

District # 5 – Northwest

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

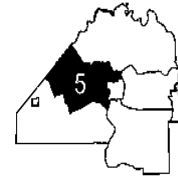
Meeting Location: Legends Center – 5130 Soutel Dr.

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, March 10, 2016

Members

Moncrief Springs – Carlotta McIntosh
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounselle
Vice-Chair -Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman
Chair - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon
Magnolia Gardens North – Gadson Burgess
2nd Mile Ministries – Jonathan Blackburn
Pickettville Civic Association – Robert Ledwick
Ribault Manor – Linda Kittles
Blue Flame Pub - Kelly Patterson
Sherwood Forest Community Network Inc. - Mildred Jennings
Better Living – Bertha Richardson
Better Living – Elaine Billups
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier
Marrietta Senior Center – Tim Rossetter
NCNW-Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary
North Riverside CDC – Linda Moore
Ribault Hills Community Association – Edward Hall
Ribault Manor – Bettye Scott
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins
Walgreens – Russell Jackson
Charter Member – Barney Roberts
Charter Member – Elaine Burnett

Excused

Cherokee Cove – William Anthony

Guests

Nancy Murray-Settle - P.R.O.U.D.
Orzoca Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
Tracie Thornton – Citizen
Barbara McKnight – Citizen
Joyce Lee – Citizen
Robert Tripp – JC Tripp Builders
Judi Tripp – JC Tripp Builders
Eddie Hatcher – Kidz Xtreme
Linda Wilson - Citizen

Staff/Resource

Planning and Development – Stacey K. Burch
Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Housing and Community Development - Dayatra Coles
Regulatory Compliance – Danny Connell
Parks & Recreation – David Benedict
JFRD – Martin Senterfitt
Public Works – Nelson Caparas
Duval County Schools – Deidra Johnson
JSO – Lt. Mike Shell

Call to Order

Chair Larry Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm; it was established that a quorum was present and everyone was welcomed.

Approval of the Minutes

February minutes were approved. All were in agreement.

Presentation

2016-2017 Consolidated Plan Programs (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG) and the Universal Application Process – Dayatra Cole (Please see attachments for handouts).

A concerned citizen asked if the owners or renters will be educated on how to maintain a house. Ms. Cole made noted of that information for the programs.

Carlotta McIntosh asked if an individual or group apply for the grant. Ms. Cole stated that your organization has to be a 501 c 3. or a public agency.

A concerned citizen asked if the 501c3 that you are referring to is the same as when you file your taxes. Yes, per Ms. Cole.

Elaine Burnett asked how quickly you would like the information back from the public and how thorough do you want the information to be. Ms. Cole, the department receives information or comments year around. However, the timeline for this project is July. Please submit the information in writing and it does not have to be just for your neighborhood. The City of Jacksonville is asking for input throughout the City.

A concerned citizen stated someone from HUD told her the federal grant would help her get her house back up to standards but the grant is a loan that she would have to pay back. Ms. Cole, owner occupied dollars have a security agreement. The agreement is you will have to live in that house for 5, 10, or 15 years depending on the amount of money received from the grant in order to receive the funding for the grant. Ms. Cole noted the department will go back and look at the recapture provisions of the program.

You will not receive grant funding if you have not attended the mandatory budget meeting and one of the four workshops.

Elected Officials Reports: none

Staff Reports:

JSO – LT Mike Shell, total violent crime is up and property crime is down 20% in the area: the Sheriff will target violent crime in the near future and Chief Waters will be leaving the zone to lead a new taskforce.

A concerned citizen stated the same graffiti artist is spray painting the Trout River Bridge and along Soutel Drive and Lem Turner. Lt. Shell stated he will follow up on the issue with the JSO graffiti abatement team.

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 – Martin Senterfitt, stated an arsonist is running around the neighborhood. If you see this person in abandoned houses or buildings please call JSO.

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

Mayor's Liaison – E. Denise Lee did not think there was any funding for dredging the Ribault River. However, Code and Compliance is responsible for keeping the right-of-ways along the river clean. Ms. Lee will follow up at the next CPAC meeting with more information.

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

Duval County Public Schools – Deidra Johnson, the School Community Engagement Office has requested the CPAC provide the dates of the CPAC meetings; School Board is looking into having uniforms for the Elementary and Middle School students; school testing will start right after spring break; in the future someone will come to the CPAC and give an update on the school boundaries.

<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) – Danny Connell, about 17 properties were cited near the gas bar in the Ken Knight Drive area; just completed the systematic inspection in the Ribault areas during February 2016 and a total of 305 citations were given out.

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. Last month there were three applications and two were deferred.

The Soutel Road Diet Study between Kings Roads and Lem Turner is one of the top 24 candidates for 2016-2017 to be improved.

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

Parks & Recreation – David Benedict, Friday Night Flicks will begin at 6 p.m. on March 19th at Klutho Park; the Mitchell Center will have a Re-Grand Opening on March 17, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.; exercise equipment is being installed in Lonnie Miller Park and will be completed the end of March or the first part of April.

The Chair asked why lights are being left on in the park if nobody is there. Chair suggested the CPAC write a letter to parks concerning this matter.

Barbara McKnight stated we needed lights and reflectors on the bridges on Ribault Scenic Drive.

David Benedict can be contacted at benedict@coj.net or 255-7921.

Jacksonville Public Library – Marshelle Berry announced this CPAC covered the Willowbranch, Bradham Brooks and the Westbrook Branch Libraries. We have computer classes offered at

each library. The Willowbranch Library is getting ready to celebrate "Friends of the Willowbranch". Their annual meeting will be held March 30th at 6 p.m. The Jacksonville Public Library Foundation is currently accepting \$5 donations for a fund raiser called "High Five". The library is asking that you donate \$5 to help fund the summer programs.

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

Public Works – Nelson Caparas, the snipe sign and tire buy back event will be May 7th in lot C at EverBank Stadium, more information to follow.

Nelson Caparas can be contacted at ncaparas@coj.net or 255-7533.

Jacksonville Transportation Authority – Cheryl Riddick, new bus-only lanes have been added along Bay, Jefferson and Broad Streets and Kings Avenue. In addition, a queue jump was placed on Forsyth Street. These infrastructure improvements will provide seamless and frequent travel for Flyer and regular bus service. This is a new concept to downtown and we will be doing a lot of community outreach to get the word out.

On Monday April 4th we will be implementing a new service change. Ms. Riddick will be sending the information to Stacey Burch for distribution.

Elaine Burnett asked in the Riverside area of College and Post Street will JTA have marked bus stops, because currently she sees buses being flagged down by pedestrians. Yes, the City of Jacksonville changed the parking ordinance in the area therefore some bus stops had to be changed. The flag down service was a temporary service until JTA and COJ were on the same page.

**Cheryl Riddick can be reached at 632-5522 or at criddick@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, the P.R.O.U.D. group has a focus on Planned Unit Development (PUD) 2016-0055. The CPAC will send a letter to the Planning Commission recommending denial of the request in order to preserve a consistent character for the community.
- **Membership** - Larry Solomon asked that everyone encourage other people to become a part of the CPAC.
- **Transportation** – Larry Solomon acknowledged that change is coming to the community at a fast pace.
- **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE)** – John Pittman, the TRUE Commission is currently discussing a \$50 million bond for single family houses. The True Commission wants to ensure the funds go toward single family houses and not multiplex contractors. Also the TRUE Commission discussed the Tax Collectors Office is looking to pay a 30% commission to outside agencies for finding people that have cheated on their homestead exemption.

Neighborhood Coordinator's Report: The Household Hazardous Team will be at Lonnie Miller Park receiving household hazardous waste from the community from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the Sheriff and the Mayor had breakfast last week at The Point on Moncrief Road; The Payne Street Apartments will be replaced by twelve single family houses.

Stacey Burch can be reached at 255-8236 or sburch@coj.net

Chair's Report – none

Unfinished Business: Roxsan Currier followed up on the properties on Bulls Bay Highway concerning the big rocks 6-10 inches from the road. Danny Connell stated that Code and Compliance received an email that the rocks were removed. Ms. Currier stated the rocks are still there. There will be more follow up on this issue.

Linda Kettles thanked Code and Compliance for repaving the road on Moncrief and the semi-trucks not parking in the community.

New Business: Bettye Scott stated in February she noticed a sewer water smell coming out of her pipes. She has called JEA, the Health Department, OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). JEA tested her water and stated it was sewer water. The water is being tested in the area from February through the end of the year. Stacey Burch will follow up on this matter.

Public Comments/Announcements:

Mr. Robert Tripp and his wife Judi Tripp from JC Tripp Builders were asked to speak at the CPAC by Councilman Reggie Brown. Mr. Tripp asked what are the concerns about the property across the street from the Legend Center (old Skate City property). Ms. E. Denise Lee confirmed that she had the correct property and stated that she has received several complaints about the property being a blight issue. Mr. Tripp stated he plans to put up a privacy fence in the near future with his construction equipment in the back and plans to sell cars in the front. Danny Connell from Code and Compliance explained to Mr. Tripp that he has one parcel of land that he must have a certificate of use for that property. According to Mr. Tripp he has a certificate of use for storage of construction equipment and to sell cars. Mr. Connell and Ms. Lee will follow up with the CPAC on this matter.

Kids Xtreme, Elder Eddie Hatcher, has just purchased the A.L. Lewis Center (across the street from Ribault Middle School). The services they will provide are recreation, education, health and nutrition and mentorship. Currently they have operations at Washington Heights, Eureka Garden and Hollybrook Apartments. In September they will be in Southside Apartments. The goal is to become a community center in the Ribault community.

John Pittman, March 26th is the annual ShadCo Safety Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ Boobie Clark Park.

Tracie Thornton inquired about donation bins appearing throughout the community. There will be follow up at the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, April 14, 2016**
6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive
The LUZ Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, April 14, 2016
5:30 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive

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