

Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Joseph Anderson, Chairman
Gadson Burgess, Vice Chairman



MEETING SUMMARY

NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hammond Community Center

Thursday, May 10, 2007

NW CPAC Committee Members Present

Joseph Anderson, Chairman

Larry Solomon, Carver Manor

Patty Herndon, City Rescue Mission

Eugene Johnson, Grace & Truth

Joann Flood, Lynton Street

Yvonne Smart, Washington Heights

*Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs

*Awaiting paper work

Gadson Burgess, Vice Chair

Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore

Penny Trawick, Pickettville

Elaine Burnett, RADO/RAP

Jerry Worthy, Roosevelt Gardens

Thomas R. Hudson, Jr., Magnolia Gardens

Excused: Diane Kerr, Bertha Richardson, Doretha Tompkins

City/Staff/Public/Media

JSO Zone 5 Lt. K. C. Goff

Robert Crawford and Danny Connell, Property Safety/Code Enforcement

Mary Beth Ridderman, NSD

Randy Farwell, Edwards & Kelsey

Alma J. Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N

William Anthony, ShAdCo

Paxon/Biltmore Community Association:

Ollie Smith, Mayola Robinson, June Johns, Jimmy Johns, Cassie Blitchington,

Sandra Bellville, Frank Brenden, Bill Beach, Paxon/Biltmore Community Association

Jessica Bell, Planning & Development

Safety/Code Enforcement

Prentis Clayton, First Coast MPO

Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.

Ethel Cruikshank, ShAdCo

Call to Order

Chairman Joseph Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 6:01 p.m. in the Hammond Community Center. He introduced the guest speakers, Prentis Clayton and Randy Farwell.

Invocation: Penny Traywick

Guest Speakers

- Prentis Clayton, First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization, Project Manager
Introducing First Coast Commuter Services, a program to promote commuter assistance or commuter alternatives to the work place to reduce the numbers of cars on the roads. The program currently operates in Baker, Nassau, Clay, Duval and Putnam Counties and is sanctioned by FDOT. The program provides van pools, using 15 passenger Dodge minivans. The minivans may be used evenings and weekends by individuals in the carpool. A taxi voucher is available for commuters who have unscheduled overtime, family emergencies or illness and are unable to take their scheduled van pool. Rates are based upon the number of commuters in each van. A Ride Match program uses a computerized data-matching program to match commuters who live and work near each other. The Ride Match program is free and allows commuter preferences, such as smoking or non-smoking. Mr. Clayton provided applications and brochures. Mr. Clayton provided two brochures: "Try a New Way to Work" and "Share A Ride, Split the Cost". For more information call 305-3193.
- Randy Farwell, Edwards & Kelsey, JTA Rapid Transit Study
An environmental impact study is documenting information on parks, historical structures, wetlands, etc. to establish base lines within proposed transit corridors. One goal is to purchase rights of way to prepare for the next phase. JTA proposes to restructure routes, consider different types of vehicles with greater mobility to provide more responsive services to lower density areas and more frequent service to high density areas. Public meetings will be scheduled to provide detailed information on proposed services, proposed corridors and to obtain public comments. Mr. Farwell provided brochures: "Proposed Bus Rapid Transit System". To contact Mr. Farwell, call 636-5432.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the April 12, 2007 summary as written was made by Member Thomas Hudson and a second by Member Alma Hudson. Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Chairman Anderson's Report Chairman Anderson announced that the Paxon Biltmore Community Association had provided refreshments and he thanked them for their thoughtfulness. Bill Beach, Paxon Biltmore Community Association, welcomed the NW CPAC to the community center and thanked them for coming.

Staff Reports

JSO Report Lt. K.C. Goff reported a 3% increase in violent crime and increases in arrests for weapons, prostitution and drugs. He reported 66 traffic homicides this year throughout Jacksonville and suggested residents watch their speeds, buckle up and don't drink and drive. He reported that Zone 5 will be getting more JSO officers. For ShAdCo information call the Zone Sub Station at:

Zone 5 call 384-8028 210 S. McDuff Avenue

Zone 4 call 573-3165 Cedar Hills Shopping Center

Zone 1 call 924-5361 Gateway Shopping Center

Police Non-Emergency 630-0500 Police Neighborhood Watch – 630-2160

First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously

Planning & Development Jessica Bell had to leave early due to illness. She provided the NW Planning report and a flyer, "School Concurrency". Jessica Bell can be reached at 630-1446 or Jebell@coj.net

Property Safety/Code Enforcement Robert Crawford introduced Danny Connell, a new officer in Zone 6. Officer Crawford answered resident's questions about the DART process. Officer Crawford reported that property owners are now prosecuted after six months of non-compliance, but some owners don't care about the fines. A brochure, "Property Safety Code Enforcement" was provided. Call 630-CITY to report a problem. Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600.

Neighborhood Services Division Marilyn Fenton-Harmer was excused from the meeting. Mary Beth Ridderman did not provide a report. Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, NW Neighborhood Coordinator/Planner can be reached at 630-7024 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Sub Committees – no reports

Community Discussion

- Members expressed the need to become involved in the community, be observant, take notes, report crimes or violations.
- Members expressed concerns about reporting. RADO/RAP mentioned a pamphlet available from JSO. JSO, Lt. Goff, explained reports can be made anonymously. He said he will bring pamphlets to the next meeting.
- Members expressed concerns over abandoned, boarded-up homes used for drugs and other crimes and the length of time before houses are DARTed. Chairman Anderson said five mobile homes were DARTed in the last three months near Chenango and Edgewood. The process takes time. Member Gadson Burgess expressed his appreciation to Property Safety for demolition of a DART home in Magnolia Gardens. Property Safety Officer Robert Crawford explained that one problem is lack of funding to have the houses demolished.
- Members expressed the need for better and more street lighting.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Danny Thomas and a second by Member Elaine Burnett. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. .

(Members and guests stayed for refreshments provided by the Paxon/Biltmore Community Association.)

The next NW CPAC meeting will be **Thursday, July 12, 2007** at **Lincoln Villa Community Center**, 7866 New Kings Rd. at 6 p.m.

Submitted by:
Mary Beth Ridderman for Marilyn Fenton-Harmer
SW Neighborhood Coordinator