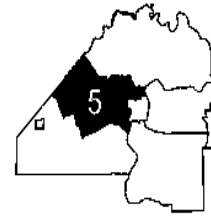


**Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
John Pittman, Chair
Larry Solomon, Vice Chair**



**MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.
Thursday, August 11, 2014**

Committee Members Present

Members	Staff
Chair – Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman	Mayor’s Representative - Taurean Sinclair
2nd Mile Ministries – Ruth Arnold	FDOT – Jim Green
College Gardens - Brenda Ford	Jacksonville Public Library – Marshelle Berry
Magnolia Gardens North – Gadson Burgess	Public Works - Terry Sandeen
Magnolia Gardens North –Ella Watson	Parks & Recreation – David Benedict
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	Planning and Development – Mary Beth Ridderman
Marietta Senior Center – Tim Rossetter	Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
Moncrief Springs - Carlotta McIntosh	Regulatory Compliance – Danny Connell
Pickettville Civic – Robert Ledwick	Regulatory Compliance – Ron Taylor
NCNW Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary	Staff Excused
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounsville	
Russell Jackson – Walgreens (Soutel Store)	Elected Officials
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	none
Members Excused	
Vice Chair - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon	Visitors
	Orzola Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
Members Absent	Elaine Billups – Better Living
North Riverside CDC – Diane Kerr	Eunice Barnum – Sherwood Forest/Paradise Park
Carver International – Leroy Kelly	Jeneen Sanders – Ennis Pellum
Ribault Hills – Oliver Muldrow	Chardae Hancock
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins	Anna Brosche – Ennis Pellum
Ribault Hills – Edward Hall	Vik Slen
Better Living – Bertha Richardson	Ethelyn Wiggins
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	Ann Wiggins
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	Celestine Mills
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	
Washington Heights – Yvonne Smart	
Members Pending Removal	-
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	
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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 and Mary Beth Ridderman verified the quorum.
3. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:**
 - Carlotta McIntosh made a motion to approve the June summary. Gadson Burgess seconded the motion. All were in favor.
4. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:**
No representative
5. **Presentation:**

Fred Haley, JTA, Route Optimization Initiative (ROI)
 - o Blueprint for Transportation Excellence (BTE) – 20 year strategic plan
 - o "Blueprint 202" JTA's five-year plan for growth – ten initiatives
 - o Route Optimization Initiative
 - Why are we redesigning routes (your comments)
 - Overview plan (More frequent. More direct. More reliable)
 - Project Schedule
 - o We want your comments on plans for route changes
6. **Raines and Ribault High School:** No representatives. No report.
7. **Elected Officials:** No representative
8. **Staff Reports:**
 - **Mayor's Representative:** Taurean Sinclair reported
 - o Youth summer jobs ended the 25th of July (Health Zone One (Jacksonville Journey) hired 152 youths)
 - o The mayor has put more money in the summer youth program for next year and is looking for more private organizations to contribute (21 organizations contributed this year), 15 youths received permanent jobs.
 - o Need the community to be involved in the Mayor's budget
 - o Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the infrastructure of US-1, the mayor has money in his budget for this and would like for citizens to go to their City Council and ask that they support this budget. You can go online and see the Mayor's budget proposal.
 - o Money was added to next year's budget to support more summer camps, libraries and police. Areas that are important to your community contact your Council and let them know that this means something to you. Also if certain topics does not mean anything to you let the Council know that also. Let your voice be heard.
 - o The Mayor has worked to put funds into the Northwest Development Fund. About 7 million dollars have been put back into the fund to support Northwest Jacksonville.
 - o City Council is shaking our city for the next year and further. You have a voice the Mayor wants to know what you think.
 - o If you are not getting the Mayor's Newsletter you can go to coj.net/mayor to receive it.
 - o National League of Cities was here in July and spoke about healthcare for the city. State Representative Mia Jones was designated the city's Health Commissioner. A quarter of a million dollars was granted to the city for healthcare for kids.

- National League of Cities also looked at the Black Male Achievement Initiative. This is the largest group in the negative data (arrested, unemployed, no education and low income) in Jacksonville. We have to make this group of black males better to make the City of Jacksonville grow. National League of Cities had a chance to see the neighborhood accountability board at Ribault. The neighborhood said they will take responsibility in punishing and dealing with those kids and hold them accountable. Not the justice system. This frees the kids from having a police record. The Mayor has put funds in his budget for this program.
- There will only be one out of school suspension program in Jacksonville. The Superintendent did not want to wrestle with City Council about the budget. The school board budget was due before the city's budget was due. The school district has restructured its policies so that out of school suspension is not the first choice when dealing with students and the code of conduct.
- Urban Parks Initiative put money into getting coaches put in parks that had empty buildings this adds structure to the community.
- **Duval County Public Schools:** no representative
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green reported on the following projects:
 - The following projects are underway or planned:
 - Construction at I-295 and Commonwealth has not had any work going on because the contractor defaulted. FDOT is working with the contractor and insurance company to hire another contractor.
 - Construction at I-295 and Normandy is almost finished.
 - A construction project is about to start at I-295 and Pritchard Road, the exit ramps will be widen to handle all the industrial trucks in the area.
 - Construction at the I-10, I-295 interchange, we are going to do some changes to the construction area at the request of the citizens in the community. Some of the things that was asked were, a walking and bike path be made to cross the Fuller Warren Bridge, a sound wall be installed and changing the type of lights on the project. The next meeting for this project will be Thursday August 28, 2014 at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens located at 829 Riverside Avenue @ 6:30 pm.
 - If it is a city street then the city is responsible for that street.
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – no representative. No report.
 - To report a JEA problem, call 630-6500.
- **Parks and Recreation** – David Benedict (255-7921) reported:
 - Mitchell Center is going through ADA improvements, they are in the design faze right now. The center will not be completely closed during improvements.
 - Murray Hill is out looking for bids for ADA improvements.
 - Willow Brown Rose Garden is working with a partner to try and get a community garden.
 - Woodstock Park they are in the process of bidding out their ADA bids.
 - All the community centers are getting ready for the after school programs, if you have kids needing somewhere to go after school visit the website. Most centers will be open from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm. www.jaxparks.com
 - A member asked if Carvill Park will be open and the answer was yes.
 - Changes have been made with the part-time employees however; Sean Taylor and Pop Alexander are the people that make the schedule to open centers.
- **Planning & Development** –
 - Marvin Echols (Planner) - provided a written report and announced the following items were discussed by the LUZ subcommittee that was passed last week:

- E-14-041 was an exception at the intersection of Soutel drive and Pickett Drive, this will allow multiple retail uses.
- E-14-039 was an exception, administrative deviation, waiver of liquor distance, 1251 King Street, needed a permit to establish retail sale and service of all alcoholic beverages.
- C-14-0418 conventional rezoning and small scale land use amendment, needed to rezone approximately 6.68 acres of vacant land from the Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Residential Rural-Acre zoning district. This will be changed to one acre lots @ 8158 Ramona Boulevard.
- Stacey Burch (New Neighborhood Coordinator) – Mary Beth Ridderman gave her farewell speech as the outgoing CPAC Coordinator and updated everyone on Marilyn Fenton-Farmer progress as a school teacher.
 - Stacey stated he was from the area, recently retired from the military and wanted everyone to bring a friend to the next CPAC meeting.
 - Stacey wanted everyone to update that email address and if you have not received an email from him please provide your information.
- **Project New Ground** – Marvin Dunbar was absent.
- **Regulatory Compliance** – Municipal Code Compliance, Danny Connell, supervisor for zone 5 reported:
 - Hired two new employees but lost two also, one got bit by a dog (injured) and the other one resigned.
 - Information on junk cars and stated that if you called about your neighbor’s junk cars in order for him to take action it cannot be in their backyard and or covered up. If the car is covered up code compliance cannot take action. If your neighbor has a junk car in their backyard and you are willing to let code compliance go in your backyard to see what is going on than that will work. But code compliance will not go in the backyard of the person who the complaint is filed against. Code compliance has to respect private property.
 - Safety and maintenance, a primary concern is school is about to start so if you see an empty house that is not boarded up please call code enforcement to board up the house because this breeds crime. If there is a true safety issue (children, vacant house, prostitution, illegal activity or the sidewalk is overgrown with grass) in your neighborhood give us a call at 255-7000. If it is not in the Code Compliance area we will get it in the correct department.
 - There are good and bad landlords and tenets. If you know of someone that is an elderly person living in an apartment or house, being taken advantage of and they are paying their rent. Example, someone has no AC in the summer and the windows broken out we will site these people.
 - The division is in the hiring process. One officer was recently hired and another is in training.

9. **Chair’s Report** Chair Pittman reported: Nothing to report.

10. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Land Use and Zoning (LUZ)** – Robert Ledwick reported that Marvin Echols gave the same report that he was going to give.
- **Membership**- Larry Solomon’s absent was excused.
- **Transportation** – Larry Solomon’s absent was excused.
- **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE)** – Leroy Kelly was absent.

11. **Unfinished Business** – none.

12. **New Business**

13. Public Comments/Announcements –

- Eunice Barnum – wanted to address the issue that we have too many elected officials not responding to emails and phone calls. They are violating the law. Elected officials are supposed to respond, if it is nothing but to say an answer is forth coming. When the public cannot contact the people we are paying, then why are we paying them. There is a law in the State of Florida that states when a child becomes 18 years of age, the parents are no longer legally and financially responsible for him because he is an adult. If Ms. Barnum cannot be forced to take care of her own child then she should not be forced to take care of any grown people especially if people are not willing to earn their own pay.
- Celestine Mills – stated she was running for City Council District #10.
- Anna Brosche – stated she was running for City Council At Large Group 1.
- A member of the board wanted an update on Mr. Solomon and the Chair stated he was ill.
- Russell Jackson left early so next month he will receive his letter from the Mayor congratulating him as the new member of the CPAC.

14. Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. McIntosh seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chair Pittman adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, September 11, 2014**
6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive
The LUZ Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, September 11, 2014
5:30 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive