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, January 8, 2015

Committee Members Present

Staff
Mayor's Representative - Taurean Sinclair
Planning and Development - Lurise Bannister
FDOT – Jim Green
Regulatory Compliance - Danny Connell
Public Works – Terry Sandeen
Parks & Recreation - David Benedict
Planning and Development – Stacey K. Burch
Staff Excused
none
Elected Officials
none
No. 4
Visitors Fields Decided Alexa Council
Eddie Dunbar – Project New Ground
Elaine Billups – Better Living
Thelma Jackson – COJ Social Services
Johnnetta Moore – COJ Social Services
B. Scott - Ribault Manor
Stephen Eaves - Lake Park
Cheryl Riddick - JTA
Wendy Morrow - JTA
Fred Jones - JTA
Ishmael Eaves – Lake Park
Deborah Green - Northwest Jacksonville CDC
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1. Call to Order:

 Vice Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. Vice Chair Solomon opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting started late due to bad weather.

2. Verify Quorum:

• Neighborhood Coordinator Stacey K. Burch verified the guorum.

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:

- No motion was made on the previous meetings.
- 4. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office: no representative
- 5. <u>Presentation:</u> Fred Jones JTA Mobility Works a \$15 million project that will provide safety and transportation improvements to thirteen corridors throughout Jacksonville. Moncrief/Myrtle/8th Street Corridor was the main focus for the Northwest CPAC. There will be follow up meetings in the future to receive community input.

Vice Chair Solomon asked who has the final say on bike lanes? It depends on who has jurisdiction over the area, FDOT or COJ.

A concerned citizen asked if there were any plans to improve the walk for the elderly from the senior citizens home on West 44th Street to the bus depot in Gateway. This area is up for discussion as part of the Moncrief/Myrtle/8th Street Corridor.

City of Jacksonville Social Services – Johnnetta Moore - mission is to assist people in overcoming life challenges. Some of the programs provided are Criminal Justice Program (in jail drug treatment program), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program, Emergency Assistance Program (assist with rent, mortgage and utility bills), Victim Services (victims of crimes), Ryan White Program (HIV and AIDS Program), Jacksonville Daily Resource Center (open daily to assist the homeless), Indigent Cremation/Burial Program (Veterans have the option to be buried in the VA Cemetery).

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- 6. Raines and Ribault High School: no representative
- 7. Elected Officials: none
- 8. Staff Reports:
 - Mayor's Representative: Taurean Sinclair reported
 - o MLK Breakfast January 16th call 630-CITY to get your tickets.
 - o The Renew Jax Project is a \$35 million public/private program partnership with LISC with a focus in the Northwest Area of Jacksonville.
 - o The City of Jacksonville, LISC and Wealth Watchers have partnered to build the C. B. Dailey Villas (on the Eastside of Jacksonville), with preference for veterans.
 - o Young Leaders Advisory Council is planning a workshop for post high school opportunities (college, work career, military, and trade school) in late March early April.
 - o The City of Jacksonville is gearing up for youth summer jobs.
 - A workforce summit discussion to prepare the community for future jobs coming to the area. The City of Jacksonville is looking to bring all resources to the table to resolve the unemployment issues in the city.

- **Duval County Public Schools:** no representative
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Jim Green reported on the following projects:
 - o I-295 between I-10 and Commonwealth construction has started. There will be one express lane added in each direction to help eliminate congestion.
 - o The new project at I-10 and I-295 onto Casset Ave, is conducting an operational improvement project.
 - o Just started resurfacing the overpass at I-95 and Myrtle Ave and the pedestrian overpass near Golfair Boulevard they should be done by the end of spring.
- <u>Jacksonville Electric Authority</u> no representative. No report.
 - o To report a JEA problem, call 630-6500.
- Parks and Recreation David Benedict (255-7921) reported:
 - o On January 24th the Parks and Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to work at Camp Milton @ 9 am.
 - o Lonnie Miller will upgrade the walking track in the spring.

Planning & Development –

- o Lurise Bannister (Planner) Nothing to report.
- o Stacey Burch, Neighborhood Coordinator A Stop the Violence Flyer was made for February 28th. Community meeting for the Soutel Corridor will be coming soon.
- o The City of Jacksonville is looking to start new neighborhood organizations.
- o It was explained to the CPAC that Councilwoman E. Denise Lee is looking to improve the Blight in the community.
- o Email or call Stacey Burch with your issues/concerns and hopefully we will have an answer for you at the next CPAC meeting.
- <u>Project New Ground</u>, Marvin Dunbar the City of Jacksonville awarded the contract to a contractor. At this time Mr. Dunbar is unaware of the name. The fifth phase of Project New Ground is looking to start around the 15th of February.

Vice Chair Solomon asked for an updated report on the e.Coli bacteria found in the Ribault River near the banks of Lonnie Park. Mr. Dunbar stated he would email Mr. Stacey Burch with updated information.

• Public Works -

- o Terry Sandeen (Traffic Engineering) Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) is the new system that will make the roads safer by communicating with vehicles and traffic lights to ensure the traffic have priorities throughout the city. Mr. Sandeen went on to explain that a car drove itself from San Francisco to Las Vegas driving the speed limit and obeying all the laws
- o Announced that Denise Chaplick is the new bicycle and pedestrian coordinator for the City of Jacksonville.
- A concerned citizen wanted to know if anything could be done to fix the manholes that are above the pavement on Myrtle Ave between Kings Road and 8th Street. Mr.
 Sandeen stated he would check into it.
- <u>Regulatory Compliance</u> Municipal Code Compliance, Danny Connell not present.
- 9. Chair's Report: Nothing to report.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

• Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) – – Robert Ledwick nothing to report.

- Membership- Larry Solomon encouraged everyone to bring a new member to the CPAC.
- Transportation Larry Solomon nothing to report.
- Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Leroy Kelly nothing to report.
- 10. <u>Unfinished Business</u> none.
- 11. New Business none.
- 12. <u>Public Comments/Announcements</u> Elaine Billups asked what programs are available to help the senior citizens keep their properties in good standards with the city. Mr. Stacey Burch stated he would provide Mrs. Billups with a list of point of contacts to help her community.

13. Motion to Adjourn

Vice - Chair Solomon asked if anyone objected to him adjourning the meeting. All were in favor. Vice Chair Solomon adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.