

**NORTHWEST CPAC  
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 9, 2005, 6 p.m.**

**Charles Clark Community Center ~ 8793 Sibbald Road**

**Committee Members Present**

Diane Kerr, Chairperson – North Riverside	Barney Roberts, Charter Member	Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates	Rachel Booth, City Rescue	Patrick Hayle, City Rescue
Gadson & Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N	Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens	Edward Hall, Ribault Hills
Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills	Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition	Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
Paulette Turner, Lake Forest	Linda Carson, Lincoln Villa	

**City/Staff/Public/Media**

Property Safety Zone 5 Supervisor, Del Miley	Jarik Conrad, Blueprint for Prosperity
Joe Bailey, Human Rights Commission	Property Safety Officers, Calvin Lee and Ray Cobb
Joyce Hellmann Bizot, Neighborhood Services	Lara Diettrich, Planning Department
Thelma Jackson, Mayor's Faith Based Office	K. S. Goff, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
Jim Kelly, Treasure Chest Community News	Alma J. Hudson
Tony Nasrallah, Murray Hill Preservation	Len R. Burroughs, Murray Hills Preservation
Chuck Mann, Murray Hill Preservation	Michael Mendez, Murray Hill Preservation
Ruth Arnold, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile	Ben Garrott, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile
Fannie Horne	Barbara Peterson, Better living
Alfonzo Reeves, Sherwood Forest/Paradise Park	Althea Mikell, Sherwood Forest/Paradise Park
Wona Mann, Sherwood Forest/Paradise Park	Barbara Fisher, Sherwood Forest
Elaine Richardson Billups, Better Living	UNF Nurses – Susan McMarlin, Bill Ahrens, James Tesh,
Rosalie Sakata	

**Excused:** Milton Locklear, FDOT, Jeff Sheffield, First Coast MPO (scheduled speaker), Devin Reed, Deborah Merritt, Doretha Tompkins

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Diane Kerr called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. in the Charles Clark Community Center and welcomed everyone. John M. Jackson, Recreation Director of the center had not been made aware of the meeting and had to call his supervisor to obtain approval for it to proceed.

**Approval of the May 12, 2005 Minutes**

A motion to approve the May 12, 2005 minutes as written was made by Gadson Burgess and a second by Thomas May. The vote: all were in favor; none opposed.

**Guest Speaker**

• **Jarik Conrad, Blueprint for Prosperity**

At the request of the chair, Joyce Hellmann Bizot, Senior Planner, Neighborhood Services Division introduced the speaker, Jarik Conrad, Executive Director of Blueprint for Prosperity.

Jarik gave his appeal to CPAC members and guests to participate in community groups and focus meetings in locations all over the city in a project that seeks to close the gap on declining income in Jacksonville. Blueprint for Prosperity is seeking buy-in from wide and diverse audiences for this citywide effort, sponsored through a partnership between the City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce to raise the city's median income.

Jarik explained that community meetings will be held all over town and media outlets are being contacted extensively to help get the word out on the project. Members questioned whether the Blueprint for Prosperity would work and if so how. They noted that plans are in place for the town center projects and funding is needed to make dreams come true. The chair said that development of the NW area continues to

lack sufficient businesses and services to support the families who live in there. Jarik stated that being from East St. Louis, Illinois, he is very familiar with areas that face economic hardship and the work that is required to bring about change. He invited those interested to call his assistant Michelle Pritchard at 924-1100, ext. 250 to sign up. He also suggested that for an in-depth look at how the process will work, Henry Luke's website, [www.lukevision.com](http://www.lukevision.com). Henry Luke is the person who has defined the project and put community visioning into practice in numerous other communities.

### **Staff Comments**

- **Mayor's Liaison** – not present – excused
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Zone 5** – K.S. Goff gave a report on zone activity including an update on Operation Picket Fence and a description of business burglaries in the Lem Turner Road area. He was asked about the proliferation of drugs in the area and the lack of results in reducing them which is disheartening to the community.
- **Florida Dept. of Transportation** – not present - excused
- **Planning and Development** – Lara Diettrich distributed the CPAC Monthly Action Report from her department. For any questions, Lara can be reached at 630-4999 or [Larad@coj.net](mailto:Larad@coj.net).
- **Neighborhoods Department**
  - Code Enforcement/ Property Safety** - Supervisor of Zone 5 Del Miley and officers were present to take issues or you can call 630-CITY (630-2489).
  - Consumer Affairs** – no report
  - Neighborhood Services** – Joyce Bizot announced that she was filling in for their neighborhood coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer who is off of work because of the wedding of her daughter. Joyce then reminded everyone of the upcoming Mayor's Neighborhood Summit, June 24 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center and CommUniverCity, leadership training for neighborhood leaders.

### **NW CPAC Sub Committees/Neighborhood Happenings**

- Charles Mann introduced Chuck Mendez as the new president of the Murray Hill Preservation. Chuck replaces Randy Mallory.
- Thomas May said that people may sign up at 55 N. Jackson for government commodities, which are being distributed at the Leroy Clemmons Community Center.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and seconded by Barney Roberts. The vote: all were in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. because it was 65 degrees and everyone was too cold.

The next meeting of the NW CPAC is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at the Lincoln Villa Community Center, 7866 New Kings Road