

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



**MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bradham*Brooks NW Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West

Thursday, November 4, 2010

Committee Members Present

Leroy Kelly, Chair	Gertrude Peele, Vice Chair
Bertha Richardson, BLCA	Larry Solomon, Carver Manor
Barney Roberts, Charter Member	Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N.	Raye Gary, NCNW – Reed Campus
Linda Moore, North Riverside CDC	Yvonne Smart, Washington Heights Estates

Excused: Ruth Arnold, Patty Herndon, Joseph Anderson, Diane Kerr, Doretha Tompkins, Yvonne Ward, Carlotta McIntosh, Roberta Wilson and Danny Connell,

Guests

Roxsan Currier, Thomas Jefferson	Tim Rossetter, Thomas Jefferson
Thomas Gary	Thomas Patton, Candidate Jax. City Council
Brandi Johnson, Northwest Jax. CDC	Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks
Cheryl Williams, Grace and Truth CDC	Alyson Dew, North Shore
Melodee Dew, North Shore	Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks
Gwendolyn Harris, Timber Oaks	Elaine Billups, BLCA

City/Staff/Resource

Devin Reed, Mayor's Representative	JSO Zone 5 Lt. Tyree and Sgt. Mahaffay
Jim Green, FDOT	Daryl Joseph, Recreation & Community Services
Lurise Bannister, Planning	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND, Neighborhood Initiatives

Call to Order

Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:06 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

When a quorum was established a motion to approve the October 14, 2010 summary as written was made by Member Burgess and a second by Member Anthony. The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

JSO Zone 5 - Lt. Tyree reported on the following:

- Crime is down 10% overall and with 2 months left hope to maintain this trend which was down 22% last year.
- There have been no issues with football games with rival teams like Raines and Ribault.
- The car wash on Lem Turner has been reported to narcotics again.

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

Presentations

- On behalf of Mayor Peyton and Director of Housing and Neighborhoods Department Wight Greger, Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer presented Chair Kelly a framed certificate of appreciation signed by Mayor Peyton and the book *Just Miles from Downtown – Photographs of Jacksonville’s Preservation Lands*.
- Certificates signed by Mayor Peyton were also presented to subcommittee leaders.
- Chair Kelly thanked and presented Certificates of Appreciation to all NW CPAC members, City Council and staff members in attendance. He thanked and recognized the members for their work and the invaluable service to our respective communities.
- The Chair thanked the NW Municipal Code Officers for their work in the neighborhoods.
- Chair Kelly and members thanked and appreciated Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for all her hard work on behalf of the NW CPAC.

Staff Reports

Mayor’s Representative Devin Reed - did not have a formal report but talked about the upcoming election for Mayor and City Council in March. He asked members to find out who the candidates are and vote their conscience. This is a tough time with the upcoming budget and the need to know who can keep the city afloat. 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 – not present. They can be reached at 630-CITY or 357-8077

FDOT – Urban Planning Administrator Jim Green introduced himself. He will be taking Milton Locklear’s place. Before Milton he did attend the NW CPAC. He reported on the following:

- There will be a public workshop on the I-95 Overland Bridge Project on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the Duval County School Board Building beginning at 4:30 p.m. to answer questions. There will be a formal meeting in January. The structure was built in the mid 1950s and needs to be replaced. A new website on the I-95 Overland Bridge has been set up at: <http://www.i95overlandbridge.com/i95overland>
- He will follow up on issues from the previous meeting (i.e. retention ponds) and bring back information to the next meeting.
- The issue of tractor trailers on Tallulah during construction with the narrow lanes will be looked into but once the road is completely renovated it would return with the trucks since it is a State of Florida Road. If the road were a city roadway this could be addressed but the city has refused to take it. This is the shortest route from Main Street to I-95.

Jim Green can be reached at 360-5684 or James.Green@dot.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Planner Lurise Bannister and LUZ Member Anthony reported on the following:

- Amendment 4 was defeated and nothing changes as it remains in the elected official’s decision.
- Land Use Amendment LUA 2010-E-002 at 6720 Norwood Ave. is currently HDR and is proposing to be a PUD for a 70-unit senior housing.
- The other 3 application will be going before City Council on December 16, 2010.

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). Property Safety can be reached at 255-7000 or psafety@coj.net

Recreation and Community Services – Daryl Joseph reported on the following:

- Arts on the Go @ E.B. Ford Community Center - Friday, December 10, 2010 from 6 - 8 p.m. at 2839 W. Beaver Street. Release your artistic talents. Come draw, paint, and make take home crafts and more, and it’s all free. For more information call 255-7911

Daryl Joseph can be reached at 255-7903 or djoseph@coj.net

HAND – Neighborhoods Initiatives Team – Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer

reported on the following: **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:** Public Hearing

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department will hold public meetings concerning the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments (Con AI/Plan) for the City of Jacksonville. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the progress of the Consolidated Plan document that governs our **Fair Housing Policy** to express housing needs, and to make recommendations. A hearing will be held on: **Thursday, November 18, 2010** at 6 p.m. at the Community Rehabilitation Center, 5308 N. Pearl Street – Green Training Room [32202]
- **City's Mortgage Financing Assistance Program Extended** - The Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority (JHFA) has issued an additional \$20 million in Single Family Mortgage Revenue bonds. These proceeds will provide low interest mortgage financing and funding assistance for down payments or closing cost expenses to local families in need. In addition, the program has lowered the interest rate for a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage to 3.99 percent and extended the program until Feb. 1, 2011 to allow qualified homebuyers more opportunities to participate. All other requirements and information can be found in the 2010 Single-Family New bond brochure at www.coj.net keyword search "single family programs". Homebuyers interested in this program should call 630-CITY (2489) to receive contact information for the lenders.
- 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 the website at: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- The **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)** is a \$26 million initiative that utilizes HUD money to buy foreclosed houses. Developers purchase the homes, renovate them to strict standards including new Energy Star-rated appliances and the homes are sold to qualified homebuyers. Homes are available in the 32206, 32208, 32209, 32244 and 32254 zip codes. Twenty-eight homes have sold so far and there are currently 29 homes remaining to be sold that do not have potential homebuyers. Families and individuals with an adjusted family income of up to 120 percent of the area household median income are eligible to participate. A family of four can earn as much as \$78,000 and qualify for an NSP home. Buyers can own for as little as \$500 down and may qualify for purchase assistance. For more information about NSP go to www.nspjax.com or call (904)398-HOME (4663).

Recreation and Community Services – Parks

- Deutsche Bank presents JaxParks **Arts on the Go** – Friday, **November 5, 2010** 6 - 8 p.m. at Murray Hill Art Center - 4327 Kerle St. Come release your artistic talents while you learn to draw, paint, create take-home crafts, and more. Open to all ages. This is another free JaxParks community event. For more information call 630-CITY
- **Jax Kids Day** – Saturday, **November 6, 2010** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Main Library and Hemming Plaza Downtown Mayor Peyton's Book Club celebration, Red Wagon Parade, Baby Jam, Health Screenings, costume characters and a whole lot more fun! Contact: (904) 630-6405
- **Arts on the Go** @ E.B. Ford Community Center - Friday, **December 10, 2010** 6 - 8 p.m. at 2839 W. Beaver Street Release your artistic talents. Come draw, paint, and make take home crafts and more, and it's all free. Contact: For more information call 255-7911
- JaxParks' **After School M3 Zone:** Motivating Maximum Motion is getting back to basics this year with a renewed emphasis on outdoor activities and increased opportunities for older kids. Participants ages 6 to 17 will experience sports, fitness activities, community center gardens, dance and more. JaxParks After School also offers homework assistance and unique educational activities to provide a healthy balance for our youth. The program is offered at [18 community centers](#) throughout Duval County. JaxParks After School runs from 3 to 6 p.m. on days when Duval County schools are in session. Schedules also coincide with Duval County Public Schools early release dates. Snacks are provided. Parents or guardians are required to provide transportation for the child(ren). Call 630-CITY (2489) for information on all JaxPark's programs.

Seniors Mayor's Holiday Festival for Senior Citizens – Saturday, **December 4, 2010** from 2-5 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Celebrate the holidays in style! Join us for dancing, dining and entertainment at the Mayor's Holiday Festival. Tickets are \$8. For more information, call 630-3690.

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, **November 18, 2010** at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor. For info call 630-1273.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events

- **Veterans Day Parade - Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 11:01 a.m. Downtown Jacksonville**
- **Greater Jacksonville Fair from November 3-14, 2010.** For more info, go to <http://www.jacksonvillefair.com>

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events - continued

- **Willowbranch Branch Library - 80th Anniversary** Celebration - Saturday, **November 06, 2010** at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Willowbranch Branch Library, 2875 Park Street. The Jacksonville Public Library will celebrate with activities for all ages. Jacksonville City Councilman Michael Corrigan will serve as the note speaker for the program commemorating the opening of the library in 1930 and its importance to the community. Contact: Lisa Buggs, (904) 630-4655, lbuggs@coj.net or Kathy Lussier, APR, (904) 630-7595-office and (904) 759-5643-cell, klussier@coj.net

- **Riverside Arts Market** – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/> Movies Under the Bridge – Food and entertainment start at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. November 6 “How to Train Your Dragon”
- **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](#).
- Please join **Council Member Reginald Brown** and a City of Jacksonville Representative on the following dates and locations to assist you in finding out if your property taxes will increase or remain the same Wednesday, **November 17**, 2010 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lane/Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., For more information call ECA Daphne Colbert at 630-1684.
- Downtown Vision, Inc. proudly presents the 4th annual **Downtown Historic Church Tour Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010** from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. Tour a century of sanctuaries in one afternoon. Tour tickets are \$5 per person. Children 12 and under are admitted at no charge. Twenty percent of all ticket sales will benefit the Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition. Tickets are available for purchase the day of the tour beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the foyer of the Main Library.
- **Springfield Home Tours** - "Holiday on the Park, Springfield Home Tour and Festival" Friday, December **10th** & Saturday, **December 11th**. Please contact the SPAR office for details and prices at 353-7727 or sparoffice@sparcouncil.org .
- **FDOT – I-95 Overland Bridge Replacement Workshop** – Tuesday, **Nov. 9, 2010** at 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Duval County School Board Building, 1701 Prudential Dr. [32207] The project begins south of San Diego Road and ends north of Palm Avenue. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., with a public comment period at 6:30 p.m. and to receive your input. For more information contact: Brandi Vittur, P.E., Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, 1109 S. Marion Avenue, MS 2007, Lake City, FL 32025-5874 - 1-800-749-2967 or (386) 961-7468, E-mail: brandi.vittur@dot.state.fl.us
- **City of Jacksonville Floodplain Management Effort Lowers Insurance Premiums** - Jacksonville property owners required to carry flood insurance will now receive an additional 5 percent discount, for a total discount of 20 percent, on the premium for new or renewed National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies. The discount will remain in place for the next five years and is expected to amount to significant savings. The discount comes from the City of Jacksonville's participation in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program called the Community Rating System (CRS) that recognizes communities for their efforts to reduce and prevent flood losses with discounts on flood insurance premiums. Only property owners required by their mortgage lender to carry flood insurance will receive the 20 percent discount, which is automatically applied when the policy is issued or renewed. Property owners, who are not required to carry flood insurance, but elect to anyway, will receive a 10 percent discount on the policy premium.

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 **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Chairperson Kelly's Report

- The Mayor's meeting with the CPAC Chairs was held on October 21 and the topics submitted on behalf of the NW CPAC were: Do you see a time when no increase in property tax would happen and Unions not seeing that reductions are necessary. The Mayor held the tax question to the end. Others talked about the Jacksonville Fair moving to Cecil Field, shell fishing and oyster beds and the Eastside Community redevelopment. The Mayor talked how he was not in a position to say and direct things with increases in the future. He drew a chart on departments which demonstrated how certain departments impact other departments. All the Chairs had an opportunity to talk and they had an informative discussion with interest and concerns.

2011 Elections – Chair Kelly turned the meeting over and the Slate of Officers for 2011:
Chair: Leroy C. Kelly and Vice Chair: Gertrude Peele. Nominations were asked for from the floor for the position of Chair and Vice Chair. There being none. *A Motion to have the Slate of Officers for 2011 with Leroy C. Kelly for Chair and Gertrude Peele for Vice Chair was made and properly seconded. The Vote: 7 in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries unanimously.* The 2011 Officers will be: Chair: Leroy C. Kelly and Vice Chair: Gertrude Peele.

Announcements

- AmeriCorps Member Cheryl Williams from Grace and Truth invited everyone to come to Ask-A-Lawyer event at Gateway Mall, 5000 Norwood Ave. on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010 at 9 a.m. to noon near the JTA Bus Loading and unloading zone. Bishop E.M. Johnson will also be on Channel 4 Morning Show along with the Jax. Bar Assn. talking about the event.
- On December 2, 2010 the Jacksonville Symphony will be at Gateway Mall with a presentation of an African American Nutcracker and the choir.

Public Comments

- Tom Patton introduced himself as a City Council At-Large Candidate.
- Ms. Currier, President of Thomas Jefferson Civic Association, introduced herself and her better half Tim.
- Member Gary introduced her husband Thomas Gary. He stated he enjoyed the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

*A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Burgess and a second by Member Anthony
The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. for a "bring a dish" holiday social.*

The next meeting will be Thursday, **January 13, 2011**
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 4, 2010						
Project #/App. #	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC *	LUZ Comm. **	Final City Council ***	Comments
LUA 2010E-002	Land Use Amendment	at 6720 Norwood Avenue	12/16/2010	1/4/2011	1/11/2011	Currently HDR (land use) and PBF-1 (zoning); Proposing HDR(land use) and PUD (zoning).Application to redevelop the property fro senior housing; limited to 70 units with a mix of office and retail uses. Staff report available to public 12/10/2010
E-2010-051	Exception	1445 Otis Rd	DF until 12/16/10			Motor cycle race track; staff recommended approval with conditions.
E-2010-067	Exception	1963 Kings Rd	Denied on 10/28/10			Application for retail sales and service of alcoholic beverages for off premises consumption (3 APS); PDD staff and PC recommends denial
Ordinance 2010-389	PUD	at 6720 Norwood Avenue	DF until 11/10/2010			Rezoning 6720 Norwood & 938 Alderside (2.64 Acres) - PBF-1 & RLD-60 to PUD (Norwood Elementary; Redev of Existing School for Independent Senior Living Apts, Retail & Ofc Uses) - Grace and Trust Community Redevelopment Corp. PDD recommends approval with conditions.
* 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	255-7833		
Rezoning/Exceptions/Variations/Waivers:			Folks Huxford	255-7817		
PUD Rezoning:			Bruce Lewis	255-7820		
Cell Towers:			Bruce Lewis	255-7820		
Administrative Deviations:			Ken Avery	255-7818		
Site Review:			Seva Abasova	255-8555		
Northwest CPAC District Planner:			Lurise Bannister	255-7839		
			Lurise@coj.net			
Notes						
Council 1st Public Hearing: 12/14/2010 (Tuesday)						
PC Public Hearings: 12/16/2010 (Thursday) @ St. James Building, Council Chambers, 1st Floor City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street						
LUZ Public Hearing: 1/5/2011 (Tuesday)						
Council Final Hearing: 1/11/2011 (Tuesday)						
Deferments						
E-2010-052: Deferred pending community meeting with CM - Auto sales with outside display - 1343 Bulls Bay Hwy						
E-2009-058: Deferred - Daycare for 18 children & 3 staff - Chatham Personnel Consultants - 2137 Park St - PDD staff recommends Denial						
Withdrawals						
E-2010-033	Exception	at 5085 Jones Rd	Withdrawal Request			Borrow pit; PDD recommend DF (Withdrawal).