

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



MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thomas Jefferson Civic Club, 8237 Nevada St.
Thursday, December 13, 2007

Committee Members Present

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| Joseph Anderson, Chairman | Gadson Burgess, Vice Chair |
| Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile Ministries | Leroy Kelly, Carver International |
| Glorden Norris, Lake Park | Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N |
| Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs | Diane Kerr, North Riverside |
| Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore | Penny Trawick, Pickettville |
| Elaine Burnett, RAP/RADO | Edward Hall, Ribault Hills |
| Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills | Linda Kittles, Ribault HOA |
| Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition | Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition |
| Brenda Waters, Robinson's Addition | Johnny Lammons, Thomas Jefferson |

City/Staff/Public/Media

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| Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison, and Director of Procurement | |
| Pete Sutherland and Danny Connell, Municipal Code Compliance | |
| Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND, Community Development | |
| Susan Cohn, Planning | Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens |
| English Watson, Magnolia Gardens | Vanchetta Cowart |
| Mr. Cowart | |

Excused: Patty Herndon, Gertrude Peele, Paulette Turner, Rev. Anthony Wyche,
William Anthony, Angela Nixon, Doretha Tompkins, Milton Locklear

Call to Order

Chairman Joseph Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 6:00 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Civic Club, 8237 Nevada St.

Invocation: Vice Chair Gadson Burgess

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the October 11, 2007 summary as written was made by Member Gadson Burgess and a second by Member Penny Trawick. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Chairman Anderson's Report

Chairman Anderson expressed his gratitude toward the members and staff for the past two years as being Chairperson. He has learned a lot about the city and about the members that spend their time coming to the meetings but more importantly to bring back this information to their community. He wanted to thank and commend the Code Officers for reporting to us monthly. He hopes that young people will step up and become volunteers to help better each neighborhood.

He wanted to thank Vice Chair Gadson Burgess for all his hard work, wish him well and will relinquish the gavel at the end of the meeting. He will assist him in anything he can. Thank you to everyone. A warm welcome was extended to the following new members:

- District 10 Councilperson Jones's Representative Angela Nixon
- District 8 Councilperson Lee's Representative James Breaker
- Royal Terrace Community Assn. primary member Brenda Waters
- Royal Terrace Community Assn. alternate member Laura Kinsey
- Northwest Jacksonville CDC primary member Felicia Myrick
- Northwest Jacksonville CDC alternate member Paul Tutwiler.

Presentations

- On behalf of Mayor John Peyton, NW Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer presented Chairman Anderson with a Plaque and gavel from Mayor Peyton as a token of his appreciation. A certificate signed by Mayor Peyton and Director of Housing and Neighborhoods Department Wight Greger was also presented.
- Marilyn Fenton-Harmer also presented certificates signed by Mayor Peyton and Director Greger to Vice Chair Gadson Burgess and Subcommittee leaders.
- Chairman Anderson presented Certificates of Appreciation to all NW CPAC members. He thanked and commended members for their service to the NW CPAC, their organization and the City of Jacksonville.

Staff Reports

JSO – Not present

Mayor's Liaison – Devin Reed, Director of Procurement passed out the press release on Mayor Peyton's new initiative – The Jacksonville Journey – Take A Step. This is a comprehensive initiative aimed at the violent crime that threatens Jacksonville's future. It will have city leaders on various committees to come up with solutions to our problems. We have the facts now we need the answers. If you have some ideas and solutions please contact the committee via Devin or Marilyn or the City of Jacksonville's Website. It will be guided by a steering committee co-chaired by John Rood and State Senator Betty Holzendorf. The subcommittees will be on: Education, Funding, Intervention and Rehabilitation, Law Enforcement and Deterrence, Neighborhood Safety and Stability, Positive Youth Development, and Public Relations. Members wanted to be sure that youth were involved with this process. Devin will be sure this happens since he is on the committee.

- *Members wanted to be sure that youth were involved with Mayor Peyton's new initiative the Jacksonville Journey, Take A Step and they would also like to become a part of the this initiative.*
- *Members wanted to know if Take A Step was going to work in collaboration with Councilman Hyde's Forum on Crime and Safety and JSO to have a unified front?*
- *Members had concerns that when JSO arrests someone that the State Attorney does not follow through and prosecute them. Therefore it is a revolving door that needs to be addressed.*
- *Members would also like to see Community Policing back in the neighborhood and not move the officers from zone to zone so often. They want to restore trust from the neighbors to the police.*
- *The need for activities for our children was talked about but also the fact that a majority of our parks are dark and not being used. This needs to change to have positive things for the youth to do.*

HAND, Community Development Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

- **New Year's Eve Fireworks Spectacular** – Midnight - Downtown Jacksonville – Presented by The City of Jacksonville **Count down to 2008 with a spectacular fireworks display** over the St. Johns River to light up the night sky and celebrate the New Year. Fireworks will be shot from one barge in front of The Jacksonville Landing and another barge in front of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The fireworks can be viewed from the Northbank and Southbank.
 - The **January 10, 2008** NW CPAC meeting will have a special program **“National Crime Stop Program”** - learn how NOT to become a victim of: identity theft, home burglary, parking lot assault, abduction, and purse snatching. Please bring your neighbors! We will be at Paxon Middle School Media Center, 3276 Norman Thagard Blvd. (5th Street) at 6 p.m.
 - The NW CPAC **Bus Tour** Subcommittee will meet at 5:30 p.m. before the start of the regular CPAC meeting on 1-10-08.
 - BJP FAC/PAC Quarterly Meeting – Friday, January 25, 2008 9 a.m. at the JTA Board Room, 100 N. Myrtle Avenue. The quarterly meeting of the BJP Finance Administration Committee (FAC) and Project Administration Committee (PAC). Contact: Marcy Cook, 255-8769
 - **City Link Where to go when you need to know.** City Services call **630-CITY (630-2489)** please have the exact address and get a tracking number and estimated date of completion.
 - Holiday - City Offices will be CLOSED - Monday, December 24 -25 and Tuesday, January 1, 2008.
 - ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) – Zone 1 924-5361 at Gateway, Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center and Zone 5 at 384-8028 but will be moving locations. Police Non-Emergency 630-0500
Police Neighborhood Watch – 630-2160
 - First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
 - JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- If you have any questions please call Marilyn Fenton-Harmer at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn for the holiday social was made by Member Elaine Burnett and a second by Member Edward Hall. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.
The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. for the annual holiday social.

The next meeting will be Thursday, **January 10, 2008**
Paxon Middle School Media Center
3276 Norman Thagard Blvd.
6 p.m.
NW CPAC Bus Tour Subcommittee at 5:30 p.m.

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