

**Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Leroy Kelly, Chair
Gertrude Peele, Vice Chair**



**MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bradham*Brooks NW Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West

Thursday, January 13, 2011

Committee Members Present

Leroy Kelly, Chair	Gertrude Peele, Vice Chair
Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile	Larry Solomon, Carver Manor
James Gloster, Kinlock Civic	Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N.
Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs	Raye Gary, NCNW-Reed Campus
Linda Moore, North Riverside CDC	Lucille Grant, Old Floradale
Edward Hall, Ribault Hills	Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills
B.J. Scott, Ribault HOA	Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition

Excused: William Anthony, Bertha Richardson, Gadson Burgess, Diane Kerr, Joseph Anderson, Doretha Tompkins, Jim Green

Guests

James Kilcrease, PNG	Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.
Ruth E. Roberts, Old Floradale	Desefe Chevannes, 2 nd Mile
Brandi Johnson, NJCDC	Patricia E. Henry, NJCDC
Alyson Dew, North Shore	Melodee Dew, North Shore
Lisa Taylor, Greenscape	Michael Smith, UNF Student

City/Staff/Resource

Devin Reed, Mayor's Representative	James Kilcrease, PNG
JSO Zone 5 – Lt. Pacheco	Danny Connell, Municipal Code Compliance
Lurise Bannister, Planning	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND

Call to Order

Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with a welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance at the Bradham*Brooks NW Library Auditorium, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the November 4, 2010 summary as written was made by Member Arnold and properly seconded by Member McIntosh. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Staff Reports

JSO Zone 5 – Lt. Pacheco introduced himself and reported that crime rates are down especially in Zone 5. Members asked the following questions:

- Can an officer that patrols in the North Shore area come to their next meeting? North Shore is in Zone 1. He will e-mail Zone 1 and ask them to call her. Zone 5 boundaries are North of I-10 and West of I-95 to the county line.
- Members would like to see police officers get to know the neighborhood that they patrol and be friendlier with residents. Lt Pacheco stated that in February Zone 5 will have a bike unit and they do patrol the neighborhoods and get to know the neighbors.

If you have questions please call the Sub Station at:

Zone 5 call 384-8028 at 1024 Superior Street ~ Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Mall

Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills 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.

Guest Speakers

Greenscape – Board Member Lisa Taylor stated that Greenscape of Jacksonville is there to protect, preserve and plant trees. They are available to help plant trees in neighborhoods. They work with JEA. They only plant trees at schools, parks and or the right-of-way. If you would like to do a planting please contact the office at www.greenscape.org. It is better to plant trees before late April. Members asked if they plant palm trees. They have a very low inventory of palm trees but if you fill out the forms they will check to see the area it is requested in and let the organization know if it is possible. Members asked if there was a cost, no, not for neighborhoods. They also asked about dead trees there were located from 26th to 33rd street and the possibility of removing them. Send an e-mail request to the office and they will check into it. Greenscape can be reached at 398-5757 or info@greenscapeofjacksonville.org or greenscape@bellsouth.net and the website at: www.greenscapeofjacksonville.org

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative Devin Reed wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported on the following: There was a meeting last Friday and they discussed the following:

- The Mayor is preparing for an easy transition for the new Mayor. His last day will be June 30, 2011. The new Mayor will take office on July 1, 2011.
- The budget has to be submitted in July. The new Mayor will have less than a month to put together a budget. Currently all departments are putting together budget scenarios. For the upcoming new budget year 2011-2012 there is a \$61 million dollar shortage. In 2012-2013 there will be a \$124 million dollar shortage and in 2014-2015 there will be a \$171 million dollar shortfall due primarily to pension and health care costs. Departments can not cut anything more except employees. In the last 5 years the city has made cuts that didn't affect the citizens and didn't impact services. The latest scenario will be that services will be cut and people will be laid off. Nothing is off the table. He stated that this was a dreary picture but emphasized the importance of being involved. He encouraged members to get to know the candidates that will be running Jacksonville. There will be a lot of hard decisions that will have to be made in the next few months.
- The FOP rejected the latest proposal for the pension and 2% paycut. This will have to go before the Magistrate and if it is not resolved there will have to go before City Council.

Members had questions on the following:

- What percentage of the budget is service oriented? One third is service oriented and that one third is where they will cut departments that will impact services residents receive. He also mentioned that the city has 67% of the budget in commitments like the pension and health care.
- Members suggested raising the sales tax to bring in new revenue but couldn't see candidates campaigning to raise taxes. Mr. Reed stated that the sales tax could only be used for certain things.
- How can the city have money to build a new school? That is capitol improvement money that has bond money and was set aside years ago.
- Members read about the \$90 million dollar contingency fund. What about using that money for the shortfall. That money is for an emergency fund and the definition of an emergency is laid out in an ordinance.
- Will the city be laying off employees that are not in critical positions? There is a hiring freeze and they are not filling any new positions. Every thing is on the table.
- Members would like to see candidates be realistic and just say they will have to raise taxes.

- Members talked about how blogs are destroying our country. People assume they know something when they really don't. That is another reason to be involved.

Director of Central Operations and Mayor's Representative Devin Reed can be reached at 255-8639 or dreed@coj.net

Mayor's Office – Project New Ground – James Kilcrease reported on the following:

- Of the 4 ash sites, two have completed Phase 1: Forest Street and Lonnie Miller Park. They will start back up in the spring, knocking on doors to get access agreements.

Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY (2489) or the Outreach Center at 357-8077

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green asked to be excused. Transportation Member Solomon stated that our previous Planner Milton Locklear is with the TPO and sends greetings to the CPAC. He is doing well and is an asset to the TPO. If you know of a transportation need to let him know. Jim Green can be reached at 360-5684 or James.Green@dit.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Planner Lurise Bannister passed out her monthly report and spoke on the following:

- At the last meeting in November the items are still on the agenda with one change: 2010E-002 converted to 2011-002C at 6720 Norwood Ave. – the land use was high density and it was amended to medium density with a limited number of units. The PUD was approved and will be reintroduced at the end of the month since the land use was changed.
- The Mobility Plan and will replace the Concurrency Plan. If the CPAC would like a presentation on this to let her know.

Lurise Bannister can be reached at 255-7839 or Lurise@coj.net

Mayor's Representative Devin Reed stated that the level of service that you receive from the NW Code Enforcement Officers is why you need to get involved. Code Officers help to keep the NW neighborhoods clean. Please get involved and get to know the candidates running for office. It is important that they know what departments do and how much they mean to the residents.

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 5 Supervisor Danny Connell reported on the following:

- He thanked Mr. Reed and the NW CPAC members for the support shown to his officers. This is a hard job. If a resident is having trouble with issues they will try to work with them the best they can.
- They have completed a systematic inspection in Biltmore, Marietta, Murray Hill and Sherwood Forest. They will begin in Ribault next week.

Members had questions on the following: if there was a problem who can they go to for help since a lot of organizations are out of money. It was suggested to try the churches. Is it illegal to raise dogs and sell them? Call Animal Care and Protective Services at 630-CITY for that response. Please be sure to call in problems to 630-CITY (2489). Property Safety can be reached at 255-7000 or psafety@coj.net

Recreation and Community Services – Daryl Joseph asked to be excused. He can be reached at 255-7903 or djoseph@coj.net

Housing and Neighborhoods (HAND) - Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following: **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Workshops - CDBG applicants will be required to attend a mandatory technical assistance workshop where CDD staff will provide training on the application process. **Applications will be distributed at the workshops. No applications will be accepted from agencies that have not attended a technical assistance workshop. Last MANDATORY Technical Assistance Workshops** Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 – 6 p.m. - Community Rehabilitation Center (CRC) Institute, 5308 N. Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32208 **Mandatory Budget Workshop:** Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011 – 3 p.m. - Housing and Neighborhoods Department - 214 N. Hogan St., 1st Floor Training Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202 For more information call 255-8241

Stay Home Program - If someone you know is worried about losing their home, call 255-8200 or 630-2489 and ask to register for a free foreclosure prevention program. To learn more, please visit

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program- redevelops abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information call 255-8200 or 398-HOME or website www.nspjax.com
The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (NWJEDF) has public funds used to provide capital for project development. The prospective applicant must be a business located within the Northwest Jacksonville area or a business that is expanding its operations into this targeted area.

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, Thursday, **January 20**, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Emmett Reed Community Center, 1093 West Sixth Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209 Contact: Michelle Innes at 630-1273

Recreation and Community Services – Parks

JaxParks 4th annual Swim Classic - Friday, **January 14**, 2011 through Sunday, January 16, 2011 from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cecil Aquatics Center - 13611 Normandy Blvd. Come see youth compete from Jacksonville and all over, in this annual swimming event. Prizes will be awarded to all winners. For information call: 745-9630
Road to Olustee - Friday, **February 04**, 2011 through Sunday, February 06, 2011 at Camp Milton

Seniors - **Legislative Forum for Seniors - January 20**, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street, Calling all seniors ages 60 and over! Meet members of the Duval Delegation and voice issues and concerns affecting seniors. Complimentary lunch will be provided and reservations are required. Reserve your seat today. For more information or if you have a disability and need an accommodation, please call (904) 630-3690.

Riverside Arts Market – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/> **Riverside Avondale is named one of Ten Great Neighborhoods in America** by the American Planning Association (APA) as one of the country's 10 Great Neighborhoods under the APA's Great Places in America program.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events

- Magnet Mania - Saturday, **January 22**, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, Exhibit Hall B, 1000 Water Street [32204] For more information visit www.magnetprograms.com
- Know Your Options – for your child's education. **Tuesday, Jan. 25** at 5:30 p.m. at the Johnson Family YMCA, 5700 Cleveland Rd. get help in completing magnet and choice applications.
- **Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Celebrates 28th Anniversary** - Friday, **Jan. 28**, 2011, Keep Jacksonville Beautiful (KJB) will celebrate its 28th anniversary and honor Mayor John Peyton with an educational fundraising event. KJB received two first place awards in national competitions during 2010 from Keep America Beautiful. Tickets to the event are \$25 and may be purchased by calling Vivian Harrell at 630-3420 or e-mail vharrell@coj.net
- The City of Jacksonville and the **Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission** will **accept nominations** for the Fifth Annual Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Awards now through Friday, **Feb. 18**, 2011. These awards showcase individuals, businesses, organizations, schools and colleges that are making strides to keep the city clean. For an application go to:
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Clean+It+Up+Green+It+Up/KJB+.htm>
- The awards will be presented at the Mayor's Environmental Luncheon scheduled on Friday, March 18, 2011
Environmental Protection Board Seeks Award Nominations - Jacksonville residents have until **Feb. 11**, 2011, to nominate individuals/organizations for environmental achievement awards to be given at the Mayor's Environmental Luncheon.
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Regulatory+Boards+and+Commissions/Environmental+Protection+Board/EPB+Awards.htm>
- **Jacksonville Lacrosse Matches Will Feature National Powerhouses** - Duke University and the University of Notre Dame will reprise last year's national lacrosse championship while Jacksonville University takes on Georgetown University Feb. 20, 2011, in the Moe's Southwest Grill Sunshine Classic.
http://www.coj.net/Departments/Central+Operations/Public+Information/Headlines/20101216_Lacrosse.htm
- Grant Seeking Basics Workshop – Wednesday, **February 2**, 2011 at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Conference Room G – 4. To register call Janine Stanley at 630-2665 or jstanley@coj.net
- First Coast Vision: Town Hall Meeting on the Future of the First Coast- Duval County Town Hall Meeting – **Monday, March 7**, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place [32216] For more information call Margo Moehring, Director of Policy, at 279-0885 ext 161 or mmoehring@nefrc.org
- Free Homeowner (Deeds and Covenants) Leadership Conference Training, Saturday, **March 26**, 2011 at the Jacksonville Marriott, 4670 Salisbury Rd., 32256 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register call 407-875-0955 or e-mail Lindsay Coover at lcoover@becker-poliakoff.com
- Tentative - Free Condo Training will be sometime in April.

Phone Numbers

- City Link- **630-CITY** (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- 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

- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 www.employflorida.com

2011 NW CPAC Meeting Dates - Meetings Begin at 6 p.m.

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(Between Lake Park Drive and Oriole Street) Jacksonville, FL 32208 – 765-5402

Thursday, January 13, 2011

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Thursday, June 9, 2011

July NO Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2011

Thursday, Sep. 8, 2011

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011

December NO Meeting

Information not on the written report:

There will be a joint Urban Core, Southwest, Northwest CPAC and Women League of Voters Candidate Forums for the following:

- Mayoral and Sheriff Candidate Forum will be Thursday, **March 3**, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the FSCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., 32210, large Auditorium F-128
- Tentative Date for the City Council and At-Large Forum, Thursday, **Feb. 17**, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the FSCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., 32210, large Auditorium F-128
- The last day to qualify as a candidate is Jan. 14, 2011 at noon. The election is Tuesday, March 22nd.

Chair Kelly's Report

- Chair Kelly asked members for questions for the Candidate Forums. The Committee did not want the candidates to have the questions ahead of the Forum so they will not be included in the minutes. If members have other questions please get them to Marilyn by Friday, Jan. 14th at noon. Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Subcommittee Reports – none

Announcements

- Brandi Johnson, NJCDC Organizer, announced a Neighborhood Cleanup on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. meeting at Summerville Church, 2842 Mars Avenue. (This was cancelled due to the extreme cold weather and will be rescheduled)

Public Comments - none

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Arnold and a second by Member Solomon. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 6 p.m.
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