand for?

Answer: Executive Council Assistant. Primarily, Mr. Nealis assists Councilman Anderson with his calendar and with legislation.

Councilman Crescimbeni added two comments. He advised he is a proponent of the ferry and believes it is vital for the county and Mayport despite JaxPort's report of the Ferry losing \$600,000 per year in operational cost and periodic capital improvements costs to replace bulkheads, etc. Remember when you get in your car to go home today we are paying for the road which is a continual obligation to the tax payer. There has been \$23,000,000 to paint the Matthew's Bridge, \$20,000,000 to paint the Hart Bridge. He mentioned roads cost and lose money too and he is doing his best to keep the ferry in the budget.

Secondly, with the upcoming elections, the Supervisor of Elections, Jerry Holland is experiencing problems with the new voting equipment. The manufacturer cannot support the equipment because they cannot buy parts to make repairs. Parts can only be purchased by other counties in the State of Florida that have the same type of equipment. This new equipment does not support an alpha numeric precinct assignment. When you receive your new voting cards for the election coming up in August there will be a new four digit number assigned to each voter. This is unavoidable as to not have the same scenario we had in the election of 2000. Jerry Holland has been asked to reduce his budget and will be doing so by reducing the number of voting precincts from 250 to approximately 200. This will save equipment and staffing costs.

Question: Member Boyd voiced with the Mayor's Office on employment. She advises she is an active "voice" for criminals and ex-felons to find jobs to help keep crime level down?

Answer: Councilman Lumb stated he was sympathetic on this topic and understands however; there are not enough regular jobs for people in the workforce let alone ex-felons. For clarification, are you asking if we have any influence in getting them hired with city government?

Question: Member Boyd stated yes, she would like to know the possibility of bringing jobs to Jacksonville. She is aware the Mayor's Office tends to handle this, but wanted to know if City Council was bringing jobs to the city to help keep the crime level down?

Answer: Councilman Crescimbeni advised the Mayor's Office handles most of the hiring for the city and the running of the city on a daily basis. The City Council is only instrumental in hiring 1 person or one Executive Council Assistant (ECA). We have hired ex-felons in the past for the City Council Office and have an arrangement with Kevin Gay's operation of New Hope located on Main Street, but we are cutting staff now not adding. I encourage you to contact the Chief of the City's Human Resources/Employee Services Department, Jarik Conrad, at 630-CITY to obtain more information about employment opportunities.

Question: Ms. Elaine Billups asked why the issue with the voting equipment could not be resolved with the voting equipment prior to a huge election like the presidential election. Couldn't this be addressed after one of the smaller local elections?

Answer: Councilman Crescimbeni advised this was a good question for Jerry Holland to answer, but from what he recalls Jerry Holland presented to council a proposal to change the voting precinct assignments to an all numeric formula. The Supervisor of Elections Office reported there was a 5-6% failure rate at the last election and wanted this issued addressed prior to any problems to avoid any additional scrutiny. If the cards are not read then they have to be

entered manually. There were 255 or 256 precincts, and with roughly 5-6% failure there are no parts for machines available from vendor. The Supervisor of Elections would have to buy from another elections office or vendor with authorization in the state of Florida which are certified but they are in the same boat and the availability is just not there. The goal is to avoid problems like we experienced at the 2000 election.

Vice-Chair McIntosh asked why they were cutting precincts?

Answer: Councilman Crescimbeni responded it was due to a budgetary trim in government's city council districts. Currently there are 255-256 precincts; the average is 14-15 per city council district which may vary in size but is similar in population. The heavier precincts will be scaled back to approximately 200 precincts which will reduce the amount of equipment and lowers staffing required, meeting the budget reduction by 15% as asked by Mayor Brown.

Question: Member Arnold asked if it would be possible to obtain a list of the precincts that will be shut down?

Answer: Councilman Lumb advised Jerry Holland is close to finalizing the number of precincts and their new assignment numbers. This information will be available at that time.

Chair Solomon thanked Council Members Crescimbeni, Lumb and Mr. Nealis for their time and for attending the CPAC Meeting.

Councilman Lumb briefly listed the current board opportunities. List will be available to anyone wishing to view.

- Marilyn Fenton-Harmer introduced the Acting Chief of Housing and Community Development Division under the Neighborhoods Department, Elaine Spencer. Her 30-year career enables her to come to this position with the City with a wealth of knowledge about housing and community development. On the federal side she dealt with policy issues, budgets and monitoring organizations and assessing performances. She is now in a position to be judged on the other side and is proud to be with the Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Division. What she has done on the federal side now enables her to take it into perspective. She thinks the staff is totally phenomenal! She expects to have a long and healthy relationship with the neighborhoods & CPAC organizations. She remains passionate about the opportunities that will become available. She contends jobs and money are short everywhere during this economic time. The Housing Division's funds may get cut 20% in the Home program which may present challenges; however opportunities for the CPACs. An organization like CPAC as a unit should explore nontraditional sources for funding and not rely on resources that are actually dwindling. For example, are there corporate funding or banks CDCs who want to invest in neighborhoods? How do you learn to go after that type of funding? She spent time during her federal career, traveling and training non-profit organizations and local communities in grant writing. She would like to transfer this skill to the CPACs and help them to explore and build the capacity to seek these funding sources. She plans to meet with the CPAC's monthly and reminded the board her office is easily accessible to the CPACs. She advised the board to please contact her or her team if there are any questions.

Presentation #4 - JTA – Shannon Eller introduced her team: Transit Operations Kent Stover, Service Planning Manager who oversees all route plans for the north side connections, Van Dyke Walker oversees all the facilities and will provide an update on the bus shelters. Conchita Robinson who is in charge of the STAR Cards System and will provide information and answers to questions.

Mr. Stover spoke of the existing service and advised the JTA operates regular service called the L7 which is located at Soutel Road and every 30 minutes offers a bus to the Avenues Mall. The CT4 operates between Amtrak, downtown to Atlantic Beach and you're able to connect with the trolley service on 3rd Street heading south to JTB. The Community Shuttle which is a smaller gray/silver bus. The advantage of the shuttle is that it can deviate from the regular route even go door to door for only a 50 cents charge. This is popular with the seniors of the community because it serves Shands and several of the senior centers and offers the door to door service. There are some modifications to the route coming soon but ultimately the goal is to connect Moncrief Park to Grand Park. Other outlying areas it will include are Golf Brook which is linked with Talleyrand, Gateway and Shands.

Mr. Walker advised he oversees the maintenance of roughly 4000 bus stops and approximately 400 shelters for JTA. In the North side area there are approximately 68 shelters. He advised the shelters vary in appearance as they were acquired at different times. 50% of all JTA riders are from the Northside of town. Mr. Walker stated one of his main functions is to oversee the maintenance of the bus stops and to empty trash cans. It takes a crew to maintain the stops throughout Duval County and some stops have shelters and some do not. Trash cans may or may not be located at each site. For the stops with trash cans, JTA is required to maintain them. In the Gateway and Shands areas, stops are maintained 3 times a week with a major cleanup and trash pickup on a weekly basis. They work closely with JSO to help prevent vandalism. Chair Solomon stated an accident involving an overturned vehicle recently occurred near the Lem Turner bus stop and he was in the presence of the JTA security officer handling the issue. Chair Solomon complimented the responsiveness and professionalism of the officer. Mr. Walker appreciated the comment and stated he would pass this along to the Operations Manager.

Ms. Conchita Robinson talked about the new Star Card System or SMART Card which was implemented in 2012. The system is funded completely by grant money. It has new upgraded technology from the system. The difference between the old passes and this new card is a magnetic strip on the back of the card, similar to credit card which allows clients to load 1 day or 3 day, 30 days or load cash on the card. This was implemented to make it easier for passengers and for drivers. We are very proud of it! For all the fixed routes or larger buses this program has been effective since January 30, 2012 and working smoothly. The smaller, connector lines will implement the program on April 30, 2012. All clients will have Star Cards by the month of May 2012. For all senior clients they will still receive a card for free with their photo on the card. Reduced riders will receive free cards with photos. For the Para transit riders they are going to send their cards in mail over the next 30 days.

Question: Can you still use cash on the buses?

Answer: Yes, but over the last 3 months they have seen a huge increase in riders using the tap and ride Smart Card. For example: 10 riders and 8 of them used the tap and ride. Riders not having to carry cash and getting hurt which is a good safety feature.

Question: How often do you have to renew your Star Card?

Answer: Every 5 years you will need a new Star Card.

Question: What age is considered a senior?

Answer: 60 years of age – free riding on all JTA transportation.

Question: Where can you purchase and/or load the Smart Cards?

Answer: You may load at any station at a TVM - Ticket Vending Machine and they are also located at Gateway, Regency, Skyway, Rosa Parks, and at Pearl and Water Streets, near The Landing. Also, at our pass partners, Winn Dixie and Walgreens you may purchase 1, 3 day passes and within the next 60 days you may be able to load directly on the card itself.

Presentation #5 - Republic Services

Lee Catherine Bateh, of Municipal Services at Republic Services thanked all for allowing them to give a quick presentation to the board. Ms. Bateh introduced, Mr. Thomas Trowell, Assistant General Manager and Mr. Andy Barker, Operations Manager in Jacksonville. Ms. Bateh discussed some upcoming changes with waste pick up by Southland Waste. She displayed two types of carts that everyone in areas handled by Southland Waste will receive in April and May. The yellow lid bin is for recycling only. Some of the benefits to the new bin are the size being larger and that everyone will have matching bins. By making the switch to the new larger bin it will be able to accommodate a larger volume of materials such as all plastics, metals, and juice boxes, etc. this will create a diversion of going into the landfill. The larger recycle side will accommodate a larger quantity of items as well. This created 50 new jobs for workers to separate garbage out and per ton it returns and pays a rebate back to the City. Benefits come with this. At the end of April door knockers will be placed on doors. Hopefully by June 2012 all customers will be notified of the upcoming changes. The 1st postcards and packets including magnets and stickers with different materials listed on it will be sent out. Please visit their Website: www.RepublicRollout.com or call 630-CITY (2489) for more information.

Question: What sections of town will be affected by these changes?

Answer: Arlington, Mayport and the Northwest Area. If your garbage is currently being picked up by Southland Waste then you will notice the changes. If Advanced Disposal currently handles your trash pickup then you will not be affected. They will distribute a map of the areas.

Question: Because of the size of the bins, are there any requirements where they should be placed, such as how close to the curb or sidewalk, etc.?

Answer: Yes, there are specifics. Now, each garbage truck has two workers, one driver and one worker on the back of the truck. With the new system, there will be one driver able to operate a mechanical arm, picks up the bin, dumps it and sets it back in the same spot. You should keep this at least 5' away from mailboxes and away from low hanging tree limbs. In the packet of information provided to our customers there will be a frequently asked questions and answers sheet.

Question: The city logo, serial number and 630-CITY are printed on the side of the bin. Will there be any indication on which direction to place the bin?

Answer: Yes, there are arrows on the sides. This will also be explained in the information packets.

Question: Will you talk about the second option of using the 65 gallon bin?

Answer: We have had the same service in Jacksonville Beach, most started out with the larger bin, and they were offered an option to change it, within 60 days to the larger bin which is 96 gallons. Most all have requested the larger bin.

Question: What is the replacement cost if the bin is damaged?

Answer: No charge, if it is due to normal wear and tear.

Question: What if the bin is stolen?

Answer: There will be a formal process for filing the incident and we will provide the customer an alternate container to use in the interim. If the customer prefers to purchase an additional bin there will be a \$65 charge made payable to Southland Waste.

Question: Will the pickup of yard trash and bags of leaves stay same?

Answer: This collection will remain the same.

Question: Did anyone lose their job?

Answer: No, all positions were placed in other areas. No one lost their job.

Question: Is there any security measure for kids since the lids won't lock down to keep them out?

Answer: The lids are not too tight and don't lock. There should not be a safety hazard.

Question: For rental home properties, how will this process work when the tenant moves out?

Answer: If you call 630-CITY you may schedule a service bulk truck to come and pick up garbage for a move out. As a suggestion, you should put this as a clause in lease agreements for rental properties to include the serial number. You should never paint or permanently mark up the bins. There is a chip inside the bin/cart which scans using radio frequency which is married to the specific address.

Question: Will the Homeowner/property owner be able to print the house number on the can?

Answer: No, this is discouraged.

Chair Solomon thanked all guests for attending and for providing the information.

9 Chair's Report – No report

10 Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – No report
- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – No report
- **Membership** – No report
- **Transportation** – Chair Solomon advised TPO-Ferry discussed. All are in agreement the City does need to do something on that.
- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – No report

11 Unfinished Business - None

12 New Business – None

13 Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)

- **Announcement** – Katie Salls of Second Harvest reported they received funding to plant two community gardens and would love to have input and feedback on them. She provided her business card so the board may contact her for further information.

14 Motion to Adjourn – A motion and second to adjourn the meeting occurred at 7:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2012 ~ 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive

Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report April 12, 2012

Project #/App. # Old Agenda Items	Project Type	Description	Council's 1st Public Hearing	LPA/PC *	LUZ Comm. **	Final City Council ***	Comments
Ord 2012-064	Conventional Rezoning	at 1701 Powhattan St (between Powhattan St and Ella St)	2/28/2012	Deferred until 5/24/12	6/5/2012	N/A	A rezoning application was filed for 2.01± ACRES of property owned by Edward Waters College, Inc. Property will be rezoned from RMD-D (residential medium density-d) to PBF-2 (public building and facilities-2) to allow for a new 340-bed student housing facility. Agent is Wayne Reed, 904-731-5440. PDD recommended approval with amended conditions.
Ord 2012-140 / WRF-12-04	Waiver	located between Crestwood St and Golfair Blvd	3/27/2012	4/12/2012	4/17/2012		Waiver of Road Frontage WRF-12-04 (current zoning district(s) L), waiver sought to reduce required minimum road frontage from 35 feet to 0 feet), located at Walgreen Road, between end of Walgreen Road and North of Golfair; the subject property is owned by King Crown Ford, Inc.
E-2012-06 & WLD-2012-06	Exception & Waiver	at 1514 Kings Street (between Park St and Herschel St)		Approved on 3/29/2012			Exception for retail sale and service of all alcoholic beverages, including liquor, beer, or wine for on-premises consumption, permanent outside site and service meeting Part 4.4 COP. Waiver of Minimum Distance (WLD) to reduce the required distance between liquor license location and church or school from 500 ft to 72 ft for 4COP SFX, outside seating. Applicant is Robert Kapuschansky; owner is Jennifer Zichi
New Agenda Items							
E-2012-013	Exception	2677 Forbes St (between King St and Park St)		4/12/2012			alcoholic beverages. Property is zoned CCG-1 and is located within the Riverside Zoning Overlay Historic Boundary. The application was filed by Laurence Yancy, 904-568-4317
Ord 2012-196	PUD	on Ribault Ave (between Soutel Dr and Turton Ave)	4/24/2012	4/26/2012	5/1/2012		Ordinance for Rezoning property on Ribault Ave between Soutel Dr & Turton Ave (40.93± Acres) - PUD to PUD (Timber Oaks Unit 4 - Residential Uses & a Borrow Pit) - Vallencourt Construction, Inc. The agent is Gray Edwards, 1885 Corporate Square Blvd, Jacksonville, Florida 32216; (904) 725-4220
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Cell Towers:				Bruce Lewis	255-7820		
Administrative Deviations:				Mike Koerner	255-7819		
Site Review:				Seva Abasova	255-8555		
Neighborhood Action Plans:				Lisa Ransom	255-7834		
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