

MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Ribault Middle School – Media Center – 3610 Ribault Scenic Drive
Thursday, October 13, 2005

Committee Members Present

Gadson Burgess, Acting Chair, Magnolia Gardens N
Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile
Faye Richardson, Cisco Gardens
James Gloster, Kinlock
Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N
Robert Lawrence, Minosa Circle
Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville
Rev. Anthony Wyche, Ribault HOA
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
*Diana Richardson, Harborview
*Yvonne Smart, Washington Heights Est.
*Gail Blackshear, NPPC
Councilwoman Suzanne Jenkins, District 4
Dianne Smith, Executive Assistant District 14

Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N
Barney Roberts, Charter Member
Ernest Clayton, Kinlock
Gloriden Norris, Lake Park
Henry McMickens, Minosa Circle
William Taylor, Northwest HOA
Edward Ceconello, Paxon/Biltmore
Arthur Nettles, Pickettville
Doretha Tompkins, Riverview
Daphne Colbert, Executive Assistant District 10
*Lance Hunt, Victoria Landing
*Vickie Anderson, Palmdale
*James and Janice Green, Northshore
Shirley Dasher, Executive Assistant District 4
*awaiting paperwork

City/Staff/Public/Media

Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison, Director of Procurement
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Property Safety – Del Miley and Pete Sutherland
Kortney Mosley, Public Works
Alma Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N
Delilah Jackson, AARP
Elaine Billups, BLCA
Henry Clark, Palmdale
Darlene Bryant

JSO Zone 5 – Lt. Tyree and Lt. Waldon
Lou Gena Smith, Planning & Development
Joe Bailey, JHRC
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
George Maxey, Principal Ribault Middle School
Morris Crady, Riverview
Josephine Royals, Palmdale
Pastor Nick Phoenix, Panama Park
UNF Nurse – Catherine Thompson

Excused: Diane Kerr, Randy Mallory, Bertha Richardson, Janice Kelley, Elaine Burnett, Leila Mousa

Call to Order

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator/Planner asked members for a volunteer to Chair the meeting since our Chair Diane Kerr and Vice Chair Randy Mallory were away on vacation. Gadson Burgess volunteered. *There was a Motion by Member Thomas May and a second by Joseph Anderson to have Gadson Burgess run the meeting. The Vote: All in favor. None opposed.* The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Media Center at Ribault Middle School, 3610 Ribault Scenic Drive. Gadson Burgess welcomed everyone. He introduced Ribault Middle School Principal George Maxey. Mr. Maxey welcomed everyone to Ribault Middle. They currently have 640 students, 140 special needs and 240 foster children. Students are separated by gender and this appears to be working out with great teaching and leaning going on. He invited everyone to visit the campus by stopping by the main office. He wanted to make sure that we felt at home.

Invocation: Gadson Burgess

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the September 8, 2005 meeting summary as written was made by Henry McMickens and a second by Thomas May. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Guest Speaker:

- Councilwoman Suzanne Jenkins, District 4 “Downtown Entertainment District Bill” (4am Bill) 630-1394, presented information on the proposed bill. A FAQ sheet was handed out with a map of the revised “Entertainment District”. Members asked numerous questions especially what the Sheriff’s Office thought of this. Lt. Tyree was not at the meetings and could not address this question. Members were also concerned that once this was enacted that in 3 years time they would want to stay open to 6 a.m. and make the area larger. Suggestions from members to add a requirement for a “Topsy” “Taxi Service and to hire off duty police officers was made. While talking about Internet Café’s and wireless zones a citizen wanted to see if the NW Bradham Brooks Library could get the wireless zone. For more information on the 4 a.m. Bill you can check it out on the City of Jacksonville’s web site – www.coj.net . Councilwoman Jenkins can be reached at 630-1394 or Susanne@coj.net

Staff Reports

Mayor’s Liaison - Devin Reed, Director of Procurement – No report but on several occasions has received requests from citizens to fill a pot hole. He is here to help follow-up with issues that cannot be resolved by putting them into CARE (630-CITY). Members then told him about the need for ditches and nuisance lots that need to be attended too. He also talked about the job opportunity bank where donations and or grants to establish a trust fund to encourage companies to hire teens 18 to 21 that are chronically unemployed. He will continually update us on this. Devin can be reached at 630-1184 Dreed@coj.net

JSO Zone 5 - Lt. Tyree reported that crime in Zone 5 is down 4% from last year. He gave out blank Zone 5 Incident Report forms for neighbors to fill out and bring back to their organizations. Members were very concerned with red light runners and not stopping at stop signs. It appears to be getting worse instead of better. Fines for running red lights are now \$183. Citizens from Palmdale reported problems and offered the use of their yard for JSO to watch from. **Zone 5 Sub Station 384-8028** – 210 S McDuff Ave. **Zone 4 Sub Station 573-3165** Cedar Hills Shopping Center **Zone 1 Sub Station 924-5361** Gateway Shopping Center – Neighborhood Watch – 630-2160 and **Police Non-Emergency 630-0500**

FDOT - Milton Locklear – Updates from last month: engineers are still in the design phase for construction that may begin in 2006 for the railroad crossing in Grand Park. There was also a city issue – signal at Moncrief that he gave public works to check on for Mr. Lawrence. Ms. Blackshear asked about a signal at Main and Jackson – it does not warrant another signal at this time. Milton can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@dot.state.fl.us

Planning & Development - Lou Gena Smith prepared this month's report for our NW Planner Lara Diettrich who was excused. She reported on the following items:

3 items – semi annual land use amendment:

2005 A 004 11/23/05 AGR to LDR – 230 acres 9120 Garden Street

2005 D 025 12/15/05 AGR 3 – rural residential and no water and 270 acres – north of Garden Street

2005 D 026 12/15/05 AGR 3 to Rural Residential 540 acres located across from the railroad – south of Plummer Road

Lou Gena then answered questions and would check with Lara on the progress of the “halfway house”. Member Anderson said that he had spoken with Lara and that the Office of General Council was checking on the lease agreement. Members wanted to be sure that the Planning Department did check with the NW CPAC Vision Plan on the number of houses per lot. Lou Gena Smith can be reached at 630-0823 or LSmith@coj.net

Neighborhoods Department

Code Enforcement/Property Safety –Officer Del Miley introduced the new NW Supervisor Pete Sutherland. Supervisor Miley will be going to the North Planning District but Panama Park, Northshore and Riverview will be part of the North District to help alleviate the over 550 backlog of inspections. If you have an issue to report please call 630-CITY. The office number is 391-3600 and they are located at 1801 Art Museum Drive.

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

- Please pass out Evacuation Transportation and Evacuation Medical Needs registration forms to neighbors that may need them for an emergency.
- The Women's Commission is looking for the next nomination for the Poster Contest – if you would like to nominate someone please see Marilyn for an application.
- Don't forget to send your comments to Denise Ostertag on the “Park Rules” that was discussed last month. Please e-mail comments to Denise at Ostertag@coj.net (630-3570) and put Park Rules in the Subject Line
- If anyone is going to Lakeland for the Florida Neighborhood Conference and needs a ride on the bus to please let Marilyn know.
- The Mayor's next Town Hall meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 6pm at FCCJ South Campus – Wilson Center 11901 Beach Blvd.
- The Mayor plans to hold a Literacy Summit for the business community on Jan. 24, 2006.
- This Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005 will be the Annual City Wide Clean-up Day. The NW CPAC will not participate but individual organizations will be participating like Minosa Circle and Magnolia Gardens North. If you need more information please see Marilyn.

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

Sub Committee Reports

NW CPAC Bus Tour – Friday, November 4, 2005 will depart at the North Main Street Baptist Church at 7137 North Main Street/63rd Street at noon. Lunch on your own will be at Joseph's Pizza and Italian Restaurant across the street. A flyer with this information and a menu was passed out.

NW CPAC Holiday Social – Thursday, December 8, 2005 at the Beaver Street Enterprise Center at 6 pm will be our Holiday Social. The list will be passed out at our November meeting to sign up.

2006 Special CPAC Project – Members were asked if they would like to continue reading to children an hour before the scheduled meeting. They wanted to continue to do this but a discussion on foster children came up with the large number of foster children attending Ribault. Members had said that graduating foster children usually do not get a yearbook, class ring or attend the proms. It was suggested that we pass around a basket at each meeting and the funds that were collected could be used to buy yearbooks for seniors that were foster children. Members were told that CPAC is not for fund raising and no-one should feel obligated to contribute. *A Motion to pass the hat for voluntary donations at each meeting for foster children was made from Member Edward Ceccone and a second from Member Doretha Tompkins. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed. A total of \$74 dollars was collected and Pastor Nick Phoenix from North Main Street Baptist Church will hold the money.*

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and a second by Thomas Hudson+. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 6 p.m. Reading time 5 p.m.**
Saint Clair Evans Academy – Media Center – 5443 Moncrief Road

