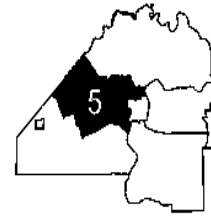


**Northwest District 5  
 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee  
 John Pittman, Chair  
 Larry Solomon, Vice Chair**



**MEETING SUMMARY  
 NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
 Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.  
**Thursday, October 9, 2014**

**Committee Members Present**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Chair - Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman	Mayor's Representative - Taurean Sinclair
Vice Chair - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon	JSO - SGT Mattson
Better Living - Bertha Richardson	FDOT - Jim Green
Moncrief Springs - Yvonne Ward	Regulatory Compliance - Danny Connell
Magnolia Gardens North - Gadson Burgess	Public Works - Dave Daniels
	Parks & Recreation - David Benedict
Marietta Senior Center - Roxsan Currier	Planning and Development - Stacey K. Burch
Marietta Senior Center - Tim Rossetter	Planning and Development - Lurise Bannister
Moncrief Springs - Carlotta McIntosh	Public Library - Marshelle Berry
Pickettville Civic - Robert Ledwick	
NCNW Reed Ed Campus - Raye Gary	<b>Staff Excused</b>
Carver International - Leroy Kelly	none
Cherokee Cove - William Anthony	
Walgreens (Soutel Store) - Russell Jackson	<b>Elected Officials</b>
	Councilman Reggie Brown
<b>Members Excused</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries - Ruth Arnold	
	<b>Visitors</b>
<b>Members Absent</b>	Orzola Burgess - Magnolia Gardens
North Riverside CDC - Diane Kerr	Elaine Billups - Better Living
College Gardens - Brenda Ford	Tia Keitt - Big Brothers Big Sisters
Washington Heights - Yvonne Smart	Marvin Dunbar - Project New Ground
Riverview - Doretha Tompkins	Johao Stewart - United Way
Robinson's Addition - Erma Cole	Odell Richardson
Better Living - Bertha Richardson	Beatrice Baker
Carver Pines - Joe Bailey	Clarence Pearson
Kinlock Civic - James Gloster	Bradford Hall
Lake Forest - Paulette Turner	Vincent Hall
Lynton Street - Magnolia Earlie	Freddie Kelly
Old Floradale - Lucille Grant	
Magnolia Gardens North - Ella Watson	
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounsville	
<b>Members Pending Removal</b>	
Carver Pines - Joe Bailey	
Kinlock Civic - James Gloster	
Lake Forest - Paulette Turner	
Lynton Street - Magnolia Earlie	
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Robinson's Addition - Erma Cole	
Washington Heights - Yvonne Smart	

Loss of membership automatically occurs with 3 consecutive unexcused absences	

1. **Call to Order :**

- Chair Pittman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chair Pittman opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

2. **Verify Quorum:**

- Neighborhood Coordinator Stacey K. Burch verified the quorum.

3. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:**

- Roxsan Currier made a motion to approve the September summary. Gadson Burgess seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. **Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office:**

- SGT Mattison – Car burglaries are on the raise because the cars are left unlocked. JSO has been exercising the no loitering ordinance around stores and other public places to reduce the car burglaries in the area. People are leaving their car engine on while they running into the store.
- Violent crime is down 5% this month, overall from last year the crime in the area is down about 20%. Ms. Carlotta McIntosh asked what is JSO doing to fight truancy? SGT Mattison stated the second shift starts at 9 am and conducts a truancy sweep of the neighborhoods. If students are found during this time they are given to their home school. If the student is found not in their school area, JSO have truancy locations that will take students back to their home school if the student is found outside of his or her area. A concerned citizen asked if the plan was in place for the Raines and Ribault football game next month. SGT Mattison said yes, extra off duty JSO Officers will be brought in along with officers from the school board. A traffic plan is in place also for after the game. Can we can the Bike Squad for the game? SGT Mattison stated he would work on that request.

5. **Presentation:**

- **Johao Stewart, Chris Adkins and Tia Keitt, United Way of Northeast Florida, Achievers For Life,(AFL)**
  - Mr. Russell Jackson asked how United Way measure success from the mission family of 147 students. Mr. Adkins stated success is measured by students that are not in the program and have the same test scores as a student that is in the program. After being in the program students have a 97% success rate. This has been consistent every year. There is statistical proof that AFL works. Mr. Larry Solomon asked if there is a need for people that have special skills/life skills? Mr. Adkins stated that every month they have 1-2 groups that have presenters come and speak about special life skills. Some of the issues they discuss are sex, drugs and alcohol. Twice a year the parents are invited out to the school to discuss different activities or issues. This program is only in public schools.
  - <https://www.unitedwaynefl.org/achievers-for-life/>

6. **Raines and Ribault High School:**

- Vincent Hall, Principle of Raines High School – Mr. and Mrs. Raines will be attending the next CPAC meeting. Raines is celebrating 50 years of school history next week with homecoming next Saturday.

7. **Elected Officials:**

- Councilman Reggie Brown – encouraged the CPAC to get out and mentor. Be on the lookout for vacant homes truancy students are staying in these homes. Students over 16 years old do not have to go to school. This is a state law. Write your state rep to see if we can get this law changed.

If a store owner says the people are not loitering JSO cannot do anything about it. If store owners in your area are condoning loitering then do not patronize their store and encourage other people not to shop there.

Just finished the budget year and it was tough. Moving forward there will be a half a cent tax bill on the upcoming ballot in November or December. This is designed to deal with the pension. Everybody needs to encourage their At Large and Council person to make sure that infrastructure is a part of this legislation. Currently it is slated just for pension; there are no plans or money for infrastructure in your neighborhood. There is no money for the infrastructure on US-1, Councilman Brown is working with the state to get sidewalks and curbs but there is no local funding for infrastructure. The state is saying to get sewage on US-1 it will cost \$47 million. JEA is saying it is the City of Jacksonville responsibility and the City of Jacksonville is saying it is JEA responsibility.

Another bill is property tax. Currently we are allowing people to work for the City of Jacksonville and live in other counties. Councilman Brown believes if you work for the local government (City of Jacksonville) and the City of Jacksonville is paying your salary from city taxes. Then you should be living in the City of Jacksonville. If you want to earn city dollars then you should be living in the City of Jacksonville to help pay for law enforcement services, schools, libraries etc. This will be on the ballot. If we are going to have a change in our community then it will come from taxes.

There is no communication within the C.A.R.E. system. There is no communication or follow up to the customer once the complaint has been filed. If the individual does not follow up with the complaint then nothing happens. The district is growing; the district now covers Ribault Ave to Collins Road. We have law enforcement and CARE issues all over the district. Councilman Brown has ridden the district, 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Firestone Road and Ricker Road looks just as bad as Moncrief and Cleveland Road. The Councilman does ride around the districts to see how things are going.

Councilman Brown has funding to place new brick signs in the neighborhoods for District 10. He has a professional that will come out and design the sign for your neighborhood. The sign has to be on city property. Mr. Larry Solomon asked if the neighborhoods could use their own design? Councilman stated because we are using city funds we have to pay someone to design the sign. There will be more than one option for the type of sign in your neighborhood. This funding does not include the up keep of the sign. Each Council person was given \$200,000 to use as needed. Councilman Brown decided to use his funding to put or repair neighborhood signs.

He also encouraged everyone to call the Mayor's office concerning repaving Moncrief Road. We have five At Large Council people and one District Council person. They all need to be at these meeting. If they have not been at these meetings and listened to your concerns, come March they will be looking for your vote.

**Councilman Reggie Brown 630-1684 [rbrown@coj.net](mailto:rbrown@coj.net)**

## **8. Staff Reports:**

- **Mayor's Representative:** Taurean Sinclair reported
  - GE will be bringing over 500 jobs to Jacksonville, there will be some entry level positions include in these jobs.
  - The City of Jacksonville is in the planning phrase to see how we can promote some of the entry level positions.
  - Democracy Collaborative will create co-operation businesses in the 32208 and 32209 zip codes. People will have the opportunity to work with a company and own the business after 3-5 years.
  - There will be community meetings in the future concerning the future of Moncrief & Soutel Road Commercial Corridor. There will be more information to follow in the future.

- Mr. Larry Solomon asked about the eye sore that we have at Angel Square (The old Skate City) in the community? Councilman Brown stated "once the Condition of Necessity (CON) is approved it is hard to remove a heavy industrial company out of the community. I am totally against heavy industrial in the city. This was approved before my time. However, they have been good tenants. Every five years the CON has to be inspected and approved again."
  - The Mayor is excited about the Young Leaders Advisory Council, in November they will have their first presentation to the Mayor and it is open to the public.
  - Chris Hand will be at the next CPAC meeting to discuss the city pension plan.
  - A concerned citizen asked if there was going to be any changes to Hemming Plaza? The Friends of Hemming Plaza has partner with the City of Jacksonville to improve the park starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. They are starting to plan activities in the park. To schedule use of Hemming Plaza you will have to go through Friends of Hemming Plaza (a nonprofit organization). Their headquarters is in the main library downtown.
  - If you are not receiving the Mayors newsletter send an email to [mayorbrown@coj.net](mailto:mayorbrown@coj.net) to get on the email list.
- **Duval County Public Schools:** no representative
  - **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green reported on the following projects:
    - I-295 between I-10 and Commonwealth construction will start, there will be one express lane added in each direction to help eliminate congestion. Mr. Tim Rossetter asked would he still be able to exit off I-10 at the Marietta exit after the construction? Mr. Green stated no.
    - A new project is about to start from I-10 and I-295 on to Casset Ave in the East bound direction to help eliminate congestion. They will work through the spring of 2016.
    - A public hearing for the proposed reconfiguration of the I-95/I-295 north interchange will be held on November 6, 2014 at Oceanway Assembly of God Church from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.
    - Councilman Brown stated the Edgewood overpass sidewalk has been completed. However, the lights have not been installed. We need follow-up to ensure the lights will be installed.
    - Drainage work was done on I-295 between Dunn Ave and US-1 the area is flooded and we have some concerned people in the area. Councilman Brown will give the address to Mr. Green to follow up.
  - **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – no representative. No report.
    - To report a JEA problem, call 630-6500.
  - **Parks and Recreation** – David Benedict (255-7921) reported:
    - Charles Reese and the North Shore Park projects have been delayed for another nine months due to permits and marine life surveys.
    - We still have current staff service at Carvill Park. We are trying to get more people to come out to the park. There will be a nonprofit organization coming to that park in January 2015 to improve the park.
  - **Planning & Development** –
    - Lurise Bannister (Planner) – A wavier for liquor distance was denied today by the Planning Commission at 5325 North Main Street. It does not meet the distance for servicing alcohol near a school (Andrew Jackson Stadium).
    - A group home for the mentally ill was deferred until a later date. Councilman Brown stated there are too many unsupervised group houses in the area.
    - The state requires sexual predators to live at least 1,000 feet away from daycares, community centers etc. The City of Jacksonville now requires it to be at least 2,500 feet. If

you are bring in a new faculty you will be required to set up your faculty at 2,500 feet from the sexual predator house.

- Stacey Burch, Neighborhood Coordinator – encouraged every HOA to plan a cleanup day in their neighborhood and he would assist. Ms. Carlotta McIntosh asked if we could have some inmates to assist? Councilman Brown stated “no, currently we do not have the budget for the guards but I will get the City of Jacksonville to provide a dumpster just like we did in Sherwood.”
- Email or call Stacey Burch with your issues/concerns and hopefully we will have an answer for you at the next CPAC meeting.
- **Project New Ground**, Marvin Dunbar – Completed the third and fourth phase of the 5<sup>th</sup> and Cleveland area. We are in the fifth phrase of cleanup which is currently in the selection process. The next cleanup is schedule to begin in January which will include Brownstone and Springfield. Ms. Carlotta McIntosh asked if Doeboy Dump was on the list to be clean. Mr. Dunbar stated he did not know but he will follow up at the next CPAC.
- Councilman Brown stated that with these projects should be jobs. The contracts that are getting these jobs should be hiring people from 32208 and 32209. He stated he will make sure this happens. Funding is not a problem with these projects, this is federally mandated.
- Make sure you follow up with the contractors that are providing a service to you and ensure the job is complete. Once the contracts leave then you will have to pay for these services out of your pocket.
- Lonnie Miller Park will be cleaned in three phrases starting in FYI 2015 per Councilman Brown.
- **Public Works** –
  - Terry Sandeen (Traffic Engineering) – Nelson Caparas will be the new Division Chief of Traffic Engineering on Monday. There are a lot of factors (speed of the road way, street lighting, cypress etc.) that go into the study to place a stop sign in your area. The City of Jacksonville follows the Federal Highway Administration guidelines.
  - Mr. Solomon was told the city would not buy red paint for his neighborhood to paint the curves near the fire hydrants. Mr. Sandeen state the fire department could come out and place blue reflectors near the fire hydrants to better identify the fire hydrants.
- **Regulatory Compliance** – Municipal Code Compliance, Danny Connell:
  - Code and Compliance was asked to do a systematic inspection in the Lincoln Hill and Lincoln Villa area that started today. Phone calls will start in the morning to the Mayor and Council office. Code and Compliance has sited 130 properties (vacant and overgrown), 3 unsafe houses that were condemned, 6 vacant or open houses and one commercial truck , 10 junk vehicles, pick up about 50 or 60 snipe signs for a total of 173 inspections. All were initial inspections.
  - Just in Zone 5 Code and Compliance did 1600-1800 nuisance cases and most of these are not the same property.
  - Vacant and open houses are a big concern; please report this to Code and Compliance. Kids were found at the empty apartments off of Moncrief and Leonnie Road between Ribault and Raines. There were about 25 kids there hiding.
  - Ms. Carlotta McIntosh had a concern about property at Alan Ave and Carvall Park. The property is a trailer park for sale and the kids use to cut through the area to get to school but since the grass is so high they cannot walk through the trailer park. The property is for sale and Mr. Connell stated it is the property owner responsibility to keep the grass cut. Mr. Connell stated he would follow up on this matter.

8. **Chair's Report**: Nothing to report.

9. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Land Use and Zoning (LUZ)** – Roxsan Currier nothing to report.

- **Membership**- Larry Solomon encouraged everyone to bring in new members to the CPAC.
- **Transportation** – Larry Solomon stated the board is working to reduce the cost for the FY 2040 plan.
- **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE)** – Leroy Kelly stated a letter was sent to the Mayor from the TRUE Commission requesting that he have staff look into the legality of the pension fund program.
- The TRUE Commission voted that all information be include in one procurement document when trying to bid for contracts with the City of Jacksonville. The Commission has asked the Council to hold off on making a decision until the Commission has had time to review the documents and met with all parties.
- **Nomination Committee** – Roxsan Currier nominations for the 2015 CPAC Chair are John Pittman and Gadson Burgess. Vice Chair Larry Solomon. All CPAC members were asked if they wanted to nominate someone. No nominations were given.
- **Social Committee** – Raye Gray stated she will not be calling people to remind to bring their dish for the social and that the men in the CPAC needed to cook the meats.

10. **Unfinished Business** – none.

11. **New Business** – none.

12. **Public Comments/Announcements** –

- The elevator in the Bradham Brooks Library now works.
- Patrick Bennett a member of the North CPAC, announced that he was running for Duval Country Soil and Water Conservation District, Group 1. Elections will be held November 4, 2014.

13. **Motion to Adjourn**

Mr. Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Solomon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chair Pittman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.