

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



**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Paxon Middle School Media Center, 3276 Norman Thagard Blvd.

**Thursday, January 10, 2008**

**Committee Members Present**

Gadson Burgess, Chair	Leroy Kelly, Vice Chair
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor	Barney Roberts, Charter Member
William & Lisa Anthony, Cherokee Cove	Patty Herndon, City Rescue Mission
Angela Nixon, District 10 Rep	James Gloster, Kinlock Civic
Cindy Parker, Lake Forest	Gloriden Norris, Lake Park
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N	Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs
Diane Kerr, North Riverside	Felicia Myrick, NWJ CDC
Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore	Penny Trawick, Pickettville
Elaine Burnett, RAP/RADO	Edward Hall, Ribault Hills
Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills	Linda Kittles, Ribault HOA
B. J. Scott, Ribault HOA	Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition	Yvonne Smart, Washington Estates

Excused Members: Ruth Arnold, Rev. Anthony Wyche, Jerry Worthy, Bertha Richardson, Brenda Waters, Josephine Royals, Paulette Turner, Doretha Tompkins, Gertrude Peele and Carlotta McIntosh

**Guests/Public/Media**

Kevin Gilpin, National Crime Stop Program Director	
Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N	English Watson, Magnolia Gardens N
Annie Barlow, Magnolia Gardens N	Alma Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N
Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens N	Vanchetta Cowart and Mr. Cowart
Ethel Cruikshank, Pickettville	Pamela Sherman, Bridegroom
Earnest J. Smith, Jax Youth Works	Gail Blackshear, JFSS

**City Staff/Resources**

Sgt. Spates, Sgt. Troxell and Officer Cally-Scott, JSO Zone 5	
Maria Buchwalter, Danny Connell and Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code Compliance	
Susan Cohn, Planning & Development	Milton Locklear, FDOT
Jocelyn Turner, DOH	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND, Community Development

**Call to Order**

Chairman Gadson Burgess called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 6:00 p.m. at the Paxon Middle School Media Center, 3276 Norman Thagard Blvd.

Invocation: Vice Chair Leroy Kelly

## **Approval of the Meeting Summary**

*A motion to approve the December 13, 2007 summary as written was made by Member Ward and a second by Member Solomon. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.*

## **Chairman Burgess's Report**

Chairman Burgess asked members to voluntarily sign up for subcommittees and he will appoint the chairs at our March meeting. He welcomed new CPAC members – Angela Nixon representing Councilwoman Mia Jones in District 10 and Felicia Myrick from NW Jacksonville CDC. He also acknowledged Annie Barlow from Magnolia Gardens N. and Pamela Sherman from Bridegroom.

## **Staff Reports**

**JSO Report** Sgt. Spates introduced his fellow officers. He did not have a report but said that the new Assistant Chief for Zone 5 would be Randy Hammond and the Sub Station was temporarily moving to 1024 Superior Street and would then move to EWC near the dorms on New Kings Road. They hope the phone number will remain the same. Members thanked the police for responding to neighborhood issues. Members continue to see tractor trailer's and school buses parking in residential neighborhoods. In the Carver Manor/Kinlock Drive neighborhood the roads were recently repaved and the trucks/buses will destroy them very rapidly. Numerous questions were asked but members are still concerned about tickets, truants and loitering on Division Street/MLK at the corner convenience store. The unlicensed and illegal car wash on Lem Turner continues to operate and continues to be a problem for the neighborhood. For ShAdCo information call the Zone Sub Station at:

<b>Zone 5</b> call 384-8028	1024 Superior Street
<b>Zone 4</b> call 573-3165	Cedar Hills Shopping Center
<b>Zone 1</b> 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

**FDOT** Milton Locklear reported on the following:

- There will be an open house and meeting on the New Kings Overpass on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at George Washington Carver Elementary School from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
- Currently there is a JTA meeting and presentation on the proposed Transportation Hub on Bay Street. A presentation for the NW CPAC will be set up in the spring.

Milton can be reached at 360-5686 or [Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us](mailto:Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us)

**Planning & Development** – Planner Susan Cohn, passed out the NW monthly report and reported that she is the new District Planner for the NW CPAC and is also new with the City of Jacksonville. She has changed the zoning notices to the new CPAC chairs. Questions were asked about a zoning concern and resident Vanchetta Cowart asked for the NW CPACs support to oppose a zoning change to 2007-044 which was RLD-G but due to a grant the city has to change the zoning to ROS(recreation open space). Ms. Cowart handed out papers stating the reasons why she does not want to have a park next door to her property in this residential neighborhood. Members wanted to know what the value of the property is. Members were also very concerned that the Parks Department did not hold any community meetings to see if the neighborhood wanted this park to begin with. A similar thing took place on Clyde Drive. Members believe we have enough parks and have trouble maintaining the ones we do have. They do not want to have a place for criminals to hang out. *A Motion by Member Herndon to write a letter for the city to have a community meeting and to oppose the land change till better negotiations with the neighborhood has occurred. A Second was made by Member Kerr. The Vote: All in favor with 1 nay vote.* Susan Cohn can be reached at 630-1062 or [Scohn@coj.net](mailto:Scohn@coj.net)

**Municipal Code Compliance** Code Compliance Officer Danny Connell introduced the new Zone 5 Supervisor Maria Buchwalter. She was happy to be in Zone 5 and has a very strong team which now includes 6 officers. Currently Code and Zoning officers are being cross trained to do each others position. Then they will be able to incorporate both into the CARE system to be more efficient and effective. Junk vehicles that are backed up on properties and have no tags are a nuisance for the neighborhoods when Code Enforcement can't see them. Member Solomon had more questions on junk vehicles. He stated that out of the 42 houses on his street there is only one that is a continuous problem. Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600 or [psafety@coj.net](mailto:psafety@coj.net)

**Department of Health** Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health Promotion reported on the following:

- There will be a Diabetes class on Jan. 26 which is free but you have to call to 253-2310 to sign up since there will be food and gift cards available to participants. It will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Health Dept. on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The Agape Health Center on Edgewood Avenue is federally funded and the cost is based on income. The main number is 253-1000.

Jocelyn can be reached at 253-2037 or [Jocelyn\\_Turner@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Jocelyn_Turner@doh.state.fl.us)

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

- The Mayor's Initiative "The Jacksonville Journey Take a Step" has been holding subcommittee meetings. You can go on line to see upcoming dates at [www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Minutes](http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Minutes)
- The JTA Commuter Rail Study will be forming a Citizens Advisory Committee. The group will meet approximately four times between late January and October, most likely at 6 p.m. in the evening at JTA (100 N. Myrtle Ave.). They are looking for a volunteer/representative from each planning district - CPAC. They are specifically looking for people who have a north-south commute across county lines of at least 15 miles. For more information contact: M. Victoria Pennington Marketing & Public Affairs, Inc. – 519-9478 or [mvpennington@comcast.net](mailto:mvpennington@comcast.net) Larry Solomon had agreed to be on this committee as well as Roberta Wilson. Marilyn will forward their information to Ms. Pennington.
- The Better Jacksonville Plan FAC (Finance Administration Committee) and PAC (Project Administration Committee) meeting will be on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the JTA Board Room, 100 N. Myrtle Avenue. For more information contact Marcy Cook at 255-8769
- BJP Meeting on the New Kings Road Pedestrian/Vehicle Railroad Crossing Project on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008 at George Washington Carver Elementary School, 2854 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street 5:30 p.m. Open House, 6:30 p.m. Presentation for information call Madelene Skinner at 739-2338 or [mkskinner@buildbetterjax.com](mailto:mkskinner@buildbetterjax.com)

**Stormwater Advisory Committee Meetings:**

- SWAC Town Hall Meeting - District 9 Tuesday, January 15, 2008 6:30 p.m. TBD
- Hogan-Spring Glen Elementary, 6736 Beach Blvd.
- SWAC Town Hall Meeting - District 10 Monday, January 28, 2008 6:30 p.m. Raines High School, 3663 Raines Ave.
- SWAC Town Hall Meeting – District 7 Thursday, February 07, 2008 6:30 p.m. Jackson High School, 3816 North Main Street

The Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC) invites all interested parties to attend the meetings to learn more about the Stormwater Utility and Fee. Contact: Marcy Cook, (904) 255-8769, for additional information or correspondence.

**City Council Town Hall Meetings:**

- City Council District 9 - Town Hall Meeting Monday, February 04, 2008 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, 2445 San Diego Road
- City Council District 9 - Town Hall Meeting Thursday, March 20, 2008 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Pine Forest Elementary School, 3929 Grant Road

Please join Councilman Warren A. Jones, Council District Nine, for a Town Hall Meeting. Special guests include: The City of Jacksonville's Public Works Department, Code Enforcement Division, Traffic and Engineering, and Sheriff's Office. Contact: (904) 630-1395

**SAVE the DATE:**

- Florida Neighborhoods Conference – June 26-28, 2008 in Tallahassee
- Seniors Residents – For information on upcoming events call 630-7392
  - 3-4-08 Quarterly MOB Meeting Metro Park 10 a.m.
  - 4-1-08 Mayor's Fish A Thon Hanna Park 10 a.m.
  - 5-21-08 Senior Expo Prime Osborn Convention Center

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 255-8236 or [Mfharmer@coj.net](mailto:Mfharmer@coj.net)

**Guest Speaker**

Presenter Kevin Gilpin, Director National Crime Stop Program gave a presentation on how not to become a victim. He presented information on the following:

- Credit Cards – be careful of scams, if you see a small charge on your bill dispute it. The following month there may be very large sums of money charged.
- Debit Cards – now all have a VISA logo on them. If you are a victim of fraud go to the bank and sign an affidavit stating that you have been victimized. At first the bank may restore your money but the bank will investigate this. On the affidavit form the bank may also take back the money. This will not happen if you go to the police department and report it. Go back to the bank with the police report so your money that was restored from the bank will stay in your account. Also go on line and report it to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)). They are keeping track of how many people are being victims of fraud.
- Credit Reports – you get one free each year from each of the three companies however order one each quarter so you will know what is happening with your credit history throughout the year.
- Home computers – turn them off when you are not using them. Your information along with your password can be downloaded without your knowledge via the broadband that you are connected with. Remember that your computer's hard drive never forgets anything.
- On line ordering – be very cautious on the companies that you do business with. You may not get the merchandise that you ordered and your credit card may be used fraudulently. You may not know what happens with a small company when your credit information gets to that company and how is it destroyed after it is used. Currently **PayPal** is a very secure site to use for payments since the company never gets to see your credit information. You can also get a virtual check from your bank that is used for a one time purchase.
- When paying with a credit card in a restaurant it may be in your best interest to go to the cashier and view the card at all times. There are lots of scams where your card is exchanged with someone else's as it is scanned and used fraudulently.
- Anyone can open up a credit card in your name. All they need is your name, date of birth and a phone number. All this information can be retrieved on line. Social Security numbers are not even needed since it is already on your credit file.
- Do not leave your Social Security number in your purse or wallet. If it is stolen it is much easier to get your identity stolen.
- Home security – get an alarm sign and post it outside your house even if you don't have an alarm. Get a "Beware of Dog" sign too. Use motion detectors as well as timers on your lights, radio and TV to look like you are home when you really aren't. Timers are also helpful when you come home to a dark house. Make sure your house looks like it's occupied.
- Mailbox – do NOT place your out going bills in the box with the red flag up. Someone can steal your bills along with your checks and copy them and you won't know until the following month when your bills come in. Drop your mail off at the Post Office.
- Ladies – when you go to the mall, dress down and do not bring a purse. It can easily be snatched.

- Keys – keep them in your hand and ready to go to your car and do not be on a cell phone. If you are occupied you are a better target. Don't get killed over property give it up.
- Shred all junk mail since the unused mail can have personal information that can be used by others to open up accounts.
- Weapons – keep them secured and locked up. Too many children are getting hurt or killed and or bringing them to school. In an emergency it is hard to get the gun and hit the target you may want to use a C.E.E. (Certified Enforcement Equipment) that is a spray that will cause eye irritation that closes the eyes and makes it hard to breathe. You may want to keep one near your front door and on a key ring. A concealed weapon permit would be needed if you have a large bottle in your car or on you. A permit is not needed with the small unit. The ability to purchase these was available. (\$25 for the home unit, \$18 for the hand unit and \$38 for the combo plus \$3 shipping and handling.) from the National Crime Stop Program, P.O. Box 345689, Palm Coast, FL 32135 (904) 685-2201. The spray remains on the person for 48 hours.
- A free CD is available after you complete this workshop on how to report identity theft or fraud. The program is funded through a grant from Homeland Security.
- If you would like to have this program presented free of charge contact the National Crime Stop Program at 685-2201 or [ncsp103@yahoo.com](mailto:ncsp103@yahoo.com)

### **NW CPAC Bus Tour Committee**

Members would like to view the following areas if possible: Paxon Biltmore, Moncrief Gardens, Town Centers, Lake Forest, cemeteries on Moncrief Rd. , Magnolia Gardens, RADO's new home, North Riverside home on Smith St. and community center (church), car wash on Lem Turner, new Fire Station, Willowbranch Creek, Bob Hayes Complex, Grand Park and the boat dock at Harborview.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

*A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Scott and a second by Member Solomon.  
The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.*

The next meeting will be Thursday, **March 13, 2008**  
Bradham\*Brooks NW Library  
1755 Edgewood Ave. West  
6 p.m.

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Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report January 10, 2008				
Project #/App. #	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC	LUZ Comm. Comments
2007-1248	PUD Rezoning	1662 Stockton Street, 2502 and 2510 Oak Street, and 2501 Riverside Avenue, between Oak Street and Riverside Avenue	1/10/2008	1/15/2008 current zoning districts CRO & CN, current land use category NC & RPI, proposed zoning district PUD
2005C-010	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	1209 North Lane Ave.	3/13/2008 (tentative)	3/18/2008 (tentative) Current zoning district RLD-G, Proposed zoning district LI; Current land use LDR, Proposed land use LI
2007C-044	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	2617 Ribault Scenic Drive	TBD	TBD Current zoning district RLD-G, Proposed zoning district ROS; Current land use LDR, Proposed land use ROS
2007C-046	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	2801 Myra Street	3/13/2008 (tentative)	3/18/2008 (tentative) Current zoning district PBF-1, Proposed zoning district PUD; Current land use PBF, Proposed land use LDR

JPDD Contacts:	
Land Use:	Gary Kresel 630-1945
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PUD Rezoning:	Bruce Lewis 630-7052
Cell Towers:	Bruce Lewis 630-7052
Administrative Deviations:	Ken Avery 630-2386
Site Review:	Seva Abasova 630-0257
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