

**Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Gadson Burgess, Chairman
Leroy Kelly, Vice Chairman**



MEETING SUMMARY

NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bradham*Brooks NW Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Committee Members Present

Gadson Burgess, Chair
Barney Roberts, Charter Member
James Gloster, Kinlock Civic
Joann Flood, Lynton Street
Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs
Diane Kerr, North Riverside CDC
Doretha Tompkins, Riverview
Yvonne Smart, Washington Heights

Leroy Kelly, Vice Chair
William Anthony, Cherokee Cove
Cindy Parker, Lake Forest
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N
Gertrude Peele, NWNW Reed Campus
Elaine Burnett, RAP/RADO
Rev. Anthony Wyche, Second Chance

Guests

Brad Straley, Former Chairman
Rachonda Grove, NWJCDC
Carita Parks, The Hester Group
Rick McCann, Tetra Tech
Raye A. Gary, NCNW
Paul Kurtz, URS Consultant
Russell Libera, WRS Compass
Joann Stracke, UNF

Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.
Sandra Hancox, DCPS - Paxon
Claire Canty, Jacksonville University
Kara Kimble, Tetra Tech
Tom Majdanics, KIPP
Christine Walker-Gains, Second Chance
Phyllis Allums, Agape Adult Care Home Inc.

City/Staff/Resource

Devin Reed, Mayor's Representative
JSO Zone 5 – Sgt. Mahaffay
Daryl Joseph, Recreation
Susan Cohn, Planning & Development
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND, CDD

LaCree Carswell, HAND – CDD
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Danny Connell, Municipal Code
Linda Lanier, Jacksonville Children's Commission

Excused: Roberta Wilson, Patty Herndon, Ruth Arnold, Joseph Anderson, Bertha Richardson, Carlotta McIntosh

Call to Order

Chairman Gadson Burgess 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 Oct. 8, 2009 summary as written was made by Member Wyche and a second by Member Kerr. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Staff Reports

JSO – Sgt Mahaffay reported on the following:

- Good news – crime is down 20 1/2 % in Zone 5 but be cautious with the holidays approaching especially with burglaries and thefts. Watch out for your neighbors.
- Follow up from the last meeting:
 - The problem on Myrtle Avenue has been worked under cover and 12 arrests have been made to address the problem and decrease the activity.
 - More officers have been put on patrol for potential high school football rivalry games.

Members asked about the COPS \$9 million grant. They will bring this information to the next meeting. Members thanked all the officers for their hard work in the neighborhoods but especially in North Riverside off McDuff and in the Lake Forest Neighborhood.

If you have questions please call the Sub Station at:

Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Mall

Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center

Zone 5 call 384-8028 at 1024 Superior Street

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

Linda Lanier, Executive Director/CEO of the Jacksonville Children's Commission talked about how we can help Jacksonville grow great kids.

- The Jacksonville Children's Commission offers services to reach 30,000 kids. In Jacksonville 27% of children are under the age of eighteen for more than a quarter of our population. The Commission provides services with your tax dollars for programs to help prepare children to learn with after school programs and summer camps. The question of what year in a child's life is the most important was asked? Lots of guesses but the answer is every year in their life. Children can't re-do a year over. There are certain things that children need to get in brain and language development at certain ages and if they don't get it they can't do it over.
- Director Lanier talked about the need for health care and the cost of child care. There are 6000 children on the waiting list for vouchers for child care. JCC does not do direct health care but wants to have a holistic approach for family needs.
- They assist child care centers to go from custodial care to a learning environment.
- Children are in school care only 10% of the time and the other 90% of the time we need to work on doing a better job at educating them.
- The NW CPAC represents Council Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and most of the funding goes to these areas since the needs in these areas are the greatest.
- The 7 Full Service Schools are funded for mental health counseling through the Commission.
- In the New Town area they have been working on the New Town Success Zone project after Harlem's Success Zone. They are working on bringing everything to New Town to connect kids to all the services they need from before birth to graduating from college. They are partnering with EWC and the Schell Sweet Center to provide services.

Linda Lanier can be reached at 630-6425 llanier@coj.net and www.jaxkids.net

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative and Director of Central Operations Devin Reed reported on the following:

- The budget process is over for this year but the Mayor will be working on the River Access, crime prevention, job creation, and supporting the Jaguars. The Jaguars bring money into our community and we don't want them to leave. We need to get behind the Jags and do our part.
- This morning the design competition for the second Hanjin Container Terminal at JaxPort took place with Hal Crow winning. It is expected to be built in 4 years in 2013 and add 5000

new jobs to the community. The city is trying to attract companies like this that will have a competitive wage from \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year.

- The NW CPAC did a good job letting the city council know your position on certain issues. Keep this up.

Members had lots of questions on what type of training will the jobs require and how can local residents get the good paying jobs. Members want to be sure that jobs at the Courthouse, Project New Ground and JaxPort go to local workers. They would like to see contracts have something in writing that would guarantee jobs to Jacksonville residents if they qualify. Members need to be sure to hold the companies accountable by going to City Council meetings to be sure that the number of jobs stated is the number that will happen. Members would like to invite JaxPort back to another CPAC meeting. Devin Reed can be reached at 255-8639 or dreed@coj.net

Mayor's Office – Project New Ground – Outreach Specialist Carita Parks reported on the following:

- Preparing for the remediation clean up to begin in January.
- The EPA will hold two community meetings – one on Tuesday, Dec. 15 and Wed. Dec. 16 with the location to be at the Emmett Reed Center and A. Philip Randolph High School.
- Trainings with contractors have taken place. Rick McCann and Kara Wimble are from Tetra Tech and Christine Walker Grimes is working with Second Chance to talk to the residents.
- The Information Center is open at 1605-8 Myrtle Ave from Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FDOT – Milton Locklear had no report but introduced Carita Parks, The Hester Group and Paul Kurtz from URS on the I-95 Landscaping Project. Once the interchange is complete then the landscaping will take place. Craig Teal is the project manager and he can be reached at 1-800-749-2967 or Craig.Teal@dot.state.fl.us A PowerPoint presentation was presented and these are the highlights:

- The I-95 Interchange is the most prominent entrance into Jacksonville and thousands use this daily. This is themed as the "Gateway". They want to use landscaping that is easy to maintain, tolerant of harsh urban environments and native to Florida.
- The project will use native trees and shrubs, some ornamental grasses and wildflowers.
- The areas near billboards can not have vertical plantings and they hope to plant wildflowers there which will save on mowing and are more sustainable.
- The project is at 60% in the design phase. Bidding to the public and completion is expected by May 2011. There is still time for feedback.

Members would like to see the following:

- Members would like to see aerators on the ponds that FDOT has installed for the stormwater runoff for the I-95 Interchange. They suggested using solar panel aerators to save on the cost of electricity. There is a great need for the aerators due to all the mosquitoes.
- Members wanted to know how a wet and dry pond functions. One is always filled with water and the other after 24 hours has a drain system that percolates into the soil.

Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

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

- Ordinance 2009-834 - Conventional Rezoning at 5842 Grace Lane, currently CO proposing CN. The final hearings with City Council will be on 12-8-09.
- E-09-051 Exception - 5631 W. Beaver St. with the exception being sought to allow for a wood recycling facility.

Susan Cohn can be reached at 630-1062 or Scohn@coj.net

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

- The new fiscal year started on Oct. 1st and they have gotten off to a good start. They have down four systematic inspections in:
 - New Town with 58 cases
 - Robinson's Addition 57 cases
 - Lackawanna 86 cases
 - Lincoln Hills 174 cases

On Monday, Nov. 16 they will begin systematic inspections in Grand Park and Mid Westside. Members had questions on tractor trailers parking on Rowe Ave. and Fernandina. That is a zoning violation. Supervisor Connell will check on this. 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, Recreation Planning and Grants Coordinator reported on the following:

- One major project expansion that is currently going on is at Clanzel Brown. They will keep the Center open the entire time to serve seniors as well as the children.
- They are busy working and have met with some CPAC members and will continue to do so. Daryl Joseph can be reached at 630-3515 or djoseph@coj.net

Department of Health – Not present. The main number for the Department of Health is 253-1000 and Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or Jocelyn.Turner@doh.state.fl.us

Mayor's Liaison Devin Reed asked if Chief Carswell knew how much we all love and care about our Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer.

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

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is an entitlement grant awarded to the City of Jacksonville through the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (U.S. HUD) that is based on population, income, unemployment level and housing conditions. CDBG grants are used for a wide range of housing and community development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and improved community facilities and services, and must give "maximum feasible priority" to activities that will benefit low-and moderate-income persons or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Funds may also be used to meet other community development needs that present a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. For information on the 2010-2011 application please call 255-8241 or cdd@coj.net or <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Community+Development/Community+Development+Block+Grant+Program+.htm>
- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free Foreclosures Prevention workshops. To register, call 630-CITY (2489). The website Stay Home: Jacksonville Foreclosure Prevention is *designed as a resource to help connect you with the appropriate agencies for assistance. The City of Jacksonville does not directly provide counseling or legal assistance but will help put you in touch with someone who can help with your mortgage situation.* <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/default.htm>
- The Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP) Program, authorized by the [Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 \(HERA\)](#), will assist state and local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increase the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information on Jacksonville's economic stimulus efforts, please send an e-mail to stimulus@coj.net or 630-CITY

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Please contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Project+New+Ground/About.htm>

The Community Outreach Center is now open at 1605-8 Myrtle Ave. in the Oaks at Durkeeville Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any specific questions about how ash on your property may affect your health, please contact the Duval County Health Department at (904) 253-1000. You may also visit the Web site, <http://www.dchd.net>

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, 32202. During the month of October they continued to move forward in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The oversight committee held its monthly meeting (2) The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at UNF class continues to study programs (3) SHADCO meeting (4) Team Up program are in full operation (5) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. For information call Tina Rehmel (904) 630-1273 or <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

Parks

- **ARTS ON THE GO @ BALIS COMMUNITY CENTER** – Friday, **November 13, 2009** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 1516 LaSalle St. Release your artistic talent and come draw, paint, and make take-home crafts or take a spin on the pottery wheel with this free art class. Art instructors will be on hand to assist. For info call 630-4100
- **Arboretum Anniversary Celebration** - Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 1445 Millco Rd. Music, kids activities, guided nature tours, Florida-friendly plant sale, environmental information booths, vendors, and food.
- **Movies in the Park @ Dinsmore Community Center** - **Friday, December 18, 2009** 6:00 - 9:00pm (7126 Civic Club Drive) Come and enjoy a free family friendly movie on us inside the Dinsmore Community Center. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 904 630-4100.

Schools - Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org REPORT A TRUANT by calling **390-2093** or making an online report at <http://www.duvalschools.org> and for other info "Save Duval Schools" – www.saveduvalschools.org

Seniors – Mayor's **Holiday Festival** for Senior Citizens will be on Saturday, **December 5, 2009** from 2-5 p.m. at Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street. Celebrate the holidays in style! Join us for dancing, dining and entertainment at the Mayor's Holiday Festival. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 630-3690.

New Animal Care and Protective Services 40,000 square-foot shelter is now open at 2020 Forest St. to adopt animals.

Library – To learn about classes and events at the library please visit www.jpl.coj.net or www.coj.net

Riverside Arts Market – **Every Saturday** from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. Shop locally and Support your local market. Choose home-grown and hand-made items.

Community Dialogues: Place Matters, Tuesday, **December 1, 2009** at 6 p.m. at Emmett Reed Center, 1093 West 6th Street. This is session one of a two-session event. The second session is set for Dec. 8, 2009. Contact: (904) 630-4620 (Refreshments and child care available)

Department of Health: H1N1 Swine Flu Preparedness - For public health information and updates on H1N1 Swine flu call 877-352-3581 from 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week. Information is available in English, Spanish and Creole. As of Oct. 20 a total of 12 laboratory confirmed H1N1 Swine Flu deaths have been reported in Duval County. While most cases of H1N1 Swine Flu are mild, there are exceptions. Pre-existing health conditions often play a role in how individuals react to the flu. To-date, there have been 121 laboratory confirmed H1N1 Swine Flu deaths in Florida. For more information visit www.myflusafety.com

JEA - JEA's Customer Care Center hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. JEA's Customer Care Centers, including our business office located downtown, offer full service assistance to our customers, including bill payment, turn on, turn off and transferring service. Beginning October 1, 2009, a two dollar Branch Fee will be charged on your next bill for payments, payment extensions, and payment arrangements made at JEA Customer Care Centers. All other branch services are fee free. To avoid the fee, you may choose to make your payment, payment extension or arrangement using one of these options. All payments made are immediately credited to your account: By phone on our automated phone system at (904) 665-6000

Special Events:

World Congress on **Disabilities Expo**, Thursday, **November 19, 2009** through Friday, **November 20, All Day** at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. The WCD Expo is dedicated to improving the lives of those with developmental and physical disabilities, their families and professionals who work with them. <http://wcdexpo.com/>

Phone Numbers – City Link - where to go when you need to know 630-CITY (630-2489) www.coj.net

*Please have the exact address and get a tracking number and estimated date of completion.

- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Center
- 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
- JTA –For customer service call 630-3100 or www.jtafla.com
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. [32201] For info 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 info call 390-2000
- Duval Extension Office is located at 1010 N. McDuff Ave or for more info call 387-8850
- **JOBS – WorkSource** Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For info call 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com or 356-JOBS (5627)

Census Jobs

TO SCHEDULE AN EXAMINATION / APPLICATION APPOINTMENT ALL JOB SEEKERS MUST CALL **(866)861-2010**. TTY Callers: please use the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. The following openings are being tested for currently- Census Taker (Enumerator), Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants and Recruiting assistant / Census Clerks. Pay rates vary per position. Applicants who successfully pass testing and background clearance will be placed on a wait list, ranked by test scores. Census workers will be hired from this list. They will receive paid training, and many positions will work in their local neighborhoods or communities 20 - 40 hours per week-varied shifts. Some employees (Crew Leaders) will train groups and supervise daily payroll. VETERAN PREFERENCE APPLIES. Pay rates vary between \$11hr to \$16.50hr depending on test scores and the position offered after testing. For more information, INCLUDING A PRACTICE TEST, please logon to <http://www.2010censusjobs.gov>

Chairman Burgess's Report

- Chairman Burgess thanked members for their support for the last two years. It was a privilege to serve. He will work with the new officers and wished them well. He reminded members that citizens have a voice to bring real concerns to CPAC meetings. Members gave Chairman Burgess a standing ovation.

Public Comments

Tom Majdanics, Director of KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program, a new charter school that will open in August 2010 at 1440 McDuff Avenue at the former Greyhound Dog Track Building. They are in the process of renovating it. KIPP was founded 15 years ago and now has 82 schools in 19 states serving low income and underserved communities. They do have a longer school day from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with highly trained leaders and teachers. They will open with a class of 88 fifth grade students (24 students in a class) and hope with the CPACs support to help sign up students. Enrollment is open to all since it is a charter school through the Duval County Public Schools. Students will see results with the high expectations from everyone at KIPP. Meetings are public and once the building is renovated will invite the community to see what they are doing. Transportation will be available.

Announcements

- Member Burnett invited everyone to the Riverside Avondale 25th Annual Luminaria – A Festival of Lights on December 19 and 20, 2009.
- A guest wanted information on how to join CPAC. Marilyn Fenton-Harmer was able to provide the guest with the information.

Chairman Burgess asked all members to stand, applaud and thank Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for the great job she does for the NW CPAC as their extraordinary nucleus.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn for the Holiday Social was made by Member Solomon and a second by Member Wyche Anthony. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The NW CPAC will not meet in December.
The next meeting will be Thursday, **January 14, 2010**
Bradham*Brooks NW Library Auditorium
1755 Edgewood Ave. West
6 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report November 12, 2009						
Project #/App. #	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC *	LUZ Comm. **	Final City Council ***	Comments
Land Use Application 2008C-012 (Ord. 2009-655) and companion conventional rezoning application (Ord. 2009-656)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	At 921 Ardoon Street	11/12/2009	11/17/2009	11/24/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RLD-60 (zoning); Proposing CGC (land use) and CCG-2 (zoning).
Land Use Application 2008C-013 (Ord. 2009-657) and companion conventional rezoning application (Ord. 2009-658)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	At 6200 Norwood Avenue and Crestwood Street	11/12/2009	11/17/2009	11/24/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RLD-60 (zoning); Proposing CGC (land use) and CCG-2 (zoning).
Land Use Application 2009C-002 (Ord. 2009-663) and companion rezoning application (Ord. 2009-664)	Land Use Amendment and PUD Rezoning	At the southeast corner of Old Kings Road and Soutel Drive; between Pritchard Road and Soutel Drive.	11/12/2009	11/17/2009	11/24/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RR-Acre (zoning); Proposing LI (land use) and PUD (zoning).
Land Use Application 2009C-009 (Ord. 2009-794) and companion rezoning application (Ord. 2009-795)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	8380 Devoe St.	11/12/2009	11/17/2009	11/24/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RLD-60 (zoning); Proposing CGC (land use) and CCG-1 (zoning).
Land Use Application 2009C-010 (Ord. 2009-796) and companion rezoning application (Ord. 2009-797)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	7520 and 7552 Pritchard Rd. (southwest corner of Pritchard and Ineson)	11/12/2009	11/17/2009	11/24/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RLD- (zoning); Proposing CGC (land use) and CCG-1 (zoning).
Land Use Application 2009C-014 (Ord. 2009-802) and companion rezoning application (Ord. 2009-803)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	4990 Avenue B (West of Avenue B and North of Weaver Rd)	11/12/2009	11/17/2009	11/24/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RLD-60 (zoning); Proposing RPI (land use) and CRO (zoning).
Ordinance 2009-834	Conventional Rezoning	5842 Grace Lane, Lane Avenue and Verma Blvd.	11/12/2009	12/1/2009	12/8/2009	Currently CO; Proposing CN.
E-09-051	Exception	5631 W. Beaver St.	12/12/2009			Exception being sought to allow for a wood recycling facility.

* LPA/PC meets in Council Chambers of the St. James Building at 1:00 PM, 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

** LUZ Comm. meets in Council Chambers of the St. James Building at 5:00 PM, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

*** City Council meets in Council Chambers of the St. James Building at 5:00 PM, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

JPDD Contacts:	
Land Use:	Gary Kresel 630-1945
Rezoning/Exceptions/Variances/Waivers:	Folks Huxford 630-7033
PUD Rezoning:	Bruce Lewis 630-7052
Cell Towers:	Ken Avery 630-2386
Administrative Deviations:	Seva Abasova 630-0257
Site Review:	Susan Cohn 630-1062
Northwest CPAC District Planner:	Scobn@col.net

November 16, 2009 Preview Workshop
4 PM, 128 E. Forsyth Street (Florida Theater), 7th flr. Screening Studio

Land Use App. #	Description	Comments
2009C-016	at 8446 Devoe Street	Currently LDR and RLD-60; Proposing CGC and CCG-1
2009C-017	at 123 McCargo St North	Currently LDR and RR-Acre; Proposing CGC and PUD
2009C-021	Osceola and Watts Streets	Currently MDR and RMD-A and PBF-1; Proposing LI and IL
2009C-022	Old Kings Rd, between Picketville Rd and Lane Ave.	Currently LDR and PUD; Proposing LI and IL