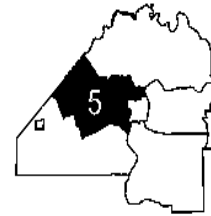


**Northwest District 5  
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee  
John Pittman, Chair  
Larry Solomon, Vice Chair**



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

**Committee Members Present**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>
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
NCNW Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary	JSO – LT. Michael Shell
Chair – Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman	Public Works – Terry Sandeen
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	Parks & Recreation – David Benedict
Walgreens (Soutel Store) - Russell Jackson	Planning and Development – Stacey K. Burch
Marietta Senior Center – Tim Rossetter	
Magnolia Gardens North – Gadson Burgess	
	<b>Staff Excused</b>
<b>Members Excused</b>	none
Better Living – Bertha Richardson	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries – Ruth Arnold	
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	<b>Elected Officials</b>
	Councilman Reggie Brown
<b>Members Absent</b>	
Magnolia Gardens North –Ella Watson	<b>Visitors</b>
Moncrief Springs – Yvonne Ward	Lillian Smith - Sherwood Forest Community Inc
North Riverside CDC – Diane Kerr	Orzoca Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
College Gardens - Brenda Ford	Mildred Jennings – Sherwood Forest Community Inc
Washington Heights – Yvonne Smart	Eddie Dunbar – Project New Ground
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins	Lillian Haywood – Sherwood Forest Community Inc
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	Marva Salary - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates
Ribault Hills Community Assn – Oliver Muldrow	Kim Perry -
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	
Ribault Hills Community Assn – Edward Hall	
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounsville	
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	
Robinson’s Addition – Erma Cole	
Carver International – Leroy Kelly	
Loss of membership automatically occurs with 3 consecutive unexcused absences	

1. **Call to Order** :

- Chair Pittman called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 February; all were in favor.

4. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** LT Michael B. Shell, the summer time is upon us and JSO will be answering the normal calls so please do not hesitate to make the normal summer phone call issues.

A concerned citizen asked what can be done when you have kids playing full court basketball in the street. LT. Shell stated if it is blocking traffic they will have to remove the basketball goals. He will go by the area and take a look at the situation. Homeowners cannot have anything in the road way to obstruct traffic.

5. **Presentation:** Greg Matovina, HabiJax Habitat for Humanity Jacksonville – has served on the board for over ten years and the Chair for five years. HabiJax has built close to 2,000 homes in Jacksonville. Currently HabiJax is only building, buying and rehabbing houses in the New Town Success Zone. A Brush with Kindness is an exterior home preservation program that offers painting, landscaping and minor repair services to eligible homeowners so they can continue to live in safe, decent homes for years to come. Projects include painting, landscaping, weatherization and minor repair services. Home buyers get the house and the land on a zero interest loan. The home owner has to provide a small down payment, work over 300 hours of volunteer work, attend a credit report class, a home owners and a financial education class. HabiJax is moving forward in one of three directions for New Town: financial education, assistance with obtaining services and improving the earn ability of the neighborhood.

Ms. Carlotta McIntosh asked if it was true that HabiJax does not go into neighborhood where there is no infrastructure. Mr. Matovina stated “no that is not true; however they are only working in the New Town Success area.”

A concerned citizen asked if there were any income requirements for your house to be rehabbed. “Yes” stated Mr. Matovina. Also what is the number one reason people do not receive or qualify for a HabiJax house? Bad credit, you must have a 600 credit score.

The Hicks Prep Club is an enrichment program for students (grades 7-12), who reside in Jacksonville Housing Authority, Section 8, HabiJax properties. The Prep Club utilizes monthly meetings, a book club, test prep, monthly essay contest, and other activities to assist students in reaching their full academic potential. The Prep Club also offers an incentives program that rewards students for their hard work and achievements en-route to applying for and becoming Hicks Scholars.

HabiJax can be contacted at 904-498-4529.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** – Councilman Reggie Brown, stated the ShaDCo did a great job at the Safety Fair this past weekend at Lonnie Miller Park. The City of Jacksonville (COJ) will try and have a smaller version of the Safety Fair, Memorial Day Weekend.

- The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund is partnering with Sea Breeze and providing an “infrastructure grant”. This will bring more jobs to Jacksonville.
- COJ will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to start the water infrastructure on US-1. This was approved by council last week.
- Pickettville Park and Playground was approved for around \$55,000, Lincoln Villa did receive flat screen TV's and a pool table.
- There is no amplified sound in the parks on the Northside. If JSO is called they will close down the party. You must meet all the requirements to have a party in the parks.

- The expectation in Jacksonville is that only about 30% of the people will vote. As of today District 10 had about 3,500 people that have voted.
- Councilman Brown is waiting on a date to have a ceremony for the closure of the ditch at Moncrief and Avenue B.
- COJ is looking at moving the spring election to fall. This would save the taxpayers money.
- COJ put the poles up for a fence on Norfolk Boulevard across the street from Sherwood Forest Food Mart on a Friday and on Monday the poles were gone. A discussion was held on this matter to prevent this from happening in the future.
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7. **Raines and Ribault High School:** no representative.

8. **Staff Reports:**

- **Mayor's Representative:** Taurean Sinclair reported:
  - March 18, 2015 is the application day for summer youth jobs. This is a first come first serve. The positions are full time and part-time.
  - The next Community Empowerment day will be April 18, 2015 at Caroline Arms Apartments and May 2, 2015 at Hilltop Village Apartments.
  - The Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council presents a College, Career and Trades Fair at City Hall on March 28, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Volkswagen is bringing more jobs to Jacksonville.
  - The City of Jacksonville has a new website online.
- **Duval County Public Schools:** no representative
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green reported on the following projects:
  - Question from the previous meeting; Tim Rossetter asked that the railroad crossing be fixed at Cahoon Road North, two blocks off of Beaver street. Jim stated it will be fixed within the next two months.
  - Question from the previous meeting; 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. Jim stated they will have to work with Camp Blanding to get the road fixed.
  - Question from the previous meeting; Yvonne Ward asked that the railroad crossing be fixed on Commonwealth Ave. Jim stated he was not sure which road crossing on Commonwealth she was referring to; there are three crossings? It was stated that the crossings needed to be fixed near the Postal Office.
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – no representative. No report.
  - To report a JEA problem, call 630-6500.
- **Parks and Recreation** – David Benedict (255-7921) reported:
  - Carvill Park has not opened yet because their partner is waiting on their proof of insurance.
  - COJ has received a state trail grant to complete a track around Lonnie Miller Park to be completed in 2016. Repairs to the current track will start summer 2015.
  - Lewis-Cobb Park in Sherwood is now open. Kids are now starting to come into the center.
  - 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.
  - Emmitt Reed will have Summer Lights.
- **Planning & Development** – Lurise Bannister (Planner) – Nothing new to report.
  - Housing and Community Development – Stacey Burch, April 18, Magnolia Gardens will have their annual reunion in the community.

- Starting in May the neighborhood association with the most people at the CPAC meeting from their neighborhood association will receive an area clean-up project courtesy of the CPAC. The CPAC will ask the City Councilman to assist.
  - The ShadCo Safety Day at Lonnie Miller Park was a big success.
- **Project New Ground**, Marvin Dunbar – Nothing new to report.
  - **Regulatory Compliance (Consumer Affairs)** – Valerie Williams, not present.  
[valeriew@coj.net](mailto:valeriew@coj.net) 255-7198
  - **Public Works** – Terry Sandeen (Traffic Engineering) – There are about 1200 traffic lights in Jacksonville and 18 members on staff. The state of Florida gave COJ about 200 close circuit cameras to monitor traffic.
    - LED Lighting would cost JEA customers double the amount of money it is paying now to light up the streets of Jacksonville.
    - A concerned citizen asked what is the procedure to get a signal light changed? If it is a state road then FDOT handles it. Local roads please call 630-City.
  - **Regulatory Compliance** – Municipal Code Compliance, not present.
9. **Chair's Report**: Be aware there will be several exceptions being submitted to the LUZ for zoning to allow retail sales and service of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

Vice Chair attended a luncheon with the CEO of JEA and wants a JEA representative to come out and make a presentation to the CPAC.

#### 10. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Land Use and Zoning (LUZ)** – Robert Ledwick nothing to report.
- **Membership**- Larry Solomon asked four ladies to stand up, state where they live and welcomed them to the meeting.
- **Transportation** – Larry Solomon, CSX is building a railhead that will come from Blount Island to Fernandina Beach. The Chair stated what the requirements were to get speed bumps in your neighborhood.
- **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE)** – Leroy Kelly not present.

11. **Unfinished Business** – none.

12. **New Business** – none.

13. **Public Comments/Announcements** – none

#### 14. **Motion to Adjourn**

- Ms. Roxsan Currier made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Gadson Burgess seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chair Pittman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, April 9, 2015**  
6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive  
The LUZ Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, April 9, 2015  
5:30 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive  
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