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



# MEETING SUMMARY NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.

## Thursday, November 10, 2011

## Committee Members Present

Leroy C. Kelly, Chair Larry Solomon, Carver Manor Joann Flood, Lynton Street Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs Raye Gary, NWCP, Reed Campus Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills Roxsan Currier, Thomas Jefferson Bertha Richardson, BLCA William Anthony, Cherokee Cove Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N. Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs Edward Hall, Ribault Hills Linda Kittles, Ribault HOA

Excused: Patsy Bailey, Diane Kerr, Doretha Tompkins, Ella Watson, James, Gloster, Danny Connell

#### <u>Guests</u>

DCPS Board Member Paula WrightAlison GralOrzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.Elaine BilluGloriden Norris, Lake ParkPennie EmRobert Ledwick, PickettvilleJohn PittmBrad FloydA/ AlstonVelma Rounsville, Timber OaksLester QuaStephen EavesMr. & Mrs.

Alison Graham, Jax. Area Legal Aid Elaine Billups, BLCA Pennie Emanuel-Funches John Pittman, Pickettville A/ Alston Lester Quaintance Mr. & Mrs. Minor Graves, Carver International

#### City/Staff/Resource

Marlene Russell, Acting Mayor's Representative JSO Zone 5 – Sgt. Porter Daryl Joseph, Recreation Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND

Call to Order

Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. with a welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive.

## Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the October 13, 2011 summary as written was made by Member Burgess and a second by Member Hall. The Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

## Staff Reports

JSO Zone 5 – Sgt. Porter reported on the following:

- Residential burglaries are up please remind friends and family to keep all doors locked.
- The copper wire in air conditioner units continue to be stolen. Consider investing in an air conditioner cage.
- Crime stats are down in Sector N-3.

Members had questions on the following: Can a car be parked on the city right-of-way and block the view of traffic from the corner. Call JSO to come and check this out. JSO has been called a few times but the car remains. Please call again and if not satisfied ask to speak to a supervisor. What do you do about sneakers on a power line? Call JEA at 665-6000. How can one find out the crime stats in a neighborhood? Go to the JSO web page at Crime Stats link:

<u>http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office/Crime-Statistics-Information-Acceptance.aspx</u> Offender Watch link: <u>http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office/Offender-Watch.aspx</u> 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 Shopping 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 Speaker

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA) – Attorney Alison Graham was representing David Cronin a Fair Housing Attorney. She is the Manager of that department. They work on 3 things: Education about fair housing laws, investigate - under cover to see if people are being discriminated against and litigation if they break the law. Legal Aid is a very diverse law firm with 40 attorneys that serve the community. They work on immigration, family law, Ryan White HIV/Aids, landlord tenant, foreclosure and more. Mr. Cronin of the Fair Housing would like to speak with the CPAC on a new grant they received starting in the New Year. They would like to partner with community groups to help end segregation in Jacksonville. They would like to gain access to communities to understand what the needs may be like a location where there is no transportation or zoning issues. David Cronin will be looking for ways to grow our community and to look more like our ideal place. David Cronin can be reached at 356-8371 ext. 275 or david.cronin@jaxlegalaid.org

## Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative - Acting Director Marlene Russell reported on the following:

- At this year's Florida Georgia event they had an event record with 82,000 in attendance.
- The Veterans Day Parade will begin at the Times Union Center at Bay Street.
- The Private-Public Partnership will sponsor the November 26 Boat Parade with fireworks.
- The Mayor's Reform Proposal is out and Marilyn has placed one on each table. It lists the new departments and direction the Mayor wants to take. There will be a hearing on November 22 if you have any comments on the Proposal.

Acting Director of Central Operations and Mayor's Representative Marlene Russell can be reached at 255-8777 or <u>marlener@coj.net</u>

## Project New Ground - not present

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

**FDOT** – Richard Prindiville reported on the following:

Projects under construction:

- Interstate 10 Adding lanes and reconstructing from east of Halsema Road to Lane Avenue (8.2 miles). Hubbard Construction Company of Winter Park began January 12, 2009 and should finish in 1,191 days (Fall of 2012) at a cost of \$58.9 million.
- Interstate 10 Rehabilitating concrete pavement between Lane Avenue and Stockton Street (4 miles). Russell Engineering, Inc., of Ft. Lauderdale began June 1, 2009 and should finish in 1,003 days (Spring of 2012) at a cost of \$11,532,220.95. *No lane closures allowed 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. eastbound and from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. westbound.*
- Interstate 295 Installing ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) from Interstate 10 to Interstate 95 North (14 miles). James D. Hinson Electrical Contracting Company Inc., of Jacksonville began July 16, 2011 and should finish in 400 days (Fall of 2012) at a cost of \$3,181,204.89

Construction is Imminent: (Work is to begin within the year)

• Main Street (US 17) – Resurface from Trout River Boulevard to Trout River Bridge and relocate roadway under the bridge. Also reconstruct the Trout River Bridge fender system. Superior Construction Company of Jacksonville should begin in the Fall of 2011 and finish in 715 days (Fall of 2013) at a cost of \$5,649,714.71.

Projects in Five-Year Work Program:

- Beaver Street (US 90) Rebuild railroad crossing near Hammond Avenue in 2012/13 at estimated cost of \$250,000.
- **Beaver Street (US 90)** Resurface from west of McDuff Avenue to east of Stockton Street (.9 mile). Bids to open in August 2013 at estimated cost of \$1.6 million.
- **Dunn Avenue (State Road 104)** Resurface from New Kings Road (US 1) to Interstate 295 (2 miles). Bids to open in August 2012 at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million.
- **Dunn Avenue (State Road 104)** Resurface from Biscayne Boulevard to Interstate 95 ramps (1 mile). Bids to open in August 2013 at an estimated cost of \$2 million.
- Dunn Avenue (State Road 104) Intersection improvements from west of Garden Boulevard to east of Walgreen's driveway. Bids to open in November 2012 at an estimated cost of \$400,000.
- Edgewood Avenue (State Road 111) Rebuild railroad crossing near 20th Street in 2012/13 at estimated cost of \$375,000.
- Interstate 295 Improvements at Dunn Avenue (State Road 104) interchange. Bids to open in August 2013 at estimated cost of \$935,000.
- Interstate 295 Resurface from Commonwealth Avenue to Trout River (6 miles). Bids to open in January 2103 at an estimated cost of \$10.6 million.
- Interstate 295 Interchange improvements at Pritchard Road in 2015/16 at estimated cost of \$6.5 million.
- Jones Road Replace bridge over Six Mile Creek. Bids to open in October 2012 at an estimated cost of \$3.1 million.
- Lem Turner Road (State Road 115) Traffic signal system from 44th Street to Interstate 295 (6.7 miles) in 2012/13 at estimated cost of \$280,000.
- Main Street (US 17) Repairs to the Trout River Bridge. Bids to open in July 2012 at an estimated cost \$1.2 million.
- New Kings Road (US 1) Resurface from Borden Street to Edgewood Avenue (State Road 111) (1.2 mile). Bids to open in July 2012 at an estimated cost of \$2.4 million.
- New Kings Road (US 1) Resurface from Dunn Avenue (State Road 104) to Interstate 295 (2 miles). Bids to open in August 2012 at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million.

Members had questions on the following: Where is the money coming from to fund the projects and how many jobs will this generate and hopefully the jobs will be hiring locally? He will check and get back with the CPAC. On Old Edgewood Rd. and Pritchard Rd. along Pickett Drive there were plans for Norfolk Southern to expand the road. They had meetings on this a few years ago. He will check on this also. Richard Prindiville can be reached at 360-5664 or

<u>Richard.prindiville@dot.state.fl.us</u> or Thomas Hill can be reached at 360-5647 or <u>Thomas.Hill@dot.state.fl.us</u>

**<u>Planning & Development</u>** – Planner Lurise Bannister reported on the following:

- There are no new agenda items and all previous items were approved.
- Planner Bannister wanted to say thank you for an awesome year and wish everyone the best. She also wished the new officers well.

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

## Municipal Code Compliance - excused.

Please be sure to call in problems to 630-CITY (2489). Code Compliance can be reached at 255-7000.

**<u>Recreation and Community Services</u>** – Daryl Joseph reported on the following:

- They are currently working on the ADA compliant with building or playgrounds to have access for wheelchair. They want to make sure all parks are compliant.
- The issues with the walking track at Lonnie Miller will be addressed.

Members had questions and concerns on the following: Will the Lonnie Miller walking track get markings on it? Yes. What is the status of the new park in New Town that broke ground a number of months ago? That is the New Town Success Zone/EWC Park. It is being done by the Jacksonville Journey and should be done by the end of the year. The Pickettville Community wanted to thank Daryl and the Recreation Department for working on the basketball court and park. Daryl Joseph can be reached at 255- 7903 or djoseph@coj.net

### Duval County Public School Board Member Paula Wright reported on the following:

- Duval County has increased the number of students this year by 2000 for approximately 125,000 students.
- They have opened up the James Weldon Johnson School with a number of programs. They are in the process of deciding on a name but most want to keep it James Weldon Johnson and add Academic and Career Center.
  - o It will house a number of students in the Juvenile Justice System.
  - Last year students that received a Certificate of Completion (465) mostly due to the fact that they did not pass the FCAT have been contacted to get tutoring to help them pass. If they do so before the end of the school year they can attain their High School Diploma. If they have the high school diploma they can start college, get a job easier and enter the military.
  - They have partnered with Edward Waters College (EWC) and they will be using classrooms and having mentors at the facility.
  - Next month they will be providing GED classes with FSCJ and not just for the students there but for the community as well.
  - This has become a reality due to concerned citizens like Dr. Baker and Ms. Norris, Mr. Wheeler, Quillie Jones, Jeremiah Robinson, Perry Robinson and Ms. Norris. Ms. Norris stated that they want to add career training to help get jobs that are available in the community.
- The Duval County School District grade is a B despite what people say or hear. Every district in the nation has issues and can do better.
- Community Meetings the Department of Education gave Duval County a waiver with the Intervene Schools for one more year due to the gains that were made. The State will be hosing three meetings. The first one was in Oct. The second one will be on Monday, Nov. 14 at Andrew Jackson High School. They encourage everyone to come to the meeting. The third one will be on Thursday, Dec. 8 at Ribault High School at 6 p.m. The article in the newspaper stated that the meetings were costing \$49,000. The State is paying for them not the District. Please attend the meetings to voice your concerns and empower the community.
  - The Department of Education State Commissioners will be having their meeting in Jacksonville on Tuesday, November 15 for the first time. The meeting is open to the public. It will be at Andrew Jackson High School from 9 a.m. to noon.

Members had questions and concerns on the following: where is the money and teachers coming from for the programs at JWJ? Will more tutors be needed? Yes. The community meetings need to publicized more since no-one knew about the Oct 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Duval County is not hosting the meeting but is trying harder to get the word out for the remaining meetings. The State did their own publicity. They are not taking a chance and have created a flyer and are flooding the communities where the meetings will take place. Will there be security for the Juvenile Justice students? Yes, but will be for minimum security students to get on the right track. Please feel free to come to JWJ at any time. School Board Member Wright can be reached at 390-2000. <u>Housing and Neighborhoods (HAND)</u> - Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

• The latest map on redistricting "The Lee" map was placed on tables for members to review. Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events

- Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair November 2 13 Home, Horticulture, and Agriculture
   Activities at the Extension House. For more info on ticket prices go to: http://www.jacksonvillefair.com
- **`Veteran's Day Parade** Friday, **November 11**, 2011 at 11 a.m. starting at the Times Union Center and continues down Water Street to Everbank Field.
- DCPS Community Meeting Intervene Schools Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Andrew Jackson High School, 3816 Main St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32206. Food will be served, child care for ages 4 to 14 years old, door prizes and transportation pickup at Raines at 5:30 p.m. Ribault at 5:35 p.m. and North Shore at 5:50 p.m. For information contact 924-3722 or www.duvalschools.org/intervene

- <u>Second Annual "America Recycles Day"</u> Tuesday, November 15, 2011 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St. [32202]. The City of Jacksonville, Keep Jacksonville Beautiful and Southland Recycling Services will celebrate Keep America Beautiful's second annual America Recycles Day in Jacksonville with a recycling collection event. In 2010, the partnering agencies collected more than 23,000 pounds of paper, plastic and aluminum products, which is used for the production of new goods instead of going into the landfill. This year, traditional recyclables will be collected along with used cell phones, iPods and chargers, gently worn shoes and teacher supplies.
- Council Member Reggie Brown, **District 10 Town Hall Meeting** Thursday, **November 17**, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.
- Jacksonville Journey's next meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 8th floor, Conference Room 851. Contact: Michelle Innes at 630-1273
- Thankful Hearts in Happy Homes **Pet Adoption** Event Saturday, **November 19**, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Animal Care & Protective Services, 2020 Forest St. [32204] Please come find your new furry family member. \$20 Adoptions out-the-door. All pets come spayed/neutered, micro-chipped and completely vetted
- The Mayor's Holiday Festival for Senior Citizens Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St. [32202] Tickets on sale at the Mary Singleton Center or Special Events Office, City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Suite 280 for \$5 (ages 60 &over) first-come, first-served.
- FOR NONPROFITS ONLY at the Main Library: Proposal Writing Basics Wednesday, **December 7**, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Library, 313 N. Laura St., Conference level G4. Limited seating, so preregistration is required by contacting Janine Stanley at 630-2665 or jstanley@coj.net
- First Wednesday Art Walk, December 7, 2011 rain or shine <u>http://downtownjacksonville.org/Marketing/First\_Wednesday\_Artwalk.aspx</u>
- <u>**Riverside Arts Market</u> Open every Saturday from March to December from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <u>http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/</u>
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- The Jacksonville Landing Market Fridays at The Landing from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Info: 353-1188
- **Project New Ground** is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

**Phone Numbers -** City Link **630-CITY (**630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number

- 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 contact 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools <u>www.duvalschools.org</u>
- Jacksonville Public Library 303 N. Laura St \* Jacksonville, FL 32202 630-2665 or <u>www.jaxpubliclibrary.org</u>
- JSO Police Non-Emergencyberryrl@comcast.net630-0500-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 or <u>www.employflorida.com</u>

## Happy Holidays!

2012 NW CPAC Meeting Dates Thursday, January 12, 2012 Thursday, February 9, 2012 Thursday, March 8, 2012 Thursday, March 8, 2012 Thursday, April 12, 2012 Thursday, May 10, 2012 Thursday, June 14, 2012 July NO Meeting Thursday, August 9, 2012 Thursday, Sep. 13, 2012 Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012 Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 December NO Meeting

### Unfinished business

• Member Ward stated that the work at the Northwest Bradham Brooks Library has not been done and needs to be checked since the NW CPAC wrote a letter from a Motion on the issues. The issues we wrote on the eaves/soffit are still being used by birds for nesting and trash and tree roots remain on the grounds.

#### New Business

• Member Kittles wanted to know if a "Tent Revival" on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> could take place on the corner of Winton and Van Gundy Drive. This would be on a residential vacant lot in a neighborhood with a 2-lane roadway and no room for parking. Call the CARE number 630-CITY (2489) and ask to speak with someone in Zoning.

### Chair Kelly's Report

- Chair Kelly stated that as outgoing Chair he wanted to thank each and every one of the members and staff for their work on the CPAC. He has enjoyed the position of chair and knows that the new board will do an outstanding job. The plaque he had prepared was not ready and will present it in the New Year. Thank you again for serving and attending all the NW CPAC meetings.
- Presentations:
  - On behalf of Mayor Brown Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer presented Chair Kelly a framed Certificate of Appreciation.
  - Chair Kelly presented all Northwest CPAC members and staff in attendance Certificates of Appreciation.
- Chair Kelly wanted to express his appreciation to Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for an outstanding job. She was the person that everything flowed to and through. He wanted to extend his personal appreciation to Marilyn and told the new officers to defer to her wisdom.
- Chair Kelly introduced the President of Carver International Minor Graves and he in turn introduced his wife and board members Mr. and Mrs. Lazenberry.

#### Subcommittee Reports

 2012 Nominating Subcommittee – Chair Kelly turned the meeting over to the Chair of the Nominating Committee Member Burgess. Chair Burgess gave the Slate of Officers for 2012: Chair Larry Solomon and Vice Chair Carlotta McIntosh. He asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair and Vice Chair. There being none. A Motion to have the Slate of Officers for 2012 with Larry Solomon for Chair and Carlotta McIntosh for Vice Chair was made and properly seconded. The Vote: all in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries unanimously. The 2012 Officers will be: Chair: Larry Solomon and Vice Chair: Carlotta McIntosh. Congratulations! The new officers stood to be recognized.

#### Announcements - none

#### Public Comments - none

#### Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn for the Holiday Social was made by Member Currier and a second by Member Solomon. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

No meeting in December. The next NW CPAC meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2012 6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive

Submitted by:

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