

**NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NW CPAC
MINUTES**

**S.A. Hull Elementary - Media Center
Thursday, May 12, 2005
6 p.m.**

Committee Members Present

Diane Kerr, Chairperson – North Riverside
Barney Roberts, Charter Member
Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N
Henry McMickens, Minosa Circle
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville
Florence Luster, Reed Campus
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
Tod Johnson, Willowbranch

Randy Mallory, Vice Chair, Murray Hill
Ernest Clayton, Kinlock
Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N
Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore
Gertrude Peele, Reed Campus
Doretha Tompkins, Riverview
Janice Kelley, Willowbranch
Linda Carson, Lincoln Villas

City/Staff/Public/Media

Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison, Director of Procurement
Property Safety Zone 5 Supervisor Del Miley
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
Elizabeth Mallory, Murray Hill Preservation
Heather Allen
Dr. Rhonda Poirier, JaxCare
Brent Staton, Metro North CDC
UNF Professor Bill Ahrens
UNF Nurses Jenna Royal and Ashley Cook

JSO Zone 5 – Lt. K. S. Goff and Sgt. Thomas Mitchell
Property Safety Officers Calvin Lee, Marvin Smith and Gary Cobb
Jim Kelly, Treasure Chest News
Alma Hudson
Theresa Rooney, Oak Haven Preservation
Jim Green, Northshore
Debra Poczatek, Metro Kids Konnection
Robert Lawrence, Minosa Circle

Excused: Deborah Merritt, Faye Richardson, Bertha Richardson, Orzola Burgess, Leila Mousa, Erma Cole, Lara Deittrich, Larry Solomon

Call to Order

Chairperson Diane Kerr called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. at S. A. Hull Elementary School Media Center and welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Member Gadson Burgess

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the March 10, 2005 and April 14, 2005 minutes as written was made by Gadson Burgess and a second by Tod Johnson. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Chairperson Kerr Acknowledgements

Welcome to our newest NW CPAC members Gertrude Peele and Florence Luster from the Reed Educational Campus and the National Council of Negro Women.

Guest Speakers

- Dr. Rhonda Poirier, President & CEO JaxCARE, Inc. presented a new health care initiative that will be a pilot program that will give employees that do not have insurance an opportunity to get health care at an affordable price. The grant is in effect until Dec. 2006. The employer will have to agree to support the program by agreeing to pay \$50 per month per employee and or per spouse. It is for employees that are ages 19 to 64 (KidCare will cover children under 19 and Medicare will cover citizens over 64) and that have not had health care coverage for the past 6 months. Sick employees are costly to employers and if they have affordable health insurance this will ultimately save money. A brochure and flyer with information was passed out. If you need more information please call 244-9272 or info@jaxcare.org
- **Gertrude Peele, Director Reed Educational Campus/NCNW** had opened up a resource center 15 years ago in LaVilla. The new program at the Reed Educational Campus located on Lentie Road is for thirteen 3rd and 4th grader girls. It is to help with tutoring and mentoring. It is a pilot year for the program and eventually hopes to have 21 girls. There is no charge for the program and please encourage girls this age to come by and register.
- **Theresa Rooney, Ordinance Amending the text of future land use to revise the definition of a “node”** talked about the definition of a “Node” which is Node – A focal point within the context of a larger, contiguous area surrounding it. It is an area of concentrated activity that attracts people from outside its boundaries for purposes of interaction within that area - **and it includes those land areas that have an existing commercial land use classification and are located at or around the intersection of roadways classified as collector or higher. The developed or developable land areas at the confluence of collector or higher classified roadways, which are suitable for medium to high densities of use for either single, multiple or mixed use developments.**— The bold and underlined is what the new language is to be and the crossed out sentence is the

old definition. Laura Langton, President from Oak Haven Preservation had come to present the possibility of a change that would effect the entire community at our February NW CPAC. There will be a LUZ meeting on June 7th and on June 14th it will go before the City Council. Members discussed this at length. *A Motion to accept NOT to change the language on the definition of a node was made by Thomas May and a second by Gadson Burgess. The Vote: All were in favor and none opposed. Chairperson Kerr will write a letter in support of not changing the definition and send it to all the City Council members.*

Staff Reports

Mayor's Liaison – Devin Reed, Director of Procurement announced that the Mayor and Mrs. Peyton are expecting a child in mid October. He talked about opportunities that his Department has available to small businesses to get city contracts. There is a “Bonding Program and Access to Capitol” which help to remove barriers for small business owners. Member May asked if the “Shipyards Project” had contractors insurance? The Shipyards was a development project, which is different type of project. If you have any issues please bring this to Devin’s attention. Devin Reed can be reached at 630-1184 Dreed@coj.net

JSO Zone 5 – Lt. Golf and Sgt Mitchell talked about crime being down 13% in the zone. Operation Pickett Fence took place which had numerous arrests and found lots of guns and money. DEA had been watching them for a while. Member Joe Anderson from Pickettville was upset about the media reporting the story saying that it took place in his neighborhood of Pickettville when it did not. They have been working very hard to address crime related issues and appreciate JSO and the work they do but want a positive image since that is everything. This also happens with media stories about the NW side of town when it may be in the North or Westside area. Member Gadson Burgess brought his Neighborhood Watch sign that was destroyed and off the post to the meeting to see about getting it replaced. He had called it in a few times and nothing was done. The Lt. said he would get the sign replaced.

Planning & Development Lara Diettrich prepared the NW Spreadsheet and it was handed out at the meeting in her absence. If you have any questions Lara can be reached at 630-4999 or Larad@coj.net

Property Safety – Supervisor of Zone 5 Del Miley and officers were present to take issues or you can call 630-CITY (630-2489). They have completed the office move to 1801 Art Museum Drive, Suite 200 zip 32207 or you can call them directly at 391-3600. Member Doretha Tompkins commended Mr. Miley, Mr. Cobb and his staff for doing a fine job in Riverview having taken over since Elaine Lancaster has left to go to another district. Supervisor Miley reported that they have been given an added officer for the zone and have been working very hard especially with demolitions. Members asked if they could get a list of the properties for the zone set for demolition. There are stronger enforcement criteria and condemned properties need to be brought up to code, go to the Municipal Code Board with a possible fine of \$5 to \$250 a day or can be demolished. Members had questions about a trailer going into an established neighborhood. This is a zoning issue not Property Safety. Members gave them concerns from the Magnolia Gardens and Lincoln Villa Neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Services - Marilyn Fenton-Harmer made the following announcements:

- ❑ The Mayor’s Summit will be on Friday, June 24th all day at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. It will be great!
 - ❑ Leadership Training will begin on July 12 to Sep. 1st on Tuesday nights from 6pm to 9pm. If you have 3 to 5 members from your neighborhood who have not attended we are looking for them to get training to help become leaders.
 - ❑ Mayor’s Matching Grant Deadline is May 31, 2005
 - ❑ The Mayor’s Family Summit will take place this weekend at the Prime Osborn Convention Center – Flyer in NW CPAC packet
- FDOT is holding a workshop on Thursday, May 19th at 5pm at North Shore Elementary Cafetorium 5701 Silver Plaza to talk about transportation improvements from State Road 5/US 17 Main Street to Winona Drive to the north end of the Trout River
- ❑ SAVE the DATE: Thursday, Oct 20th to Saturday, Oct 22nd the State Neighborhood Conference will be in Lakeland, Florida.

If you need to contact Marilyn please call 630-7024 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Subcommittee Reports

New Ways Grant Chair Randy Mallory stated that the NW had 22 grants to review for a total request of \$99,570.82 with only \$30,000 to allocate. He then read the list of recommended grants to be funded for 2005:

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| o Community Connections | \$2250 |
| o Riverview | \$5000 |
| o Metro Kids Konnection | \$5000 |
| o Bridegroom Tutoring | \$4000 |
| o St. Paul AME – with stipulations | \$1300 for supplies and then the balance for computers |
| o Jax. Public Library Foundation | \$5000 |
| o Rising Star – with stipulations | \$2000 for meals and transportation |
| o 2 nd Chance Help – with stipulations | \$1250 for FCAT books and supplies |
| 8 Grants for a Total | \$25,800 |

Due to a \$5000 grant being returned this year that gave the NW CPAC \$30,000 to fund for 2005 instead of the annual \$25,000. The committee decided to fund \$25,800 for 2005 and the remainder \$4200 will roll over for next year. Chairperson Kerr said that the grants that were approved were well written and well done to help our children. The grant applications this year were very heavy for equipment and we want grants that are to benefit the children directly and can be scored for accountability. *A Motion to fund the grants as read was*

made by Thomas May with a second from Gadson Burgess. The Vote: All were in favor and none opposed.

Awards for the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit – Chairperson Kerr read the nomination for the individual award for

- Mrs. Dorothy Yvonne Brown was nominated by Diane Kerr

Chairperson Kerr read the names of past individual award winners that were not eligible this year. Nominations from the floor were accepted:

- Elaine Burnett – RAP was nominated by Janice Kelley
- Orzola Burgess – Magnolia Gardens N was nominated by Gadson Burgess
- Mrs. Pacetti – Thomas Jefferson was nominated by Thomas May

The nominations were closed. *The Vote: Mrs. Orzola Burgess is the 2005 Individual Award Winner.*

Chairperson Kerr read the names of the past Neighborhood Association winners that were not eligible for this year. Nominations from the floor were accepted:

- Northshore was nominated by Jim Green
- Pickettville was nominated by Joseph Anderson
- Lincoln Villa was nominated by Linda Carson
- Willowbranch was nominated by Tod Johnson
- Minosa Circle was nominated by Henry McMickens

The nominations were closed. *The Vote: Lincoln Villa is the 2005 Neighborhood Award Winner.*

Community Discussion

- Heather Allen and TR Hainline presented a map and plan for development on the corner of Pritchard Road and Imeson. They had met with Cisco Gardens Neighborhood and Councilwoman Jones who suggested they come and present this information to the CPAC. Developer Jack Allen answered questions on what the proposal was going to look like. It is 260 acres with 300 condos and 350 single-family homes along with retail and a community center. Member Anderson from Pickettville didn't see a problem with the PUD at this time.
- Member Linda Carson from Lincoln Villa has worked hard on their Mayor's Matching Grant and on Saturday, May 14th they will have their dedication of new playground equipment – Please join us!
- Magnolia Gardens will have their new Welcome Sign Dedication also from a Mayor's Matching Grant on Friday, May 13th at 5:30pm on the corner of Edgewood and Carnation. Please join us too!
- On Saturday, May 14th at 9am the Jack Russell Skate Park at the Beach will be opened. The architect, Tat Chen, has been working closely with North Riverside on the Town Center design also designed the skate park.
- Danny Thomas, Paxon, asked members for help with getting someone from HUD to attend their monthly meeting to talk about the restrictions in living in a HUD facility. Chairperson Kerr suggested Ronnie Ferguson.
- A question on if the new ordinance that Councilwoman Suzanne Jenkins was working on to keep downtown bars open till 4 a.m. had passed? In checking with her office a Downtown Review Committee is meeting until June to review this issue and will then give their recommendations to the Councilwoman. Members of this committee are: Chair Audrey Moran, Bob Rhodes, Jim Bailey, Ju'Coby Pittman and the Undersheriff Frank Mackesey

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Danny Thomas and a second by Randy Mallory. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, June 9, 2005** at 6pm
at the Charles Clark Community Center – 8793 Sibbald Road – Reading will resume in September