

MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The Beaver Street Enterprise Center – 1225 W Beaver Street
October 14, 2004

Committee Members Present

Diane Kerr, Chairperson
Randy Mallory, Vice Chair
Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Faye Richardson, Cisco Gardens
Ernest Clayton, Kinlock Civic
Joann Flood, Lynton Street Crime Watch
Gadson & Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens North
Thomas & Alma Hudson, Magnolia Gardens North
Gloriden Norris, Lake Park
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville
Arthur Nettles, Pickettville
Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills
Bettye Scott, Ribault Manor
Doretha Tompkins, Riverview
Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
Daphne Colbert, District 10 Assistant

*UNF Nursing Program
Students*

City/Staff/Public/Media

Roslyn Phillips, Mayor's Liaison –Director of Neighborhoods
Lorrie DeFrank, Chief of Neighborhood Services
Elaine Lancaster, Property Safety
Calvin Lee, Property Safety
Marvin Smith, Property Safety
Jennifer Kohn, Building Inspector
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Sheila Dunn, Consumer Affairs
Fred Jones, Planning & Development
Jackie Perry, Beaver Street Enterprise Center
Kitty Radcliffe, CVB
Sarah Boren, Green Team
Lisa Taylor, Greenscape
Dave Jones, Department of Health
Maggie & James Alford
Arlene Kohn
Jackie Brown
Ruth Arnold
Professor Bill Ahrens
Christine Ignacio, Kristin Lewis, Stacia Diaz, Ginia Hardin, Candy Anderson, Melissa Brown, Erica Rousseau, Stephanie Moore, Holly Webster-McKinney, Misty Olgesby, Allen Kiddling, Rosalie Sakata, Elizabeth Perry, Stacy Widrich, Jennifer Mimms

Excused: Deborah Merritt, Johnny Lammons, Linda Moore, Mattie Jarrell, Barney Roberts

Call to Order:

Chair Diane Kerr called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. in the Beaver Street Enterprise Center, 1225 W. Beaver St.

Invocation: Member Joe Anderson

Jackie Perry, Manager of the Beaver Street Enterprise Center, welcomed everyone and presented information about the location, which is an incubator for small businesses that are getting started. Diane said the CPAC's holiday meeting/party also would be at the center, but in a larger room.

Approval of the Meeting Summary:

A motion to approve the July 8, 2004 summary as written was made by Joe Anderson and seconded by Gadson Burgess. The Vote: All were in favor.

Guest speakers:

- Kitty Ratcliffe, president, Jacksonville and the Beaches Convention and Visitors Bureau, made a presentation on how the City of Jacksonville could benefit from a new or improved convention center, which the bureau maintains is critical to the health of the region. She gave the top 10 reasons why Jacksonville needs a center, focusing on the three E's – economic development, employment and entertainment. She distributed cards containing this information. She said that although Jacksonville is the nation's 14th largest city, its convention center ranks 205th, and that Jacksonville frequently loses out on conventions to smaller cities.
- David Jones, operation manager, Duval County Health Department, gave a West Nile Virus update and a report on the CHEERS project. He passed out cans of OFF and cautioned people to get rid of standing water, which breeds mosquitoes. Mosquitoes carry such diseases as encephalitis and West Nile Virus. He advised people to use insecticide and to report mosquito infestations to 630-CITY. David said the health department is looking for volunteers for CHEERS – Children's Environmental Exposure Research Study, which will study young Jacksonville children's exposure to pesticides. The study will be done by the National Exposure Research Laboratory of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Duval County Health Department. About 60 children are needed for the study. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-810-9530, Ext. 503.

- Sarah Boren of the Green Team Project talked about how individuals and small businesses can save money by being environmentally friendly. She passed out several handouts with specific tips on how to save substantial money by conserving energy and water, by recycling and making other environmentally conscious efforts. Sarah offered to speak at meetings of neighborhood organizations to encourage them to form teams to use Green Team's workbook on how to be environmentally friendly.
- Lisa Taylor, president of Greenscape, talked about the benefit of trees and how Greenscape can team with CPACs. She said possible projects for CPACs include: 1) identify areas that need planting, such as schools, parks and libraries; 2) volunteer to help with Greenscape projects; and 3) invite Greenscape representatives to talk to neighborhood groups. The mission of Greenscape, which is 30 years old, is to "plant, promote and preserve trees." To schedule a speaker or for more information, call 398-5757.

Staff reports:

Mayor's Liaison: Director of Neighborhoods Roslyn Phillips said the city continues to work diligently to remove storm debris.

Planning and Development: Lara Dietrich, Planner-630-4999, said she is excited to be officially assigned to the NW CPAC. Lara also said she would like many citizens to attend the brownfield conference in Jacksonville in 2005. Brownfields are sites that are contaminated, or perceived to be contaminated. Diane said most neighborhoods in District 5 have a brownfield. Diane asked Lara to talk more about brownfields and the conference at a CPAC meeting in January or February. (The NW CPAC spreadsheet is attached to the hard copy of the minutes.)

FDOT: Milton Locklear – No report.

Building Inspections: Jennifer Kohn – No report.

Neighborhood Services: Division Chief Lorrie DeFrank thanked CPAC members for their participation in the Florida Neighborhoods Conference, especially the volunteers, and commended the award winners. Vice Chair Randy Mallory asked Diane to show the CPAC the All-State Neighborhood Team Award that she received at the conference. Randy, as well as Gadson and Orzola Burgess, received Mayor's Awards. Lorrie said the Department of Agriculture is looking for locations for Urban Gardena and asked members to give suggestions to Marilyn Fenton-Harmer. She also announced that the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women is seeing nominations for women to feature on the 2005 Women's History Month Poster.

Nominations for 2005:

Diane asked Joe Anderson, Doretha Tompkins and Gadson and Orzola Burgess to serve on the nominating committee to elect officers for 2005. The committee, which met after the CPAC meeting, will present a slate of officers at the December meeting, since the CPAC will not meet in November. Nominations also may be taken from the floor.

Chairperson Kerr:

- **Bus tour:** Diane said that plans for the CPAC bus tour on Nov. 5 are to focus on parks, and she asked Parks Director Bob Baughman for suggestions. He suggested Mallison, Crystal Springs and Murray Hill Arts Center. She asked that people sign up if they want a box lunch, which will cost between \$5 and \$8.
- **November meeting:** Members voted not to meet in November for two reasons: The bus tour will serve as the meeting, and the scheduled meeting day is Veterans Day.
- **Holiday party:** The CPAC will continue its tradition of having a party following an abbreviated December meeting. Diane asked members to sign up saying what food they will bring to the party. Lara offered to bring a digital camera.
- **Literacy:** The CPAC will participate in a read-to-kids program.
- The City Rescue Mission Bed Race will be on Saturday, November 6, 2004

Announcements:

Roberta Wilson of Robinson's Addition said residents have a lot of questions about the proposed closing of West Jacksonville Elementary School. Roslyn Phillips suggested that the CPAC invited a school district representative to answer the questions. Lara said the school board planner could attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The **next meeting** will be on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at the Beaver Street Enterprise Center – 1225 W Beaver Street at 6pm
This will be the Annual Holiday Social – Please plan on bringing some food item to share with the members!