

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



MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bradham*Brooks NW Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West
Thursday, November 13, 2008

Committee Members Present

Gadson Burgess, Chair	Leroy Kelly, Vice Chair
Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile	Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor	Cindy Parker, Lake Forest
Gloriden Norris, Lake Park	Joann Flood, Lynton Street
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N	Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs
Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs	Paul Tutwiler, NWJCDC
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville	Penny Trawick, Pickettville
Edward Hall, Ribault Hills	Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition	Rev. Anthony Wyche, Second Chance
Tyrone Davis, Second Chance	

Guests

Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens	Earlene Richardson
Phebee Lounge	Latasha Walker, NWJCDC
Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group	Cherie Peck, NWJCDC
Harold Riley, HabiJax	
<i>UNF Nursing Students: Sherline Pierre, Michael Snyder, Sheila Fox, Karen Mancera, Della Hutchinson, Jennifer Rogers, Asey Be, Andrea Russell, Sara Norris</i>	

City/Staff/Resource

Wight Greger, Director HAND	Joe Whitaker, JEDC
Lt. Tyree, JSO Zone 5	Milton Locklear, FDOT
Susan Cohn, Planning & Development	Jocelyn Turner, DOH
Kelley Boree, Recreation & Community Services	
Maria Buchwalter, Danny Connell, Robert Crawford and Dennis Steele, Municipal Code	
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND, Community Development	

Excused: Devin Reed, Diane Kerr, Patty Herndon, William and Lisa Anthony, Elaine Burnett, Jerry Worthy, Doretha Tompkins

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. 9, 2008 summary as written was made by Member Rev. Wyche and a second by Member Parker. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed

Staff Reports

JSO – JSO Lt Tyree reported on the following:

- There were 11 arrests made on Dignan Street from last month's report of drugs and prostitution.
- On 24th Street and Moncrief there is a yellow house that is very lively all night long with possible drugs but mostly prostitution.
- At Moncrief/34th Street across the street from Clanzel Brown there is a car wash that is very active with drugs and not much car washing. Children go to the center and it is not safe.
- There has been some positive progress with the car wash at 7841 Lem Turner. At the Special Masters hearing they were fined as a repeat offender at \$250 dollars a day for around \$18,000. Member Parker was most appreciative on all the help.
- Numerous members from Lake Forest, Carver Manor, and Moncrief Springs all thanked JSO for working hard in the neighborhoods. Moncrief Springs members really appreciate the officers walking and meeting with neighbors one on one.
- Members had concerns with a dead dog that was under a house at 1411 Prince Street. The house is vacant and the smell is terrible. They have called JSO and CARE and no-one seems to be able to help since it is on private property. Code said they would check on it.

If you have questions please call the Sub Station at:

Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Mall

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 Speakers

Wight Greger, Director of Housing and Neighborhoods Department spoke on the following:

- **Foreclosure Prevention Program** – if you know of anyone that is being foreclosed on the City of Jacksonville has a program to assist with counselors, legal services and up to \$5000 worth of assistance to help get a better loan. Call 630-CITY for the details.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program** is a Federal program that allocated \$4 billion dollars nationwide for the purpose of capturing foreclosed properties. Jacksonville has a huge problem and received the largest allocation in the nation with the amount of \$26.2 million dollars. There was a handout of the NSP Substantial Amendment for the City of Jacksonville. The purpose of the program is for acquiring foreclosures by rehabilitating them for new owners, making them rental units with controls, taking vacant and or boarded up houses for people who are in need of them. The City will not acquire the homes but will work with partners such as Northwest Jacksonville CDC and Second Chance Help Center. They will acquire the properties for less than fair market value, rehab the home and turn it into "For sale unit or rental". The money behind this will make the homes affordable. There is money for Code enforcement to be stepped up as well. The funds will be spent 25% county-wide and the remaining 75% will be spent in the NW. There is a very fast turn around time. This must take place within 18 months. They are waiting for HUD's approval of the city's plan and hope to have an answer in December. This is the time for public comments to hear what the need is and to make a big impact. Members asked numerous questions on what they could do: get the properties lined up, along with homebuyers, as well as renters and be prepared to make the neighborhoods more viable. Other questions were on HUD's screening process. They had called in problems to HUD like a next door neighbor that was selling drugs that was eventually murdered. How can you inject people into a community that have no kinship with it and they don't know how to be a homeowner or maintain their property. Chairman Burgess thanked Director Greger for the presentation. Director Greger can be reached at 255-8204 or wgreger@coj.net

JEDC

Joe Whitaker, Business Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, Jacksonville Economic Development Commission, presented the JEDC Year in review for FY 2006-2007. He had a 7-page handout that focused on jobs and what has occurred in Jacksonville. He spoke about Duval County's highest average wage at \$41,475 compared to Palm Beach at \$43,000. His objectives are to recruit and expand high wage jobs and promote a healthy downtown. Members had numerous questions on the following: When companies move to Jacksonville they end up bringing their own people for jobs. How do people in Jacksonville access those jobs? Data supports that companies usually only bring 15% of their employees due to the high cost of relocation packages. Jacksonville has WorkSource and they know what types of jobs are here and what education is needed for the new jobs. WorkSource is a real partner that helps fill those jobs to expanding or new companies. How can we have a more vibrant downtown with affordable housing? This is a hard question but the city is working on workforce housing with prices that support the average wage of \$41,000 and once the housing units come the retail usually follows. Members asked more questions on the Landing and assessment tests at WorkSource. Chairman Burgess thanked Mr. Whitaker for the presentation. Joe Whitaker can be reached at 630-1624 or josephw@coj.net

Staff Reports

FDOT - Milton Locklear reported on the following:

- A Public Workshop on the I-295/Commonwealth Interchange will be on Thursday, Dec, 4, at the FDOT Urban Office, 2198 Edison Ave. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. to allow time to review and discuss the exhibits and have questions answered by one of the staff. Then at 6:00 p.m. the floor will open for public comments.
- A Public Hearing on the 5-year FDOT Work Program for FY 2009/2010 to 2013/2014 on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008 at the FDOT Urban Office, Edison Ave. at the FDOT Urban Office, 2198 Edison Ave. at 5:30 p.m.
- He also mentioned that on Marilyn's report the JTA will be holding a Public Hearing on the BRT North Corridor Study on Monday, November 17, 2008 at FCCJ North Campus Auditorium, 4501 Capper Rd.

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

Planning & Development – Planner Susan Cohn reported that 4 things were on the monthly report:

- 2 Land Use Amendments – 2008-1026 at 2263 Lewis Street and 2008-1028 South of 1-10 and Ordinance 2008-852 6079 Bagley Rd and the exception E-08-73 for a temporary staffing office at 3005-West Beaver St.
- One of the applicants is here, Alberta Hipps, for Lewis St and one from last month at Imeson and Moncrief if anyone has any questions Ms. Hipps will be happy to answer them.
- 1209 Lane Ave – approved recently – from 2005

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

Department of Health – Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health Promotion, talked about the upcoming workshop on Diabetes. It is this Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Main Library. If you need health care services the Agape and King Street offices are available for the entire family with fees based on income. If you have questions call the main number for the Department of Health at 253-1000 and Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or Jocelyn.Turner@doh.state.fl.us Enjoy the refreshments that were provided by the DOH.

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 5 Supervisor Maria Buchwalter and Supervisors Danny Connell and Dennis Steele are all working hard with their teams. They are working to get 125 unsafe structures torn down and to get compliance by other homeowners. The process isn't short but they are working on them as quickly as possible. If you see something that may have fallen off the radar please call CARE right away. They are hoping to complete this process in the next 45 days.

- Members thanked the Officers for working in the Carver Manor neighborhood. The problem house has become a better neighbor. There is also a house that had a fire and has been renovated but it doesn't look like it could have passed inspection since the roof rafters are not straight. It is located at 6765 Richardson Rd. Code will check on this.
- Members would like to see another systematic inspection in Moncrief Springs. They did an inspection 5 weeks ago with 166 cited and will work on coming back. Can you please check on the property next to 1768 Helena St. that is a mess. They will send an officer out tomorrow.
- Members thanked the Officers for all of their hard work on the car wash. They are appreciated and they do put their lives on the line every day.

Please be sure to call in problems to 630-CITY (2489). Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600 or psafety@coj.net

Mayor's Office/Ash Site Remediation – Director Wight Greger on behalf of the Mayor's Office stated that the Ash Remediation would start in 2009. The information will be brought to the CPAC meetings in the New Year starting with the Hester Group and the engineers.

Recreation and Community Services – Deputy Director Kelley Boree reported that the parks survey is ready and available. Please take time to fill it out and get feedback from your neighborhoods. The survey will be on line at jaxparks.com in the upcoming week. The survey's can be brought back to the NW CPAC Jan. meeting or sent to 851 North Market St., 32202. Kelley Boree can be reached at 630-0142 or kboree@coj.net

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

- **The Housing Services Division is sponsoring classes on: Facing Foreclosure?** Call 630-CITY to get help.
- Jacksonville Area legal Aid Northside "Project House-Hold" can be reached at 390-4019
- **Jacksonville Journey** Funding Solicitations (<http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Funding+Solicitations.htm#team>)
[TEAM UP After School Programs for the Jacksonville Journey](#) - [Early Learning Program for the Jacksonville Journey](#) - [Juvenile Crime Prevention/Intervention Program for the Jacksonville Journey](#) - [Out of School Suspension for the Jacksonville Journey](#) - [Summer Camp Programs for the Jacksonville Journey and JCC](#)
 If you are interested in being added to the mailing list regarding future Jacksonville Journey funding solicitations, please make your request by e-mail to MLAIDLER@coj.net.
- **2008 Jacksonville Light Parade** Light up the river...Light up the sky Light up the holidays **Saturday, November 29** 7 p.m., Downtown Riverfront. For information 630-3690 or e-mail events@coj.net
- **Metropolitan Park** Charrette Visioning Workshop needs your ideas to help guide future improvements. It will be held **Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008** from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the training room at the Ed Ball Building near the entrance on Adams Street between Hogan and Julia streets. To participate, call 356-2846 or e-mail sharrell@jaxpride.org
- JTA will be holding a public meeting on the **BRT North Bus Corridor Study Monday, Nov. 17, 2008** at 6 p.m. at FCCJ North Campus Auditorium C – 126, 4501 Capper Road. Deadline to submit comments is Nov. 20 to Winova Hart-Mayer at JTA, Post Officer Drawer O, Jacksonville, FL 32203 or whart@jtafla.com or 630-3185
- The Riverside Arts Market is tentatively set to open March 14, 2009. Riverside Avondale Preservation, Inc. (RAP) has a contest for artists to design a logo for the market that will be underneath the Fuller Warren Bridge structure. The winner will receive a free booth at the market for a month. The deadline is Nov. 12 and submissions should be sent to Doug Coleman at doug.coleman@yahoo.com
- Not Just for Baby Boomers Film Series: **Free showings of Baby Boomers' favorite films**, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 5:45 p.m., Main Library, Hicks Auditorium. For a complete list of movies visit <http://jpl.coj.net/progs/main/notjustforboomers.html> - about classes/events at the library visit <http://jpl.coj.net/>
- **Mayor's Senior Holiday Festival** - December 6, 2008 at 2-5 p.m. - Prime Osborn Convention Center - For information call 630-7392 for cost and tickets. Dancing, dining and entertainment at the Mayor's Festival allows seniors to celebrate the holidays in style.

- JaxParks presents **Movies in the Park** at Clanzel Brown, **Friday, December 12**, 2008 from 6 pm - 9:30 pm 4545 Moncrief Blvd. Come watch a holiday movie; with free refreshments. For more information call 630-4100

If you have questions please call Marilyn Fenton-Harmer at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

JEDC TO HOST TOUR OF CITY'S ENTERPRISE ZONE

The Jacksonville Economic Development Commission (JEDC) will host a tour of the city's Enterprise Zone to showcase available real estate, success stories, developments and a walking tour of Trend Offset Printing.

- WHEN:** 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Meeting at 9.a.m.) - **Friday, November 14**
WHERE: Gateway Mall, 5184 Norwood Avenue - Transportation will be provided on buses
WHAT: The city's Enterprise Zone is a state and federal geographically designated area targeted for economic revitalization. Businesses operating in this area are eligible for numerous financial incentives and benefits that further promote economic growth and job creation. Please R.S.V.P. to Corey Craig at 630-1304 or ccraig@coj.net.

2009 Elections

The Slate of Officers for the NW CPAC for 2009:

Chair Gadson Burgess and Vice Chair Leroy Kelly

Nominations from the floor for both positions were offered. There being none, the nominations were closed. Members unanimously voted for the 2009 Slate of Officers Chair Burgess and Vice Chair Kelly.

Chairman Burgess's Report

- Thanked the members for their support this past year and looks forward to 2009.

Presentations

- On behalf of Mayor Peyton, Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer presented Chairman Burgess for his leadership this past year a framed certificate signed by Mayor Peyton and Director of the Housing and Neighborhoods Department Wight Greger and a special Mayor's Commemorative Edition of *Miles From Downtown Photographs of Jacksonville's Preservation Lands* by Wes Lester.
- Certificates signed by Mayor Peyton and Director Greger were also presented to Vice Chair Leroy Kelly and subcommittee leaders.
- Chairman Burgess thanked members and presented Certificates of Appreciation to all NW CPAC members and staff in attendance.
- Chairman Burgess on behalf of the NW CPAC presented Marilyn Fenton-Harmer a Certificate for Outstanding Performance and Excellence in her responsibilities and duties.

Announcements/Public Comments

- Member Tyrone Davis asked the NW CPAC for a letter of support for the Second Chance Help Center, Inc. to manage the Joe James Community Center located at 1631 Hurst Street. They would provide activities such as tutoring, tennis, basketball etc. to the children of the neighborhood. *Member Arnold made the Motion to write a letter of support for the Second Chance Help Center, Inc. to manage the Joe James Community Center located at 1631 Hurst Street. They would provide activities such as tutoring, tennis, basketball etc. to the children of the neighborhood. Member Tutwiler made the second. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.*
- Member Tutwiler introduced Natasha Walker and Cherie Peck that are working for the NWJ CDC and will be attending the meetings.
- Member Ward asked about the Seeds of Change housing program where there was \$1 million dollars for housing – how many houses did it refurbish and will the program continue in the neighborhood.
- Grace and Truth CDC will be having a cleanup on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 with free breakfast and lunch provided to volunteers.

Motion to Adjourn

Chairman Burgess asked members to please stack the chairs and wished everyone a very special Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Arnold and a second by Member Parker. The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 8, 2009**
Bradham*Brooks NW Library Auditorium
1755 Edgewood Ave. West
6 p.m.

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Neighborhood Coordinator
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Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report August 14, 2008						
Project #/App. #	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC *	LUZ Comm. **	Final City Council ***	Comments
E-08-50	Exception	1186 Edgewood Avenue	8/14/2008			Exception sought to remove conditions for billiard parlor.
MM-08-15	Minor Modification	Intersection of Pritchard Road and I-295	8/14/2008			To allow monument signage on the Volkswagen distribution center site and decrease the maximum wall signage area for the same site from 10% to 5%.
Ordinance 2008-547; Land Use App. 2007C-065	Land Use Amendment & Conventional Rezoning	SW of I-295 and Old Kings Rd N. between Moncreif Rd W. and Miriam St.	8/14/2008	8/19/2008	8/26/2008	Current land use category LDR and zoning district RR; Proposed land use category LI and zoning district IL

* 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/Variations/Waivers:	Folks Huxford 630-7033
PUD Rezoning:	Bruce Lewis 630-7052
Cell Towers:	Bruce Lewis 630-7052
Administrative Deviations:	Ken Avery 630-2386
Site Review:	Seva Abasova 630-0257
Northwest CPAC District Planner:	Susan Cohn 630-1062
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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
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City of Jacksonville ~ Housing and Neighborhoods Department
214 N. Hogan St., 8th floor ~ Jacksonville, FL 32202 ~ (904) 255-8236

November 14, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Support for Second Chance Help Center, Inc.

At the Thursday, November 13, 2008 Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (NW CPAC) meeting a Motion was made to write a letter in support of Member Rev. Anthony Wyche's Second Chance Help Center, Inc. to manage the Joe James Community Center located at 1631 Hurst Street.

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If you have any questions please call me at 764-2957.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gadson Burgess
NW CPAC Chairman