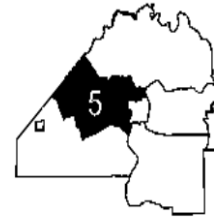


**Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
John Pittman, Chair
Larry Solomon, Vice Chair**



**MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.
Thursday, February 12, 2015**

Committee Members Present

Members	Staff
Pickettville Civic – Robert Ledwick	Mayor’s Representative - Taurean Sinclair
Vice Chair - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon	Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
Moncrief Springs – Carlotta McIntosh	FDOT – Jim Green
Carver International – Leroy Kelly	Regulatory Compliance – Roderick Potter
Ribault Hills Community Assn – Edward Hall	Public Works – Terry Sandeen
Ribault Hills Community Assn – Oliver Muldrow	Parks & Recreation – David Benedict
Walgreens (Soutel Store) - Russell Jackson	Planning and Development – Stacey K. Burch
Marietta Senior Center – Tim Rossetter	Regulatory Compliance – Valerie Williams
Better Living – Bertha Richardson	Public Library - Marshelle Berry
Magnolia Gardens North – Gadson Burgess	JSO – LT. Michael Mahaffay
Moncrief Springs – Yvonne Ward	
Chair – Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman	Staff Excused
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	none
Magnolia Gardens North –Ella Watson	
NCNW Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary	Elected Officials
	none
	Visitors
Members Excused	Daniel Williams - Soutel Estates
	Tami Williams - Soutel Estates
Members Absent	Mildred Jennings – Sherwood Forest Community Inc
North Riverside CDC – Diane Kerr	Eddie Dunbar – Project New Ground
College Gardens - Brenda Ford	Elaine Billups – Better Living
Washington Heights – Yvonne Smart	Carrie Davis – Wealth Watchers CDC
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins	Roosevelt Williams – Soutel Estates
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	B. Scott – Ribault Manor
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	Stephen Eaves – Lake Park
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	Nathaniel Jones - Soutel Estates
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	Eunice Barnum – Sherwood Forest/ Paradise Park Assc.
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	Priscilla Simmons – Lincoln Estates
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	Ishmael Eaves – Lake Park
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	Rosa C. Exson – Kinnard
2 nd Mile Ministries – Ruth Arnold	Orzoca Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounsville	Severis Norton – Lincoln Estates
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	Tonya Gunder - Soutel Estates
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	Anette Mobley –Soutel Estates
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	Carlana Williams – Soutel Estates
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	Vanessa McDonald - Soutel Estates
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	Angelia McDonald - Soutel Estates
	Martha Richburg – Sherwood Forest Community Inc
	Roosevelt Williams Sr. – Pickett Cove
	Lillian Smith - Sherwood Forest Community Inc
	Althea Mitchell – Sherwood Forest Community Inc

1. **Call to Order** :

- Chair Pittman called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Chair Pittman opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for attending.

2. **Verify Quorum:**

- Neighborhood Coordinator Stacey K. Burch verified the quorum.

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

- A motion was made on the previous meeting summary from January; all were in favor.

4. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** LT Mahaffay, the City of Jacksonville had a spike in violent crime during the first six months of last year. Violent crime was up 4% last year; property crime and overall crime was down 2% last year; year to date we are down about 28% in violent crime and 30% overall crime.

Tim Rossetter asked if LT Mahaffay had any information on the break- in's on Old Plank Road, Jones Road and Cisco Gardens Road. LT Mahaffay did not have any information at this time.

A concerned citizen asked if there would be an increase in patrol cars riding up and down Soutel Drive in the early morning hours. LT Mahaffay stated he would address it this month with his Officers and you can call 630-0500 to report any information or if it is an emergency dial 911.

Eunice Barnum asked who is responsible for cars that are parked on the sidewalks or illegally parked in the neighborhood. LT Mahaffay stated that JSO can come out and write tickets but fighting crime is their first priority. You can also call the non-emergency number at 630-0500.

5. **Presentation:** Carrie Davis, Wealth Watchers Community Development Corporation (CDC) Inc. is a HUD certified Housing Counseling and Community Development organization formed as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) in December 2001. Wealth Watchers Inc. achieves its' mission by providing lending and education, neighborhood stabilization, community revitalization strategies and small business services. Wealth Watchers is a Certified Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

Eunice Barnum asked If Carrie Davis was the President and CEO of Wealth Watchers and if she has always held those titles. Carrie Davis replied "yes".

Eunice Barnum stated that she needed the City of Jacksonville to straighten out this issue; there is only one community association that represents Sherwood Forest and that is Sherwood Forest/Paradise Park Community Association Inc and this association has been around for years. Eunice Barnum requested that the record reflects her words.

Eunice Barnum stated that Carrie Davis created Sherwood Forest Network Inc as a neighborhood organization to bypass Sherwood Forest/Paradise Park Community Association Inc., because Ms. Davis did not like Sherwood Forest/Paradise Park Community Association Inc., questioning her intentions. Ms. Davis stated that Sherwood Forest Network Inc is not her organization. It is the community organization. Starting or rebuilding neighborhood organizations is one of the roles of the CDC.

Eunice Barnum asked when do community/neighborhoods have a voice in what projects the CDC will be conducting. Carrie stated that technically there is nothing written that reads CDC must have the blessing of the neighborhood organization(s). Most CDC's do not come into a community without connecting with people in the community.

Larry Solomon (Vice Chair) asked if the community could form their own CDC and Carrie Davis replied "yes". Mr. Solomon also asked how CDC's gets paid. Ms. Davis replied through grants, fees generated

and building houses. The sunshine laws do not apply to nonprofit organizations. Mr. Solomon stated that the CDC's can be awarded money and nobody knows anything about it? Ms. Davis replied no, because the funding comes from the City of Jacksonville and all money received from the City of Jacksonville is approved by City Council and is public record.

Eunice Barnum asked what happened when Sherwood Forest was part of the "Paint the Town Program". The City of Jacksonville did not see the process from beginning to end. Carrie Davis explained the process. The contractor that partnered with the City of Jacksonville received the money, to make a list of repairs with guarantees on their work in the neighborhood until all the funding was gone.

A concerned citizen stated that her house was under the "Paint the Town Program" and when she had problems with her roof (still under warranty) the contractor came out and fixed the issue.

Stacey Burch asked how the CDC contacts the community to inform them of the work the CDC is doing in the community. Carrie Davis stated through neighborhood associations, The Legends Center, a program call phone bite, through the Supervisor of Elections Office and phone trees.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** – none
7. **Raines and Ribault High School**: no representative.
8. **Staff Reports**:
 - **Mayor's Representative**: Taurean Sinclair reported:
 - The next CPAC meeting will have a sign up roster for the Mayor's Newsletter.
 - The City of Jacksonville has partnered with Volkswagen to bring more jobs to Jacksonville.
 - A huge focus in Jacksonville is to find opportunities to work for young men and ex-offenders.
 - Extended hours will start this month at some of the community centers.
 - Parks and Recreation is looking to find partners to work with and improve the parks.
 - The City of Jacksonville is gearing up for youth summer jobs. Currently we are speaking with the youth that worked the summer jobs program last year. Small businesses are welcome to hire summer youths.
 - The Renew Jax Project in public/private programs in partnership with LISC, will have a focus in the Northwest Area of Jacksonville, Washington Heights on the 21st of February and Cleveland Arms on March 7th. Nonprofit organizations are welcomed.
 - Mr. Solomon stated he will pay for a young man to go to carpentry school as long as he agrees to stay in Jacksonville for two years after he finishes the program.
 - **Duval County Public Schools**: no representative
 - **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green reported on the following projects:
 - Public hearings will be held for the project on I-95/Airport Road exit at the Hilton Garden Hotel on February 16th and the I-95 and I-10 interchange hearing will be held at the Good Shepard Church on Stockton Street. Both hearings will start at 4:30 p.m.
 - Tim Rossetter asked that the railroad crossing be fixed at Cahoon Road North, two blocks off of Beaver street. Jim stated he would inform the railroad.
 - Roxsan Currier asked that the railroad crossing be fixed on Highway 100 and 100A coming out of Starke, FL. She stated a sign was posted "rough railroad crossing" but the crossing needs to be fixed.
 - Yvonne Ward asked that the railroad crossing be fixed on Commonwealth Ave. Also asked that Moncrief Road be repaved from Raines High School to Soutel Drive.
 - **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – no representative. No report.
 - To report a JEA problem, call 630-6500.

- **Parks and Recreation** – David Benedict (255-7921) reported:
 - Gearing up for the summer, summer camp will be in twelve locations, summer lights will be in three locations and Rec and Roll will be all over Jacksonville. Waterproof Jacksonville will be going into the pools again. Hours of operation will be expanded at Joe James, Beverly Hills, Westside and Johnny Walker Parks.
 - A C.A.R.E. request has been submitted for the fence between Forest View Park and Soutel Estates. Mr. Benedict will walk the fence with the citizens of Soutel Estates to correct the issue.
 - Carlotta McIntosh asked about the activities at Carvill Park. Mr. Benedict stated the park has been turned over to a contractor and they are going to start activities. He stated he would follow up with the supervisor of the park.
 - Mr. Benedict will have a budget plan for the walking track in Lonnie Miller Park at the next meeting.
 - Elaine Billups asked for an update on the Mitchell Center. David Benedict said he would follow up with her after the meeting.
 - Stacey Burch asked for an adult kickball league in the parks where there are no activities. David Benedict stated they are working on it.
- **Planning & Development** – Lurise Bannister (Planner) – Two projects with daycare exceptions were approved E-14-73 and E-15-01.
 - PUD 2015-026 seeks to rezone approximately 12.72 acres of land on Trout River Boulevard for single-use single family or townhome development.
 - PUD 2015-025 at 2717 Riverside Avenue seeks to rezone approximately 29 acres of land. The property is being rezoned from Commercial Resident and Office (CRO) to Planned Unit Development (PUD).
 - Stacey Burch announced the Stop the Violence Event February 28, 2015 at Simon Johnson Park; Community Workshop on Thursday, February 16, 2015 at Lincoln Villa at 6 p.m. The Blight Committee is pushing to get more neighborhood organizations involved in the community.
- **Project New Ground**, Marvin Dunbar – not present.
- **Regulatory Compliance (Consumer Affairs)** – Valerie Williams, works as the protector and advocate for the consumers of the City of Jacksonville. The Division was established to address various consumer disputes and fraud in the marketplace including services provided to the citizens of Duval County, ensuring that food trucks, sidewalk vendors and peddlers have the necessary license to be where they are located, taking complaints from landlords and tenants only under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Summer time is approaching and we want to ensure the ice cream truck vendors have the proper paperwork (operator's license, background check, etc). If you have any issues please call 630-CITY.

A concerned citizen asked if it is ok for people to come through the neighborhood and sell meat from their truck. Ms. Williams stated only if they are a licensed vendor. If they are selling meat that is stolen please call JSO.

Elaine Billups asked if you planned an event in your neighborhood, is it possible for you to invite a food truck. Ms. Williams stated that the food truck would have to get approval from the planning department. The organization would have to give them a written letter supporting the food truck being there for the event (this would be a "commercial neighborhoods event").

The City of Jacksonville traffic right away solicitations are only done by non-profit organizations with permits through the Consumer Affairs Office. Valerie Williams, valeriew@coj.net 255-7198

- **Public Works** –
 - Terry Sandeen (Traffic Engineering) – The department has identified ten road way locations where cross walks are needed mid-block. Two of the locations are on Soutel. A crosswalk will be on Soutel at the senior citizens home across from Family Dollar. Then at the store and seniors citizens' home near the intersection of Ridge Boulevard and Soutel Drive.
 - Eunice Barnum stated the community needed a crosswalk also at Churchhill Drive and Soutel Drive.
 - Roosevelt Williams lives in Soutel Estates and stated that the steel pipes have fallen down and they have a drainage issue in the community. Mr. Williams also wanted the point of contact for draining retention ponds. Mr. Sandeen stated he would speak with him after the meeting.
 - Mr. Sandeen explained to the CPAC that if you call JEA with the street name and pole number they will repair the street lights.
 - Eunice Barnum received an email from JEA stating they only install new lights if approved by the City of Jacksonville.
 - Roxsan Currier stated that she and her neighbor pay the light bill for the streetlight outside their house. Terry Sandeen stated if there is enough light on the street, and you feel like you need more light on your street then JEA will install it and the monthly cost is yours.
 - Terry Sandeen stated that his department is responsible for no parking on the traffic right away zones.
 - A concerned citizen asked that the traffic right away be cleared at Frank E Ave and Moncrief Road.
 - If you would like speed bumps in your neighborhood, you have to have 75% of the neighborhood sign a petition agreeing to the speed bumps.
- **Regulatory Compliance** – Municipal Code Compliance, Roderick Potter – enforcing the City of Jacksonville ordinance chapter 518 (Property Maintenance and Safety) and chapter 656 (Zoning) making the City of Jacksonville a better place to live.

There were a total of 11,574 different inspections conducted in the Northwest from October 1, 2014 to February 12, 2015. A systemic inspection was conducted in the Magnolia Garden area the last week in January and the first week in February. The next systemic inspection will be in the New Town area.

The 2015 Operation Urban Blight Project will be conducting inspections in all neighborhoods throughout the City of Jacksonville. The goal is to eliminate blight in the community.

If overweight commercial vehicles are being parked in the neighborhoods please call 630-CITY and report it.

Orzoca Burgess stated the Magnolia Garden area has a lot of over grown weeds in the neighborhood. Is there a plan to keep the area clean? Mr. Potter stated the city is trying to keep the areas clean and get some of the property cleaned on a permanent rotation. Mr. Burgess also stated that he would like for the contractors that are doing the clean up to do a better job of cleaning up after themselves. Mr. Potter agreed.

Mildred Jennings asked who she needs to contact to ensure her neighborhood community sign meets compliance. Mr. Potter stated, start with the Building Department.

Mr. Potter stated that code compliance cannot write citations for backyard pools if they cannot see them from the street. The city is not allowed to use google map to look into people's backyards. If you invite the city to look from your backyard then the city can cite the property.

9. **Chair's Report**: March 7, 2015 at Lonnie Miller Park there will be a Safety Fair. Please come out and support the community from 10 am to 2 p.m.

The Chair thanked everyone for sitting through a very long meeting and welcomed everyone back to the next meeting.

10. **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 stated the subcommittee is aware that there has been an increase in traffic on Soutel Drive. An access management concept is being conducted on I-95 and Airport Road.
- **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE)** – Leroy Kelly- the TRUE commission approved the Church's Chicken on Dunn Ave and the Veterinary Office on Cassat Ave.

11. **Unfinished Business** – none.

12. **New Business** – none.

13. **Public Comments/Announcements** –

- Mrs. Deloris Hall, from the Stage Aurora Theatrical Company, a non-profit organization is applying to ArtPlace America for a \$500,000 grant. ArtPlace America is an organization that awards grants in the hope of encouraging what it calls "creative placemaking" – that is, the inclusion of arts and cultural projects in community development and renovation plans. The plan is to get the grant money and install a moveable stage between Gateway Mall and I-95. Currently the company has a stage inside the mall. However, the company is asking the CPAC to write a letter of endorsement supporting this project.

The CPAC was not able to make a decision at the meeting because more information was needed and member had a lot of questions. The deadline to make a decision is February 16, 2015.

- ShadCo Safety Stand Down Day will be on March 7, 2015 at the Lonnie Miller Park and there will be a food giveaway.
- Yvonne Ward announced the Senior Life Foundation will provide additional funds to implement several essential projects for eligible seniors and has amended its eligibility requirements to be able to serve more seniors in need of eyeglass, heaters and refrigerators. Please call Ms. Joann Turner @ 630-0966 for more information.

14. **Motion to Adjourn**

- Mr. Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chair Pittman adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.