

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Carter G. Woodson Elementary School – 2334 Butler Avenue**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2005**

**Committee Members Present**

Randy Mallory, Vice Chair  
 Lloyd Washington, Grand Park  
 Ernest Clayton, Kinlock  
 Orzola & Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N  
 Henry McMickens, Minosa Circle  
 William Taylor, Northwest HOA  
 Gertrude Peele, Reed Educational Campus  
 Doretha Tompkins, Riverview  
 Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition  
 Janice Kelley, Willowbranch  
 Councilwoman Mia Jones, District 10

Larry Solomon, Carver Manor  
 James Gloster, Kinlock  
 Gloriden Norris, Lake Park  
 Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N  
 Robert Lawrence, Minosa Circle  
 Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore  
 B. J. Scott, Ribault HOA  
 Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition  
 Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson  
 Tod Johnson, Willowbranch  
 Daphne Colbert, Executive Assistant District 10

**City/Staff/Public/Media**

Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison, Director of Procurement  
 JSO Parks - Officer Laurie McEwen  
 Milton Locklear, FDOT  
 Property Safety Officer Batts  
 Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services  
 Jennifer Kohn, Building Inspector  
 Elizabeth Mallory  
 Zee Carter, MHPA  
 Mike Jackson, Kinnard  
 Sandra Shabazz  
 Novella Williams, Old Floradale

Denise Ostertag, Chief of Recreation Activities  
 JSO Zone 5 – Lt. Goff  
 Lara Diettrich, Planning & Development  
 Nettie Cook, JHRC  
 Robert Peek, Director of Communications JaxPort  
 Alma Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N  
 Ann Luce, Times Union  
 Gail Blackshear, NPPC  
 Elouis Reed-Randall, Moncrief Springs  
 UNF Nurses  
 Brian Wilson, Kimberly Martinez, Catherine Thompson

Excused: Diane Kerr, Bertha Richardson, Ed Ceconello, Elaine Burnett

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairperson Randy Mallory called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Media Center at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School, 2334 Butler Avenue and welcomed everyone. He asked everyone to be sure to sign-in. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Meeting Summary**

*A motion to approve the August 11, 2005 meeting summary as written was made by Gadson Burgess and a second by Doretha Tompkins. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.*

**Guest Speakers:**

**Robert Peek, JaxPort Director of Communications** spoke on "The Asian Cargo Business". JaxPort (Blount Island/Tallyrand) is one of the largest and busiest ports in the Southeast. Jacksonville is the 13<sup>th</sup> largest port for containers and are continuing to grow. They hope to be in the top ten in the next 5 to 6 years. JaxPort leases port land to private companies. Currently their primary source of business is from Latin America. They just signed a 30-year lease agreement with MOL to export/import from Asia. With direct service to Asia this will service and support 3500 jobs from business distribution centers and high end manufacturing plants and save local companies by not having to truck their products from the West Coast. This has been the missing link and they will be able to build upon this for the future. This should be in place by late 2007 with ships sailing to the Asian market. The Port will receive \$7 million a year and they will build their own plant. They are currently trying to recruit another Cruise Line to Jacksonville however the current Cruise Ship Terminal is only a temporary location. They need to find a location east of the Dames Point Bridge to accommodate the larger and newer ships. Carnival is very happy with Jacksonville and the Celebration Ship sails with almost 100% capacity with each sailing. Jacksonville also received the honor of being number one in the customer survey response checking onto the ship. We are a drive to location but in studying license tags people are driving from all over like Michigan, NY and NJ. Questions were asked about Jacksonville being competitive – we are since we have 3 highways and 2 railroads in such close proximity to the port. Robert Peek can be reached at 630-3047 or [Robert.peek@jaxport.com](mailto:Robert.peek@jaxport.com)

**Denise Ostertag, Chief of Recreation Activities "Park Rules"** – The Parks Task Force met for a year wanting to take our system from the biggest to the best but this has to incorporate park safety. They have developed a partnership with JSO and Officer Laurie McQuen is the Parks Officer. Currently the parks have rules but are not enforceable by JSO. They have put together a list of "Park Rules" and want citizen input on them before they are presented to the City Council as an Ordinance. Currently we have over 350 parks. They would like to have park hours from dusk to dawn unless otherwise designated like a

basketball court that has lights. Currently they have had lots of problems with vandalism and they want to be able to ban the people arrested from coming back to that park. There were numerous questions on the rules. There are some rules in place but this would put all the rules under one City Ordinance. If the park is designated for softball people would not be allowed to hit golf balls. There would be no camping. The Ordinance, Flow Chart and layman's terms of the Ordinance were passed out. This is the time to let Denise Ostertag know what rules are needed and what rules may not be listed to get it incorporated into the record to go before City Council possibly in November. Please e-mail comments to Denise at [Ostertag@coj.net](mailto:Ostertag@coj.net) (630-3570) and put Park Rules in the Subject Line. Vice Chairperson Mallory asked members by a show of hands if they were in agreement with what was presented thus far. Councilwoman Jones just wanted to be sure that members were happy and that once the rules were enacted they wouldn't want to change them after the fact. There was a lot of information to go over. Member Danny Thomas did not see anything about loud music in parks. That suggestion will be added. Please be sure to get your comments in as soon as possible on the "Park Rules".

**Councilwoman Mia Jones, District 10** was glad to be at our meeting and wanted to hear citizen comments, concerns and possible amendments on the new Park Rules. She wanted to make sure that our voice is heard and the new park rules will benefit the entire community. The Councilwoman wanted to be sure that the citizens are satisfied and have a clear understanding of the rules now before they are enacted. Please be clear on what you want for the new "Park Rules". Since we are in the mist of hurricane season, please be sure to get registered if you need help with evacuation and have medical needs. You can call 630-2489 to be put on the city records. We do NOT have an evacuation shelter in the NW planning District. Raines and Ribault used to be one but no longer meet the standard (10-year old building or less) She is working with our Legislators Gibson and Hill to have shelter in the NW as well as the Emergency Operations Center. We do have a plan with JTA to have buses ride around the neighborhood and take citizens to a shelter. The closest ones are in Oceanway and LaVilla. They are also in the planning stages to have some plan that will be able to house pets. Councilwoman Jones can be reached at 630-1684 or [Mjones@coj.net](mailto:Mjones@coj.net)

**Vice Chairperson Mallory** introduced Ruth Arnold as our latest member. She had been attending previously as a guest.

#### 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. Devin can be reached at 630-1184 [Dreed@coj.net](mailto:Dreed@coj.net)

**JSO Zone 5** - Lt. Goff reported that crime in Zone 5 is down 6 to 7% from last year. In following up from last months meeting - Jones Road speeders were issued 20 tickets. Zone Commander Holderfield is currently in the planning stages on landlords/tenants on how they can be held accountable. ShAdCo Sector M will meet at Mallison Park on Day Street on Monday, 9-12-05 and Sector O same day at 7:30pm at the Pickettville Civic Hall. Members reported that on Avenue B/ Kenwood Avenue there are always people hanging around looking suspicious. We need more patrols in that area. At the corner of Edgewood and Carnation Road students have a hard time crossing the road. This will be assigned to Sgt Vito Terry –Traffic. Member Thomas May would like to see as much information on the web site as possible including the ShAdCo and DART information. There were other concerns that Lt. Goff will follow up on. There was an issue at a HUD house that had been reported to JSO around 40 times. Members suggested they call HUD since there are rules and regulations that they have to abide by. **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 – No report but a comment from the Joint CPAC Better Jacksonville Plan Meeting that they are currently going over projects and they do come back to FDOT. The I-95 I-10 Interchange is coming along nicely – there will be some slow downs and it is a several year project. Milton can be reached at 360-5686 or [Milton.Locklear@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Milton.Locklear@dot.state.fl.us)

**Planning & Development** - Lara Diettrich passed out the monthly report and followed up from last months meeting on the Crush Crete Plant and the halfway house for inmates. She has put in for an "Air Quality" check at Crush Crete. She has just received a copy of the lease agreement with the Bridges of Jacksonville to be a sub contractor at the halfway house for inmates in Paxon/Biltmore. Attorney Jason Teal in the City of Jacksonville Office of General Council will be checking on the lease to see if it can be sub-leased. Bruce Lewis has a flag on this property at the Zoning Office. The Brownsfield Conference will be here in Jacksonville Oct. 9-12, 2005 and Lara has worked very hard in getting scholarship money and hopes that citizens from Jacksonville will take advantage of this opportunity. Please call Gene Jones in the next 24 hours to put your name on the list. If you have any questions Lara can be reached at 630-4999 or [Larad@coj.net](mailto:Larad@coj.net) Lara will not be able to attend the Oct. and Nov. CPAC meeting but will send Lou Gena Smith in her place. She will not be available for the bus tour. Ken Avery was our Planner before Jack Shad and hope that he will be able to join us.

#### Neighborhoods Department

**Code Enforcement/Property Safety** –Officer Bates is now re-assigned to Zone 5 from Springfield. He is not sure if it is permanent. If you have an issue to report please call 630-CITY. The office number is 391-3600 and they are located at 1801Art Museum Drive.

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

- The Florida Neighborhoods Conference will take place on Oct. 20-22<sup>nd</sup> in Lakeland, Florida – conference registration

books were available

- Free After School Tutoring for specific schools was available and the deadline to register is tomorrow – flyers were passed out
- The Main Library is now closed. Mayor Peyton checked out the last book on Sep. 6<sup>th</sup>. The new Main Library is scheduled to open on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005 there will be the annual City Wide Clean-up day. Members were asked if they were going to participate. They decided that they will not participate with this event but continue to do their cleanups on their schedule.

If you need to contact Marilyn please call 630-7024 or [Mfharmer@coj.net](mailto:Mfharmer@coj.net)

**Duval County School Board** - Leila Mousa, Region II Superintendent and Carter G. Woodson Principal came by before the meeting to see how the “Before the Meeting Reading Program” was going. If you have questions please call 693-7938 or [Mousal@educationcentral.org](mailto:Mousal@educationcentral.org)

**Building Inspection** – Code Enforcement - Jennifer Kohn, Building Inspector for the Division of Public Works didn’t have a report but did pass out a brochure on “Use Common Sense to Spot a Con”. Please be a wise consumer and help the elderly and yourself not to get ripped off. If you have problems with contractors call 630-CITY. Jennifer can be reached at 630-1212 ext 3570 or [Jkohn@coj.net](mailto:Jkohn@coj.net)

#### **Sub Committee Reports**

**Special Joint Call Meeting NW CPAC/SW CPAC** –Were for changes to The Better Jacksonville Plan on Road Projects. There is a \$680 million dollar shortfall and they want to cancel 11 overpasses. They will be having a “Just Cause” public hearing on this before it is presented to the City Council. The information from this “Special Call” meeting was passed out with the minutes.

**Nominating Committee** – Thomas May, Doretha Tompkins and Tod Johnson will be the 2006 Nominating Committee with Gadson Burgess as an alternate if needed.

**NW CPAC Bus Tour** – Friday, November 4, 2005 location TBA. Members gave the following suggestions for the tour: Northshore, Cisco Gardens, RAP, RADO, Willowbranch Park, and Grand Park. Since Lara Diettrich will not be available for the Tour it was suggested that Ken Avery attend in her place since he was our last planner before Jack Shad left.

**NW CPAC Holiday Social** – Thursday, December 8, 2005 at the Beaver Street Enterprise Center at 6 pm will be our Holiday Social. Elizabeth Mallory is the contact person for the Social. She passed out a sign up sheet for members to say what they will be bringing to the event.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

*A Motion to adjourn was made by Gadson Burgess and a second by Tod Johnson. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 6 p.m. Ribault Middle School** – 3610 Ribault Scenic Drive