

District # 5 – Northwest

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

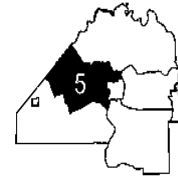
Meeting Location: Legends Center – 5130 Soutel Dr.

Chair: Larry Solomon 236-7496 quadriad@aol.com

Vice Chair: John Pittman 781-7481 jpittman@bellsouth.net

Mayor's Liaison: E. Denise Lee 630-1874 EDeniseL@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Stacey K. Burch 255-8236 sburch@coj.net



Meeting Summary Thursday, April 14, 2016

Members

Moncrief Springs – Carlotta McIntosh
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounselle
Vice-Chair -Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman
Chair - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon
2nd Mile Ministries – Becca Dinger
Pickettville Civic Association – Robert Ledwick
Ribault Manor – Linda Kittles
Sherwood Forest Community Network Inc. - Mildred Jennings
Better Living – Bertha Richardson
Better Living – Elaine Billups
North Riverside CDC – Linda Moore
Ribault Manor – Bettye Scott
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins
Charter Member – Elaine Burnett
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony
Washington Heights – Richael Grant

Excused

Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier
Magnolia Gardens North – Gadson Burgess

Guests

Nancy Murray-Settle - P.R.O.U.D.
Daisy Jones Hicks
Dr. VeeNelk Kinct
Edna Washington
Roosevelt Williams Sr.
George Maxey
Brian Jones
Mario Chatman

Staff/Resource

Planning and Development – Stacey K. Burch
Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
JTA – Aleizha Batson
Regulatory Compliance – Charles Sanders
Parks & Recreation – Keith Meyerl
JFRD – Matthew Cipriani
Public Works – John Kolczynski
Duval County Schools – Kim Haywood
JSO – Lt. John Gay
Neighborhoods – Margretta Haywood
Mayor's Representative – E. Denise Lee
Jacksonville Public Library – Marshelle Berry

Call to Order

Chair Larry Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm; it was established that a quorum was present and everyone was welcomed.

Approval of the Minutes

March minutes were approved. All were in agreement.

Presentation

Councilman Reggie Brown District 10 – road resurfacing is being conducted in Sherwood Forest on Norfolk Boulevard, Roanoke Boulevard and Arrowsmith Road; later this year Waynesboro Ave, Fredericksburg Ave and Howell Drive in Harbor View will be completed; resurfacing on Moncrief Road and Avenue B are ongoing; a water park in Lonnie Miller Park is back on the table, if I need the assistance of the CPAC I will let you know; if you are in an area that needs a sidewalk please notify your Councilperson; Councilman Brown is asking for sidewalks on both sides of Lane Ave for the kids to walk to school.

Councilman Brown asked the community to support the Mayor's ½ cent sales tax but ask the Mayor "what's in it for you". If the sales tax is approved there will be money available to complete other projects around the city. The community needs to request that funding come to this community if you vote for the ½ cent sales tax. We cannot have another end result like the better Jacksonville Plan. If the Northwest Community does not attend the meetings and express your concerns then you will be left behind. Councilman Brown asked that the community support him.

Councilman Brown stated if a company is receiving incentives to come to Jacksonville then the company should be showing effort to hire people in the community. Jacksonville unemployment rate is 4.5% and the state is 4.8%. The Duval County School Board should open the skills center and advance technology centers in the evening time to help improve the unskilled people in the community. We need more people with skills.

Elaine Burnett asked what we do about people who want a job but JTA does not travel to that area. Councilman Brown responded, you have to have the ridership population for transportation to certain areas. If the ridership is not there to support the bus then JTA will not support that route. JTA has done a great job working with the community.

A concerned citizen asked how we know if we voted to extend the sales tax, if it going to benefit us on the Northside. Councilman Brown stated get with your Councilperson to include your At-Large Councilman and see what the plan is for your community.

Councilman Brown reiterated we have to solve the pension plan but we have to make sure the money that is freed up from the pension plan (general funds) is part of our community. What we are NOT talking about is the 100 - 200 million dollars a year that will be freed from general funds. The community has to make the City of Jacksonville be accountable for these funds.

The Chair asked that a subcommittee be created to work with Parks and Recreation on the planned projects in the community. The Councilman agreed.

Elaine Burnett asked that the Better Jacksonville Plan be sent out to the CPAC. Lurise Bannister stated she will email the information to Stacey Burch for distribution and the information is available on the City of Jacksonville website.

Elected Officials Reports: none

Staff Reports:

JSO – LT John Gay, last year we had a total of eight violent homicide crimes during this time last year compared to twelve so far this year; the Sheriff will target violent crime and Chief Waters is the new taskforce Chief; Deloris Patterson replaced Chief Waters; May 2nd there will be a combined ShadCo Meeting at the Legend Center starting at 6 p.m.

Mario Chatman asked if JSO has reconsidered placing Officers on foot in the neighborhoods. JSO is increasing the force but currently the most effective way to enforce the law with the current staff is one car and one Officer assigned to patrol the area. However, when possible Officers do get out of their vehicles and patrol on foot. Zone 5 has received some of the new graduates from the Police Academy.

LT. Mike Schell can be contacted at mschell@coj.net or 384-8028. JSO non-emergency phone number is 630-0500.

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department – Matt Cipriani, we will have two new classes starting in the Fireman's Academy in May and July; coming soon we will be starting an apprenticeship program for students entering the 10th grade; the department just received a Class 1 rating on Insurance Service Office (ISO) Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS); as the weather gets warmer JFRD receives more medical calls than fire calls.

Chief Matt Cipriani can be contacted at matthewC@coj.net or 630-0850.

Mayor's Liaison – E. Denise Lee, JFRD Chief Wilson will be conducting a community outreach to clean up the neighborhoods. Neighborhoods adjacent to fire stations in Blight Neighborhoods will work with JFRD and COJ twice a month to help prevent blight. Councilman Brown has selected Magnolia Gardens and Councilman Newby selected Sherwood Forest.

Ms. Lee encouraged everyone to continue to attend your community meetings and download the My Jax Application to your cell phone. You can use the application to help clean up Jacksonville.

The City of Jacksonville Tire and Snipe Sign Buy Back will be held on May 7th at EverBank Field from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

E. Denise Lee can be reached at 630-1874 or EDeniseL@coj.net

Duval County Public Schools – Kim Haywood, Ribault High School Girls Basketball Team is National Champions; currently we will have two elementary schools with the 6th grade and we will be adding seven additional schools to that list next year, 5th grade students and parents will have the option to stay school at the elementary school or go to middle school for the 6th grade; we will be transitioning some of our Pre-K thru 2 grade sites as well as our 3rd – 5th grade sites; a survey is out for parents to express their option about the school their child attends (Survey Monkey); we have the lowest energy cost per student in the state, about \$150 per student and other districts are at least \$40 higher, therefore we are putting those savings back in the classrooms. <http://www.duvalschools.org>

Deidra Johnson can be contacted at johnsond2@duvalschools.org or (904) 390-2973 or Iranetta Wright, Regional Superintendent, wrighti@duvalschools.org, (904) 390-2675

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Code Compliance) – Charles Sanders

Magnolia Gardens Systematic Results:

Junk Vehicles	41
Nuisance	121
Nuisance Board Up	5
Nuisance Tree	2

Residential	21
Unsafe Structures	9
Zoning Residential	5

From October 1, 2015 to April 12, 2016

Commercial	163
Illegal Signs	45
Junk Vehicle	1557
Litter-Illegal Signs	403
Nuisance	8765
Nuisance Board Up	797
Nuisance Graffiti	16
Nuisance Pool	43
Nuisance Tree	404
Residential	2324
Unsafe Structures	643
Zoning Commercial	207
Zoning Residential	333
Zoning Yard/Land Use	66
Total	15,766

In the Ken Knight area we cited some junk vehicles, residential properties and condemned one property. The area looks a lot better now.

The property at 5133 Soutel Drive does have an active construction permit and certificate of use (JC Tripp Builders). You can call 255-7000 and speak with the Officer of the Day to receive all updated information.

Please call 630-CITY for updated status to your issues.

Danny Connell can be contacted at dconnell@coj.net or 255-7008.

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Consumer Affairs) – Valerie Williams, not present.

Valerie Williams can be reached at 255-7027 or valeriew@coj.net.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green, not present.

Jim Green can be reached at 360-5684 or James.green@dot.state.fl.us

Community Planning Division – Lurise Bannister, no new applications to report for this month. PUD (2016-0055) on Oak Street will be heard on May 5th at 5 p.m. @ City Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Lurise Bannister can be contacted at lurise@coj.net or 255-7839.

Parks & Recreation – Keith Meyerl, the Lonnie Miller Park project is completed. Parks and Recreation has a special projects team that will be going around to all the baseball/softball fields breaking up the clay on the field to improve the surface for better play; Woodstock Park will have free movie (Inside Out) night in the park on April 22, 2016, there will be free popcorn and a fire truck on display starting at dusk; Rec and Roll will be at five parks in the area.

Keith Meyerl will follow up with the partners at Carville Park because there are no activities in the park; the steps on the largest slide at Ray Greene Park need to be repaired.

Also a concerned citizen asked that the numbers for the Raines and Ribault pools be presented at the next CPAC meeting because she feels the attendance is low at the Ribault pool and only one of the pools need to be open.

Keith Meyerl can be contacted at kmeyerl@coj.net or 255-7936.

Jacksonville Public Library – Marshelle Berry encouraged everyone to visit your local library. Brainfuse is the new online tutoring program for all ages. Brainfuse also has a career center to help you with your resume.

Marshelle Berry can be contacted at MBerry@coj.net or 765-5402.

Public Works – John Kolczynski, the no parking signs placed along 45th Street to stop the semi-trucks from parking along the street will be removed because city ordinance prohibits semi-trucks from being parked in a residential neighborhood. If you see trucks parked there please contact 630 – CITY and or 630-0500 (JSO non-emergency phone number).

Most of the time potholes are caused by leaking pipes. If you have a pothole in your neighborhood it will only get worse please call 630-CITY and report it.

Public Works does not have anything to do with failing septic tanks or replacing septic tanks.

Nelson Caparas can be contacted at ncaparas@coj.net or 255-7533 or John Kolczynski can be contacted at johnfk@coj.net or 255-8580.

Jacksonville Transportation Authority – – Aleizha Batson, the Soutel Drive transit hub will be completed in July for service in August.

Community meetings will be held:

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

3:30-6:30 p.m.

**FSCJ Downtown Campus
Room A1058 Small Auditorium
101 West State Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202**

Thursday, April 28, 2016

3:30-6:30 p.m.

**Gateway Town Center
5000 Norwood Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32208**

Public Hearings

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

10 a.m. to noon *and*

4:30-6:30 p.m.

**FSCJ Downtown Campus
Room A1068 Large Auditorium
101 West State Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202**

Please join us as we celebrate the transition of the Ferry from the City of Jacksonville to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority. On Sunday April 17, 2016, JTA will have a big celebration

on the Mayport side to launch the ferry. There will be food trucks and activities for the kids and you can ride the ferry for free.

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority is planning for the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center (JRTC) design showcase. Three concepts have been submitted by interested firms and we would like to share them with you. Join us on April 18, 2016, 4-6 p.m. @ 121 West Forsyth Street on the second floor.

**Cheryl Riddick can be reached at 632-5522 or at criddick@jtafla.com or Aleizha Batson at 630-3181 or at abatson@jtafla.com
Jacksonville Transportation Authority @ www.jtafla.com**

Military and Veteran Affairs Service – Ken Johnson not present.
Ken Johnson can be contacted at KenJohns@coj.net or 630-3680.

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning (LUZ)** – Roxsan Currier, nothing to report.
- **Membership** - Larry Solomon, assumed low membership was just a Northwest CPAC issue but after speaking with the other Chairs at the Mayor's meeting, all the CPACs need more membership.
- **Transportation** – Larry Solomon – over \$210 million dollars are coming to the City of Jacksonville and you have to be involved. Plans are currently being made for the year 2020-2065.
- **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE)** – John Pittman, the T.R.U.E. Commission is currently looking into the program that the City of Jacksonville uses to provide incentives for businesses to come to Jacksonville. This may be against the Florida Constitution. The incentives may be unconstitutional.

A “discussion” is currently going on concerning the Police and Fire Pension Fund. The current fund needs to be eliminated and a pay as you go fund needs to be created.

The management program for the Police and Fire Pension Fund costs twice as much to manage as other programs.

Neighborhood Coordinator's Report: the City of Jacksonville is bring the Neighborhood Department back; Saturday, April 16th is the Magnolia Gardens Reunion in Magnolia Gardens starting at 2 p.m.; Guns (Police Officers) & Hoses (Firemen) will hold their annual event on Saturday, April 16th; April 25th is Poetry Night at the Brown Eastside Library 6 – 8 p.m.; April 30th Cathedral of Faith on Beaver Street will have a Spring Festival for the kids and everything is free.
Stacey Burch can be reached at 255-8236 or sburch@coj.net

Chair's Report – The Chair suggested the CPAC have a person at every board meeting involved with the City of Jacksonville “MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK”.

Unfinished Business:

The big rocks on the properties along Bulls Bay Highway have been removed.

You have until April 22nd to submit your Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to the Director of the Planning Department with the City of Jacksonville.

New Business: Dr. King spoke and stated she is willing to present a class to the CPAC on how to become a 501c3. The Chair stated he will follow up on this matter.

Public Comments/Announcements: None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, May 12, 2016**
6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive
The LUZ Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, May 12, 2016
5:30 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive

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