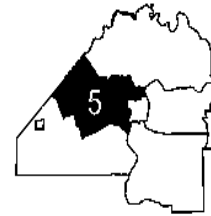


**Northwest District 5  
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee  
John Pittman, Chair  
Larry Solomon, Vice Chair**



**MEETING SUMMARY  
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.  
Thursday, September 10, 2015**

**Committee Members Present**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Vice Chair - Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates - Larry Solomon	Planning and Development – Stacey K. Burch
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	Planning and Development – Lurise Bannister
Marietta Senior Center – Tim Rossetter	Public works – Terry Sandeen
Ribault Hills Community Assn – Edward Hall	JSO – LT. Powers
Chair – Pickettville Civic Association - John Pittman	Regulatory Compliance – Danny Connell
Walgreens (Soutel Store) - Russell Jackson	Parks & Recreation – David Benedict
Magnolia Gardens North – Gadson Burgess	Mayor's Representative (Blight) - E. Denise Lee
Ribault Hills Community Assn – Oliver Muldrow	JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Pickettville Civic Association – Robert Ledwick	JTA – Andy Rodgers
Elaine Billups – Better Living	
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	
Carver International – Leroy Kelly	
Timber Oaks - Velma Rounsville	
	<b>Staff Excused</b>
<b>Members Excused</b>	FDOT – Jim Green
Moncrief Springs – Carlotta McIntosh	
<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Elected Officials</b>
Moncrief Springs – Yvonne Ward	Katrina Brown – Councilwoman District 8
Bertha Richardson – Better Living	Reggie Brown – Councilman District 7
NCNW Reed Ed Campus – Raye Gary	Samuel Newby – Councilman At Large Group 5
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	
North Riverside CDC – Diane Kerr	<b>Visitors</b>
College Gardens - Brenda Ford	Antonette Turner
Washington Heights – Yvonne Smart	Orzoca Burgess – Magnolia Gardens
Riverview – Doretha Tompkins	Joyce A. Lee
Robinson's Addition – Erma Cole	Betty Scott
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	Barbara McKnight
Carver Pines – Joe Bailey	Dorothy Ross
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	Raymond Carter
Lake Forest – Paulette Turner	Tyrone Clark-Murray
Lynton Street – Magnolia Earlie	Dannette Frazier
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	Hank Rogers
Robinson's Addition – Erma Cole	Linda Kittles – Ribault Homeowners Association
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries – Ruth Arnold	Ethel Brooks – Ribault Manor
Kinlock Civic – James Gloster	Hilda Myers – Ribault Manor
	Carrie Griggs – Ribault Manor
	Lou Myers – Ribault Manor
	Kelly Patterson
	Linda Wilson – Ribault Manor
	Marion Villanueva – UNF Student
	Hyacinth Demetita – UNF Student
	Madison Kaminow – UNF Student

	Kirstie Johnson – UNF Student
	Rachael Garland – UNF Student
	Leah Kelly – UNF Student
	Nicole Lamorte – UNF Student
	Alexis Kapelka – UNF Student
	Ty Foster – UNF Student
	Tracey Thornton

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Pittman called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Chair Pittman opened the meeting with the 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 August; all were in favor.
- 4. Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office:** LT Powers, crime is down throughout Jacksonville, however, burglary in automobiles is up, 90% of the vehicle are unlocked. Stop leaving your cars unlocked, making it easy for people to steal items out of your vehicle. If you need more police in your neighborhood call the substation and request a time you would like more police visibility in your area.

A concerned citizen asked what can be done about the cars speeding up and down Soutel. Call the substation and let the staff know the time and area of the speeding. JSO will get Officers to monitor that area.

- 5. Presentation:** Cheryl Riddick and Andy Rodgers, Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA); made a presentation on the JTA Mobility Works.
  - This is a program designed to complete projects funded by the extension of the Local Option Gas Tax.
  - Leveraging that funding, JTA issued \$100 million dollars in bonds to cover the cost of projects.
  - JTA will complete 13 roadway projects and 14 mobility corridors in all areas of Jacksonville, and St. Johns River Ferry operation, over the next five years.
  - The project list was generated by the Jacksonville City Council and will not be altered without their approval. The City Council approved a reprioritized list in May 2015.

A concerned citizen asked how JTA determines if a bus stop should have a covered or non-covered bench. More specifically she was concerned about the bus stop on Ribault Ave and Hilly Road. JTA determines what is placed at each bus stop based upon ridership (the number of people that get on and off the bus at each stop). Some bus stops are being upgraded for ADA purposes or for senior citizens purposes.

JTA is looking to start the Soutel Transit Hub in November and it should be completed within six months.

Mr. Burgess asked if any local people would be hired for the Soutel Transit Hub and how would the people know where to go to apply. Andy stated, JTA is working on a workforce program. Please contact JTA Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Office or JTA’s Diversity/Equity Program Office at (904) 630-3157. <http://www.jtafla.com/business-center/>

The City of Jacksonville will be responsible for the retention ponds at the Soutel Transit Hub once construction is completed.

- 6. Elected Officials Reports** – Katrina Brown, Councilwoman District 8, informed the CPAC that she was available to the citizens in the community and passed out her business cards.

A concerned citizen asked how was the community informed about the town hall meeting she conducted last week? Councilwoman Brown stated through the City of Jacksonville and the Duval County Democratic Party website, Neighborhood Association Presidents and Flyers were also taken to the community centers.

Samuel Newby – Councilman At Large Group 5, informed the CPAC that he was available to the citizens in the community and passed out his business cards.

Reggie Brown – Councilman District 7, informed the CPAC that he was available to the citizens in the community and passed out his business cards. He will request Public Works to show plans to put sidewalks in the Northwest; the councilman will need your help in getting projects supported; next month construction will begin on the new walking track around Lonnie Miller Park, the track will be extended along the river; the contamination cleanup in the park is also a part of the process; Councilman Brown introduced his new aide to the community, Geraldine (Gerrie) Ford-Hardin.

Velma Rounsville stated her concerns about vehicles speeding on Soutel Drive, needing a crosswalk in front of Morris Manor and Christine Cove. Councilman Brown stated because there is a traffic light on the corner where Morris Manor is located, a crosswalk would not be a good idea. However, placing a traffic circle at the intersection of Soutel and Norfolk is an option. Funding is available for the Soutel Makeover Project. A traffic light will be place in front of the Legends Center to slow traffic down for the kids that are traveling to and from the pool and gym. COJ will look at the traffic in front of Christine Cove.

Linda Kittles has an issue with loitering in her community. A small business in her community wants to conduct a number of businesses on her property that is not properly zoned. Ms. Kittles was referred to Ms. Valerie Williams in Consumer Affairs.

7. **Raines and Ribault High School**: no representative.

8. **Staff Reports**:

- **Mayor's Representative**: E. Denise Lee (630-1874), explained the role of the at Large City Council member; the Mayor is very much involved with neighborhoods and everyone should have a quality of life in their neighborhood; she explained Blight and Human Blight in the City of Jacksonville to the CPAC; working with the COJ Directors to see what she could do to help them help the community; working with the City of Jacksonville to create one Urban Core boundary for everybody; Ms. Lee will be representing the Mayor's Office at all CPACs; working to get the city and state to work together to cut the grass on state and local roads at the same time to ensure the entire area is manicured; no legislation was in place before the Blight Committee to address non-historic houses; if businesses, churches, and other organizations are not supporting your neighborhood organization then you should not support them in your community; you can call 630-CITY for all your city needs.

Larry Solomon stated there are too many snipe signs in the Northwest. Ms. Lee stated legislation is in City Council now to have snipe signs removed from the City of Jacksonville.

Tracey Thornton thinks there are several departments in COJ that are supporting the (storage) business across the street from the Legends Center and the Blight on Soutel. Ms. Lee stated COJ may have dropped the ball on this issue but she will follow up on the matter. This is the perfect example as to why the Mayor wants to bring back the Neighborhoods Department and update the maps in the city to ensure that every neighborhood is mapped.

For the fight Blight app, go to:<http://www.coj.net/mobile-apps/mobile-apps-list/fight-blight.aspx>

- **Duval County Public Schools**: No representative.

- **Regulatory Compliance – Municipal Code Compliance**, Danny Connell, the staff for zone 5 is back down to 6 Officers; over 34,472 inspections were conducted this year fiscal; the community is giving great words of encouragement to the Code Compliance Staff; please call 630-CITY for updated status to your issues.
  - **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green, not present.
  - **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – No representative.  
To report a JEA problem, call 630-6500.
  - **Parks and Recreation** – David Benedict (255-7921) reported Parks and Recreation had a great summer without any major issues and is now getting ready for the after school programs.
    - The Mitchell Center estimated date to be completed is around Thanksgiving.
    - A concerned citizen reported the Success Zone Park has broken equipment in the park.
  - **Planning & Development** – Lurise Bannister (255-7839)
    - The Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is looking for projects in the local community. Currently funding is available for some small projects like sidewalks in the neighborhoods. Please contact Lurise Bannister for further assistance.
    - If you have an area in your community that you would like to see preserved or marked as an historic area please contact Ms. Bannister.
  - **Housing and Community Development** – Stacey Burch reported:
    - The community came out and voiced their concerns on the Kings Road Lane Reduction. The community spoke against the lane reduction.
    - The Sherwood Forest Kickball Game was a great success. Look for more games in the future.
  - **Project New Ground**, Marvin Dunbar – not present.
  - **Regulatory Compliance (Consumer Affairs)** – Valerie Williams, not present.  
[valeriew@coj.net](mailto:valeriew@coj.net) 255-7198
  - **Public Works** – Terry Sandeen (Traffic Engineering) – did not have anything to report.
  - **Jacksonville Transportation Auditory (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick,  
  
You can go to [www.transportal.net](http://www.transportal.net) or [www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com) for all your bus scheduling needs. Cheryl Riddick can be contacted at [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)
9. **Chair's Report:** Mr. Pittman acknowledged William (Bill) Ahrens, UNF nursing students in attendance and the students agreed to attend the November meeting.
10. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
- **Land Use and Zoning (LUZ)** – Robert Ledwick , did not present.
  - **Membership** - Larry Solomon - did not present.
  - **Transportation** – Larry Solomon – did not present.
  - **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE)** – John Pittman – did not present.
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11. **Unfinished Business** – none
12. **New Business** – none

**13. Public Comments/Announcements** – Linda Wilson voiced her concerns about the lawn division cutting grass and blowing grass throughout the neighborhood. The information will be passed on to Ms. Lee and Mr. Connell.

It was also suggested that only one question be asked per person during the CPAC meeting. Stacey Burch stated that normally the questions and the meeting are not this long. But, because we had three people from council here tonight everyone had questions. Tonight was an exception to the rules.

**14. Motion to Adjourn**

Gadson Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting and all were in favor. Chair Pittman adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, October 8, 2015**  
6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive  
The LUZ Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, October 8, 2015  
5:30 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive  
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