

# District #5 - Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Larry Solomon

Vice Chair: Carlotta McIntosh

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive

DATE: Thursday, May 10, 2012

### Attendance:

#### **Members:**

Solomon, Larry J., Chair

Carlotta McIntosh, Vice Chair

Ruth Arnold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries

Gadson Burgess, Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N.

Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs

Roxsan Currier, Thomas Jefferson

Leroy Kelly, Carver International Assoc.

John Pittman, Pickettville Civic Club

Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA

#### **Excused:**

William Anthony, Cherokee Cove

Diana Kerr, North Riverside CDC

Bertha Richardson, Better Living Community Assoc.

Doretha Tompkins, Riverview

Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition

#### **Elected Officials:**

City Council Member - Reggie Brown (District 10)

#### **Staff:**

DCPS – Victoria Schultz

FDOT – Thomas Hill

Parks – Daryl Joseph, Shawn Taylor

Neighborhoods – Chief Elaine Spencer, Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer

JSO Zone 5 – Sgt. Ricky Brown

Municipal Code – Danny Connell

Planning – Lurise Bannister

#### **Guests:**

J. R. Thompson, Pickettville Civic Club

Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.

Ben Walker, City Council on Elder Affairs

Lula Alexander, Moncrief Springs

Diane Tucker, LEVNA

James Green, NSN Assoc.

Bill Holman, PNG

L. Eaves

Kelly Scurry

### **1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum**

Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance; afterwards all stood for 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 April 12, 2012 meeting. Member Burgess motioned to approve minutes as distributed with a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion by Member Currier. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The minutes were approved.

### **3. Staff Reports**

#### **• JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Zone 5) – Sgt. Ricky Brown**

Sgt. Brown of JSO reported the year-to-date over-all crime in Zone 5 is down. In the past seven days it is actually down 22.93% and violent crimes also coming down with property crimes down 18.79%.

Residential and burglary stats are driving numbers up especially in the Sherwood Forest area.

Citizens should continue to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Question: Ms. Tucker asked if most burglaries occur during the day or at night.

Answer: Sgt. Brown responded he is one of the supervisors in this zone and has noticed it is during the day when citizens are at work. Most calls come in after the fact when the citizen returns home. This makes it difficult to track them. U-Hauls are on the streets all the time and it is difficult to determine which one might be the criminal.

Question: Ms. Puckett asked about car break-ins and parking your vehicles under street lights. Now if you park under the lights it makes items in the vehicle more visible. This theory used to be the opposite.

Answer: Sgt. Brown suggested items should be kept out of sight and lock doors to avoid a break in to the vehicle. Most thefts occur when vehicles have been left unlocked. Sgt. Brown advised when his community was experiencing some thefts, JSO officers left big, red flyers to remind citizens to lock up their vehicles and to use the flyers when they see their neighbors not locking up their vehicles.

Question: Member McIntosh asked about the young, school age people walking the streets and if JSO takes them back home or to school.

Answer: Sgt. Brown advised 16 year olds and over can drop out of school. If they are on suspension the officer can round them up and take them to a shelter where they can stay until about 3 p.m. If you see kids out and about and appear to be up to no good you should contact JSO at the non-emergency number requesting an officer check them out.

Question: Member Arnold asked about the person who was shot on Rogero Road a few days ago and what was happening that day.

Answer: Sgt. Brown stated information in that case won't come out until months from now. Officers are trained to not shoot, but if necessary to aim for an arm or leg so the injury will less likely be fatal. We learn this training in Center Mass Training. If what the media is reporting turns out to be accurate, we may not know for a long time after due to the ongoing investigation.

Question: Member Currier stated on Old Plank Road there have recently been three or four car burglaries. Why won't JSO do anything? They could at least alert the neighbors.

Answer: Sgt. Brown stated JSO is required to conduct a neighborhood canvas. He advised if the officer does not do a good job you should contact their supervisor and complain. If citizens accept mediocre service without contacting the officer's supervisor, then they will not allow an opportunity for improvement. You should see police at minimum twice a week in high crime areas. Extremely large area may also have bike units which ride in teams to increase their visibility.

Chair Solomon thanked Sgt. Brown for his report and reminded the board that law enforcement is a dangerous job and officers put their life on the line wherever they go. Last night in a very exclusive neighborhood there were 3 female officers on the scene and the officer told the suspect she had a gun and a can of mace. She told him who was going to win and bring the suspect under control. The individual went to jail. Chair Solomon acknowledged that what law enforcement does is not an easy job. The divorce rate among police officers is very high. He thanked Sgt. Brown and all officers for what they do each day.

- **Mayor's Liaison** – None
- **Duval County Public Schools** – Ms. Victoria Schultz reported the following regarding Duval County Public Schools:
  - Truancy – today there was a situation at First Coast High School where two young men were brought in and it was an opportunity for me to counsel the young men. I mentioned to them that dropouts these days earn 36 cents for each dollar a graduate earns. A college graduate earns compare to high school graduate to dropout 67 cents. Pursue college graduate lives 10 years longer. There are great partnerships with JSO to have them stay in school.
  - UF has a new relationship with Andrew Jackson High School. They are hosting a mock college night, which is basically a roadmap for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. This program will be held tonight and will give them ideas and explain options for them if they attend college.
  - End of course exams are going on right now/FCAT.
  - ATOSS Center is an alternative plan to suspension of students. This is a center dedicated to helping youth make wise decisions.

Question: Mr. Elder states he is involved with the youth which are on drugs and assists those in crisis situations. He said there was a 24 year old man recently released from jail asking him about synthetic marijuana that some are beginning to use now which has harmful effects to the liver and can't be detected in standard drug tests.

Answer: Ms. Shultz advised there is a course called Cope used to educate about drugs. This program explains what the drugs are doing to their bodies.

Question: Member Pittman asked about the number of children which start school and that there is a small number emphasis on vocational schools.

Answer: Ms. Shultz responded they are increasing the number of academies within the high schools. At First Coast High School, before students graduate from High School they are able to obtain an industry certificate for various fields, such as computing, mechanical or some can even fly and have a pilot's license.

Question: Member Pittman stated he would like to see this focused on more in the newspapers as an alternative to going to college. He didn't believe students are aware.

Answer: Ms. Shultz advised Frank H. Peterson Academies High School was recently made a Model Academy and every high school is working towards having these academies available to students.

Question: Member McIntosh asked if the students are encouraged to go to college and to take courses for jobs to focus in the area where they live.

Answer: Ms. Shultz stated the guidance counselors are there to assist the students early on to pick their electives and choose ones associated with their field of interest.

Question: It would be great to have students attend our meetings we would be happy to have them. They would be able to learn so much.

Answer: Ms. Shultz stated she would pass this information along and agreed it would be great for them to participate in meetings such as this to gain knowledge and experience. She also stated they would be able to obtain community service credit for attending.

Question: Jeff Thompson asked if there was still a skills center located on the west side which offered programs or shop courses.

Answer: Ms. Shultz advised they no longer call it the skills center, it is now referred to as an academy. There are several different areas such as Culinary, Auto Mechanics, A/C, however there are multiple ones.

Question: High schools use to have shop classes and wanted to know if these are still offered.

Answer: Ms. Shultz stated some still do such as Englewood and Sandalwood which have various academies. There are multiple ones like culinary, childcare and a vast amount of industry computer classes which seem to be most popular.

Chair Solomon thanked Ms. Shultz for her information and all for their comments and looks forward to young people attending the NW CPAC meetings.

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Mr. Thomas Hill reported on the following roadway projects:
  - I-10 lane closures at Stockton Street tomorrow until 5:00 a.m.
  - Main Street resurfacing project from Trout River Boulevard to Trout River Bridge will have a lane shut down on Trout River. Project is on schedule with an expected completion date of 2013.
  - Mathews Bridge will be closed completely this upcoming weekend.

Question: Member Watson asked what is going on at Haines Street Expressway.

Answer: Mr. Hill advised the Martin Luther King Expressway is undergoing a \$16 million interchange to Talleyrand and will improve access to the Port.

Question: Councilman Reggie Brown asked about the safety concerns at Soutel and Norfolk. He states there is a senior center located there and where the elderly are crossing is dangerous due to drivers not following the posted speed limit. Mr. Brown wanted to know if there could be a pedestrian crossing sign posted.

Answer: Mr. Hill responded the FDOT has a safety meeting each month and he would be glad to bring this up at the next one. He advised he would have someone from FDOT contact Mr. Brown's office.

Question: Member Currier stated that at the Cahoon & I-10 underpass a car has hit the guard rail and the metal guard rail is sticking out which presents a safety concern because of the tight fit. At the Cahoon Railroad crossing it seems to have been abandoned with one side smooth and the other side is rough and dangerous. At Bulls Bay Highway there have been signs advising the roads will be closing, however the community has not been told why. A sidewalk along Bulls Bay Road would be great. The exact location is Bulls Bay Highway and Beaver Street which are not state roads and between Pritchard Road and Commonwealth Avenue which may be city roads.

Answer: Mr. Hill advised he was not aware of any project and since this road is not a state road he would however look into this concern and respond back to the board. Ms. Larise Banister of the

City's Planning Department in the Transportation Section mentioned to the board if there are concerns about city maintained roads, she may be able to advise.

Question: Member Currier wanted to know why the closure for 11 days at Bulls Bay Highway and Beaver Street. Also, at the Chaffee Road and I-10 exit the overpass is not completed on one side. It seems the one side was worked on and finished, but the other side has been forgotten.

Answer: Mr. Hill advised he would follow up on the Cahoon and I-10 guard rail tomorrow and will check with the railroad representative early next week. He will also look into the Chaffee Road and I-10 overpass situation.

Question: Jeff Thompson asked Mr. Hill if the FDOT is working on the project near the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Pickettville Drive. He stated about 3-4 years ago there were plans to route 4 lanes down Pickettville Drive.

Answer: Mr. Hill advised the FDOT is not involved with this project.

Question: Member Currier asked about the Six mile bridge on Jones Road and inquired when this project will begin.

Answer: Mr. Hill advised he will find out the begin date and will advise the board next month.

Chair Solomon thanked Mr. Hill for his report.

• **Neighborhoods – Housing and Community Development Division – Marilyn Fenton-Harmer**  
**Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown/Notices**

- **Mayor Brown's preliminary budget is available at:** <http://www.coj.net/city-council/docs/budget/2012-budget-tenative-2012-05-01.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](#) 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.
  - Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nathan B. Forrest High School, 5530 Firestone Rd. 32244
  - Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arlington Country Day School, 5725 Fort Caroline 32277
  - Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fletcher High School, 700 Seagate Ave. Neptune Beach, FL 32266
- **Jax Kid's Book Club Museum Hop – Saturday, May 12, 2012** - Four downtown museums have partnered to provide a unique opportunity for children to experience culture and the arts. Book Club members and their families are invited to celebrate reading. This Free event will feature literacy-themed activities. Families will have four hours to "hop" to all four sites from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Building a Healthy Business Community** on the Northside – Wednesday, **May 16**, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.
- **Mayor Brown's Business Builder – May 17-18**, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street. Mayor Brown's Business Builder is a program designed to help small businesses gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to succeed and to help connect entrepreneurs with capital and credit. Seminars and workshops provide an opportunity for small business owners to navigate the array of private and government resources available to help businesses succeed. Enrollment is free, however **registration is required at:** <http://www.coj.net/mayor/bizform/mayor-browns-business-builder.aspx>
- **Work at Home Workshop – Thursday, May 17**, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.
- **Empowering Families: Solutions for Survival During Hard Times** – Friday, May 18, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Milne Auditorium and Centennial Lawn at Edward Waters College, 1658 Kings Rd.
- **A Community Network Reception: "Partnering to Empower Communities"** on Friday, May 18, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Edward Waters College, 1658 Kings Rd. – A buffet will be served, hosted by the Coalition of Presidents of Community Associations (COPOCA)
- **Jacksonville Jazz 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
- **Congresswoman Corrine Brown's Annual Job and Resource Fair** - Monday, **May 21**, 2012 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St. Dress for success and bring numerous copies of your resume. For more information, contact Congresswoman Brown's Jacksonville office at 354-1652.
- **The 1st Annual ADA Symposium – Wednesday, May 30**, 2012 at the Main Library Conference Center, 303 N. Laura St. from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – 630-4933 – 630-4940 TTY The Symposium will focus on Title II and Title III of the Florida Accessibility Code and American with Disabilities Act. Registration is limited. Parking

is free for the first 200 registered participants and deadline for registration is Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> by calling 630-4940.

- **The Riverside Arts Market (RAM)** and the Farmer's Market (FRAM) are 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.
- Tentative Training – Planning 101 on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 6 p.m., Ed Ball Building, Training room 110, 214 N. Hogan St.
- Save the Date: **Homeowner/Condo Board Training** – Tuesday, **June 5**, 2012 at 6 p.m., Ed Ball Building, Training room 110, 214 N. Hogan St. Please call 255-2836 to register.
- Save the Date: **Ask-A-Lawyer** – Saturday, **June 16**, 2012 from 9 a.m. to noon at the NJCDC Offices, 3416 Moncrief Rd., Suite 200 (North Point).
- **Two Days per Week Watering Returns** – 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](http://www.coj.net)
- **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Supervisor Daniel Connell reported the following:
  - Inspections have been successful. As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, there have been 19,829 inspections completed. With the rain it spurts the growing season and now our staff has been reduced to 6 people; with 7 openings and having lost positions, it is taking longer to complete inspections. If you notice any vacant or open houses, please contact 630-CITY so we may investigate. These dwellings tend to be of concern for drugs and prostitution.
- **Planning & Development** – Lurise Bannister reported on the following:
  - 2012-64-Rezoning Edward Waters College renovation of dorms; 340 beds. Planning Commission deferred until May 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2012-17- Firearms sales will go before the Planning Commission at tonight's meeting. Expect a few objections and will forward information to Marilyn Fenton-Harmer to pass along to board members.

Question: Member Currier asked if Ms. Bannister is able to provide information about the roads.

Answer: Ms. Bannister advised, yes, roadways and concurrency she can get answers to any other areas regarding issues on the roadways to the correct person.

Question: Member Rounsville asked about issue 2012-196 was approved with conditions. Do you know what the conditions were?

Answer: Ms. Bannister advised she will look into this issue and share it with you – LUZ meets on May 15<sup>th</sup> on that topic.

- **Parks & Recreation** – Daryl Joseph reported on the following:
  - Summer Camp registration is May 15, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. You may also register on-line at [www.coj.net/parks](http://www.coj.net/parks)
  - Pools are opening on May 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. on weekends until school is out, then daily.
  - June 22, 2012 Summer Night Lights will begin and the following parks will be open every Friday and Saturday night from 7 p.m. until Midnight until August 11, 2012.
    - Charles Clark Park
    - Clanzel Brown Park
    - Emmett Reed Park
    - H.T. Jones Park
    - Mitchell Center Park

Question: When will Movies in the Parks begin?

Answer: Not sure of dates, but Carvill Park has been very successful in the past.

Question: Member Pittman asked how to go about having graffiti removed from the swing sets located at James Field Park off near Lane Avenue.

Answer: Mr. Joseph advised the contractor has already had to remove graffiti from the James Field Park right after it opened. They had it taken off and just a few days later it had graffiti on it again. Vandalism of the parks has become a big problem even at other parks. JSO can contest to kids burning down the playground at Woodstock Park located off of Beaver Street. There was over \$100,000 in damages done to that park.

Question: Member McIntosh asked about summer registration fee for the camps.

Answer: Mr. Joseph advised the cost for most camps is \$75. There are vouchers available on-line and you can find the locations of these vouchers on-line as well.

**Other:** No report

4. **Presentations – Speaker** – Mary Pluckett presented information regarding the following:

- Ms. Pluckett works with community gardens and home gardens with the University of Florida. Ms. Pluckett is with the Agriculture area at the University, however states they offer a variety of other classes as well. There are newsletters which are free every other month. Since she works under grant funding, she asked the board to please complete the evaluation at the bottom it would be appreciated. She offered to send these via email.
- The Garden Program focuses on home gardening, specifically which teaches residents to grow their own vegetables and herbs. In 1978 the Urban Gardening Program was developed and brought people together in a positive way. She advised that she goes into the urban area mainly due to their higher crime rates and helps the community get involved. She accomplishes this by providing education to show people that eating healthier goes along with reducing crime. The children will more likely try something new if they grow it themselves and can see it in their own hand. When you do have communities with the same passion you can get a lot done. Ms. Pluckett advised in 1993, there were 33 active gardens in Jacksonville. By 1994, the budget was cut in half. Ms. Pluckett thanked Ms. Mia Jones for having kept gardens in the budget. She went on to state that it has still affected the program because at one point there were 11 full-time employees and now this has been reduced down to 1 full time person, Ms. Pluckett herself. There would be 3-4 community gardens in the areas and by having the community involved they were able to see what's planted and have accountability for the gardens. She stated that in that first year it went from 33 to 22 people. To anybody considering a community garden she advised you will need a core group of at least 3-5 people truly committed to the garden and secondly you would need to make sure the funding is self-sustaining. On June 16, 2012, Ms. Pluckett is offering a free workshop at the Extension Office on the basics of running a community garden. Ms. Amanda Searle will be the speaker for the workshops and she will discuss profit and non-profit options. Ms. Plucknett also offers site visits and additional classes. In January and February she reached out to about 8 gardens. Seedlings were available and they planted them and will harvest them soon. She is trying to team up with as many organizations as possible. She is in the process of working with Clara White. They have over 11 acres off Moncrief Road available. On the handout she provided, it included the statistics as of October 2011 – 26 community gardens with 713 participants. Home vegetable gardens with 779 home plots, 970 containers. Farmers Markets will make it available for you to buy local and support our farmers. Local restaurants prefer to buy local if it is available and in Jacksonville there is a huge interest to buy local. On June 2, 2012 there will be a heat tolerant growing class available if anyone is interested. Ft. Caroline is one of the original community gardens in Jacksonville. It is located behind Ms. Pluckett's demonstration garden and has been there for over 30 years. The canning center is also available to assist with the excess vegetables and fruits to be preserved. Ms. Pluckett showed a quick overview of several slides depicting different types of gardens.

Question: Member Ward asked if orange juice can be canned. She doesn't want the juice from her orange trees to go to waste.

Answer: Ms. Puckett advised yes, you can juice them and place the juice in jars and freeze them. Ms. Pluckett advised you pick what you want from your community garden and if you have excess you can and share with Gleaners Community Food Bank in your area. We are able to put you in contact with gleaners that will ensure the produce gets into the hands of people fresh who need it. Second Harvest Food Bank offers this program too.

Chair Solomon thanked Ms. Puckett for the information.

5. **Chair's Report** – No Report

6. **Elected Officials Reports** – Councilman Reggie Brown reported on the following:
- Each day the Legends Center is open until 9 p.m. for the communities' use.
  - On May 16, 2012 at 6:30-9:00 p.m. there will be a promotion to bring small businesses to the community. Keeping small businesses in the community will increase the value of your community.
  - The money to cover the cost of the cameras is out of community legislature. Cameras are placed in high crime areas and in the parks. One park previously mentioned had over \$100,000 in vandalism. All of us should remain vigilant to help deter crime. If you are aware of a specific location such as a corner where people are selling drugs, this technology will help make communities safer. JSO can't be everywhere all the time. The next best thing is having cameras installed in high crime areas.
  - Abandoned vehicles with car covers on them, used to be acceptable and Code Enforcement wasn't able to fine the owner. However, now the tag must be visible at all times. The junk vehicles need to be removed from the neighborhoods.
  - The Budget is coming up and Councilman Brown expressed some areas in jeopardy. What kind of city do you want to live in? Contact and see your councilmember to see how you can help, send emails and make phone calls about topics you are concerned about. Example, no one works in the parks anymore so kids will be unsupervised. If my colleagues do not see citizens in the parks on a consistent basis, the funding will be cut for these parks. They will write services out of budget. We are even fighting over sidewalks and paving of roads which shouldn't be so hard but with dealing with a small budget it is the best we can do. Are we going to have Jacksonville remain a pass through city or will we make it a destination city? Only those paying taxes are those that live here and are contributing to the tax dollars. Are we going to carry the burden or make Jacksonville a destination?
  - District 10 projects - US1 to Grand Park we will now have infrastructure for 4 hotels and 8 restaurants around the US1 and 295 interchange. The design of the project is going on now which takes approximately 9 months.
  - The next area in District 10 will be Blanding Blvd. It is amazing how many areas in the city are without infrastructure. The leadership will take our tax dollars and use them in the newer areas and not use it in the old areas that truly need it.
  - Septic tanks in a lot of areas with complaints about everything requiring documentation. You must call and complain to the 630-CITY line. This will encourage them to shift employees and force them to take a look at the problems.
  - Soutel Avenue and Ribault Avenue have a safety concern and there is a traffic light coming in October or November of this year.
  - A regional water park located in the Brownfield area will be opening up in the summer of 2013. There will be a cost associated to it as it will be necessary to help cover the \$5 million it will cost to open and maintain the park.
  - The overpass at Edgewood and US1 has no lights and no sidewalks; Councilman Brown is working on having this issue resolved.
  - A stalled project is the Lincoln Villas project because we are waiting on funds from the Mayor's Office. Councilman Brown has also asked the Mayor to utilize federal money for use of the Brownfield area and what Councilman Brown would like to see one day at the Lonnie Miller Park is an amphitheater, Quads and Fields and a 20,000 seat stadium. He would like to see about using capital improvement money to cover the expense of this project.

Question: Chair Solomon asked if the mobile homes located at the parks have police officers residing in them. Can we have this in our area such as at the Lonnie Miller Park?

Answer: Councilman Brown advised we could, however when officers are off duty, they tend to want to enjoy their time off.

Question: JR Thompson asked about cameras at the intersections and a lot of the money collected in Green Cove Springs, approximately \$700,000 came from the pockets of the people in Green Cove Springs. Mr. Thompson would like to see a figure of how many fatalities there were at the intersections. It seems a \$150 charge is high for a first time offense. Especially since folks don't have money right now. JR stated it seems to be more of a money maker than a safety concern.

Answer: Councilman Brown stated he would get numbers for Jacksonville and which intersections have the cameras. Sgt. Brown also responded the information about the fatalities is available on the JSO's

website under traffic crashes. He stated JSO has reported the number of tickets has decreased. The areas with a high frequency of crashes will be targeted first and this wouldn't necessarily be on the northside. There are traffic problems at Edgewood and US1 along with MLK and Myrtle Avenue intersection which both have cameras.

Councilman Brown stated he supports the community gardens and advised there is some property in District 10 which is considered surplus, in the Lincoln Villa area. His recommendation is if there is a neighborhood association to come together and is interested to have them contact him. Chair Solomon inquired about the funding to support the gardens. Councilman Brown said the City could assist with the initial mowing and turning the property over. Having the water source is the biggest road block and Councilwoman Boyer is working on legislature by providing water. If the City owns the property then it can be given to non-profits and it then becomes their responsibility. Councilman Brown advised he is in the process of having the drug infested and dilapidated houses torn down. He thinks it would be great to do something valuable with the lots.

Question: Mr. Ben Walker asked if there was going to be any potential growth in the Normandy Blvd. area. Such as plans for a movie theatre, etc.?

Answer: Councilman Brown stated he was not aware of any plans for the Westside from I-10 to the airport at this time. A lot of building is ongoing on Chaffee Road and Branamfield Road and growth is out there. It is only a matter of time and there will be growth near Normandy Blvd. and I-10 as well. The River City is a fine example of the growth in Jacksonville.

Question: Member Pittman asked about the red light cameras at intersections. He stated his problem with them is you will get a ticket and there is no gray area. Some people will get a ticket that may not deserve a ticket. Only part of money will go to the city for revenue the rest is going to insurance companies with some insurance premiums expected to go up.

Answer: Councilman Brown responded that this is at the state level; we should contact our state representatives to make it a concern. These issues are regulated by the state. We can put the cameras up but the money generated is going to the state.

Chair Solomon advised board to defer further questions in the interest of time and thanked Councilman Brown for coming to speak tonight.

## 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Motion to defer by Member Currier, seconded by Member Rounsville. All members voted in favor.
- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Motion to defer by Member Currier, seconded by Member Rounsville. All members voted in favor.
- **Membership** – Motion to defer by Member Currier, seconded by Member Rounsville. All members voted in favor.
- **Transportation** – Defer Motion to defer by Member Currier, seconded by Member Rounsville. All members voted in favor.
- **Ad-Hoc** – Defer Motion to defer by Member Currier, seconded by Member Rounsville. All members voted in favor.
- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – On June 14, 2012 the subcommittee position will require a new representative. Past Chair Leroy Kelly agreed to hold the position. A Motion was made by Member Currier with second by Member Arnold to have Member Kelly as the NW CPAC TRUE Commission representative. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries. Member Kelly was welcomed as the representative for the TRUE Commission.

## 8. Unfinished Business – The following was presented and discussed:

- Ask-A-Lawyer Event- June 16, 2012 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Center - parking lot site.
- Jazz Festival – May 25, 2012 through May 27, 2012

- o Art Show – May 24, 2012 through May 27, 2012
  - o Jax Kids Books Club Museum HOP – May 12, 2012 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at MOSH, Ritz Theatre, MOCA, and the Cummer Art Gallery.
  - o November 8<sup>th</sup> CPAC Meeting conflicts with a Football game. Suggest changing the date of the meeting to November 1, 2012. Member Currier motioned to change the date and was seconded by Member Burgess. All members voted in favor of the change of the date.
9. **New Business** – Members are encouraged to bring in young people. They are our future. We need to train them by having students come and students will get community service hour credits.
10. **Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** – None
11. **Motion to Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: June 14, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive**

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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 Ellia 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	Approved 4/12/12	Approved 5/1/12		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.
Ord 2012-196	PUD	on Ribault Ave (between Soutel Dr and Turton Ave)		Approved w/conditions 4/24/12	Approved 5/11/12		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) - Valencourt Construction, Inc. The agent is Gray Edwards, 1885 Corporate Square Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32216; (904) 725-4220
E-2012-013	Exception	2677 Forbes St (between King St and Park St)		Approved 4/12/12			Exception for retail sale and service of food and all 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
<b>New Agenda Items</b>							
E-2012-017	Exception	at 1601 Heritage Estates Trace (between Wagan Wheel Trace and Buckhead Trace)		Approved 4/26/12			Application for Zoning Exception E-12-17 seeks an exception to allow for operation of a gun sales business. Initial sale will occur primarily at gun shows, but due to the three day waiting period and inability to deliver guns through the mail the applicant requires a permanent location for a federal firearms license, for receipt of shipments and for occasional pick-up by purchasers Applicant is Gary Wheeler; for additional information 904-255-7864
E-2012-018 & WLD -12-08	Exception & Waiver	at 2695 Post Stree (between King Street and Accasia Street)		5/10/2012			The exception was sought for retail sales of beer and wine for on premises consumption. An application for waiver of minimum distance requirements for liquor license location is also being sought. Applicant is for additional information 904-255-7865
E-2012-023	Exception	1620 Helena Street (Between Helena Street and Anderson Road)		5/10/2012			Exception is sought to operate a child care facility at a church. The facility will accommodate 68 children with 10 employees. Property is located in the 45th and Moncrief NAP. Applicant is Terrence Wright: 904-764-8032