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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Crystal Springs – 10151 Crystal Springs Road**  
**March 11, 2004**

**Committee Members Present**

Diane Kerr, Chairperson  
Orzola & Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens  
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville  
Deborah Merritt, Pickettville  
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson  
Johnny Lammons, Thomas Jefferson  
Randy Mallory, Murray Hill  
Linda Moore, North Riverside  
James Clark, Whitehouse  
Elaine Burnett, RAP  
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor  
Bishop E. M. Johnson, Grace & Truth  
Barney Roberts  
Cassandra & Milton Person, Washington Hgts  
Rosalie Proudme, Sherwood Forest  
Stanley Clay, Rep District 10  
Councilwoman Mia Jones, District 10  
Daphne Colbert, District 10

Excused: Roslyn Phillips, Faye Richardson

**City/Staff/Public/Media**

Elaine Lancaster, Property Safety  
Jack Shad, Planning & Development  
Lt. A.M. Smith, JSO Zone 5  
Mike Pickett, Fire & Rescue  
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services  
Cecelia Jefferson, Consumer Affairs  
Thelma Jackson, Consumer Affairs  
Lynn Drysdale, Jax. Legal Aid  
Denise Bunnewith, FCMPO  
Reggie Bythewood, Florida Kid Care  
Patria Lawrence, Hepatitis C  
Penny Trawick, Pickettville  
*UNF Nursing Students*  
Meredith Olson  
Sherri Fussell

**Call to Order**

Diane Kerr, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:15p.m. at the Crystal Springs Community Center, 10151 Crystal Springs Road and welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Gadson Burgess

**Approval of the Meeting Summary**

When a quorum was established the meeting summary from the January 8, 2004 and February 12, 2004 meetings were reviewed. *A Motion to approve was made by Joseph Anderson and a second from Gadson Burgess. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

**Guest Speakers**

- **Denise Bunnewith, JTA FCMPO 2030 Update of the First Coast Long Range Transportation Plan** - The First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization is leaving the City of Jacksonville and has agreed to become independent working under the MPO Board. They will be moving on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to the new location at 1022 Prudential Drive. They will be holding future meetings at this location and parking is available for free. They are working on the 2030 Plan and need public involvement. They will speak at your organizations meeting. They are also conducting a survey that is available and in their newsletter. The 10 major goals are: Providing bike and pedestrian access to all areas, building and expanding/improving mass transit systems, providing transportation for the disabled, elderly, and economically disadvantaged, reducing car traffic and congestion and commute times, using computer coordinated traffic signals, video monitoring of traffic and electronic message signs to more effectively manage traffic incidents or special events, encouraging mixed use and higher density development to reduce highway congestion, minimizing impact on the natural environment, improving the movement of freight into and through NE FL, enhancing safety and supporting the local economy by improving access to major employment centers. They would like for you to rank these goals in the order of importance 1- highest and 10 the lowest. They also need you to rank transportation alternatives: Local on-street buses, local passenger rail or light rail, HOV carpool/bus lane, biking/walking, busways (high tech buses dedicated roadway that operates similar to light rail, carpooling, telecommuting, new or improved expressways, new or improved arterial streets and paratransit (for disabled and others not capable of using conventional mass transit). There were questions from the members on if there was a study on traffic and freight. Which there are. If you need figures on these studies you can go to their web site at: [www.firstcoastmpo.com](http://www.firstcoastmpo.com) or [www.firstcoast2030.com](http://www.firstcoast2030.com) or you can contact Denise at [DeniseB@coj.net](mailto:DeniseB@coj.net) until the move is complete.
- **Thelma Jackson introduced the Chief of Consumer Affairs Cecelia Jefferson and Lynn Drysdale, Attorney from Legal Aid and did a presentation on “What You Need to Know About Refund Anticipation Loans and Predatory Lending”** They wanted to be sure that consumers knew that the interest rates on these loans can go from 67% to 774%. Most people are not aware of this. They will come speak to groups to get the word out. Questions about the State Laws were asked but they are working on clarifying this. The Pay Day Loans etc say they are not interest rates or loans but fees for preparation, interest and other user fees. The City Prosperity Campaign wants citizens to know that they can get their taxes done for free if they qualify especially with the earned income credit. If you did not file for an earned income tax credit you can go back 2 years to amend your tax returns. Be very careful if you have your taxes done by car dealers, H & R Block and want your money now. The safe way is to file your taxes electronically and get your money in a few weeks. They have had success with the Title Loan Companies. Jacksonville passed a law that says the highest amount they can charge is 18% interest and the State 30% If you need further help please call Consumer Affairs at 630-1212 ext 4090
- **Reggie Bythewood – “Project Covering Kids”** his project has been cancelled but the legislation is working on the program. There was a waiting list of 90,000 children. He continued his presentation on Identity Theft and Hepatitis C.

### Nominations for Vice Chair

Larry Solomon nominated Joseph Anderson for Vice Chair with a second from Linda Moore and James Clark nominated Randy Mallory with a second from Elaine Burnett. Both accepted the nominations. With no other nominations from the floor Gadson Burgess asked that the nominations be closed with a second from Larry Solomon. All members were given a ballot to vote. It was a tie: 9 votes to 9 votes. The ballots were once again given to members and the vote was 7 for Joseph Anderson and 11 for Randy Mallory. Randy Mallory will take George Leverett's place as Vice Chair for 2004.

### Council/Staff Reports

**Councilwoman Mia Jones and Daphne Colbert** passed out flyers on upcoming District 10 meetings. They will be holding their quarterly District 10 Neighborhood Leader meeting on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at City Hall in the Renaissance Room at 6:15p.m. with Mayor Peyton as the Guest Speaker. On April 6<sup>th</sup> the Duval County School Board will be holding hearings on the closing of Normandy Elementary at 6p.m. (School info call 693-7938) On April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. at the Abyssina Baptist Church – 2360 Kings Road they will be discussing the New Kings Road Overpass (BJP info call 630-7669). On April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30a.m. to 2p.m. at the Radisson Hotel will have the Fair Housing Symposium (Info call 630-4911) From April 24<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> Sherwood Forest Neighborhood will have Paint the Town During Rehab Week with the Housing Partnership (Please call 630-1684 for more information) A question on the ash sites came up – there is more need for testing and it will be prolonged for another year. New certificates are needed for properties to be investigated since the time frame for the first testing has expired. Members were very complimentary of Councilwoman Jones and Daphne of their hard work and responsiveness. A question about the sale of crack pipes in the guise of a rose is being worked. Councilwoman Jones introduced Stanley Clay her District 10 representative to the NW CPAC.

**JSO – Lt. Annie Smith and Mike Pickett Fire & Rescue** – were in attendance and had to leave before it was time for a report

**Planning & Development – Jack Shad** presented a Draft of the 2004-2009 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the NW Planning District #5. There is a 5-step review process beginning in Jan and the public hearings in April. The following Land Use Changes were discussed:

- Mobile Home Park on Beaver – to redo an existing Mobile Home Park – A question of if they have to hook up to city water and sewer? – Jack will check on this – hearing dates 4/13, 4/15 – come to the meetings to voice your concerns. The staff reports are given the Friday before the City Council Meeting – A question on road capacity came up with Walkers Hamlet with turn lanes and 1 short slow down lane – Jack will also check on this as well as the required fence that was to surround the property and it only goes in the front and nothing on the sides
- Bulls Bay and Stocks Road – truck company wants to expand, Imeson and Moncrief a residential development 230 acres in District 8
- A member asked Jack to check on a property adjacent to the Rails to Trails E of Halsema – 1000 Old Plank Road that are tearing down trees on wetlands – FYI - DOT can move a wetland and put it back at a different location
- HabiJax rezoning North Shore Drive/Norwood and Paris/45<sup>th</sup> Street, Ramona and Faith 156 Town homes to 300 on 15 acres
- Neighborhood Town Centers Phase I was the vision, Phase II was the engineering plan and Phase III will be the implementation
- Metro N Neighborhood Action Plan is underway. If you need further information call 630-2584

**Property Safety – Elaine Lancaster** – Had the list of 5 pages of issues generated from the previous meetings and would see members after the meeting. A question of zoning at 4808 Roanoke storing cars and a tow truck – this address has been cited. On April 1<sup>st</sup> Property Safety will be reorganizing. Supervisor Ronnie Lindsay and Elaine have stayed in Zone 5. She will try to bring the new officers to a CPAC meeting.

**Neighborhood Services – Marilyn Fenton-Harmer made the following announcements**

- Mayor's Matching Grants Workshops will begin on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall in the Renaissance Room in the lobby. These meetings are Mandatory this year if you are applying for this grant.
- The Magnolia Project will be hosting "Learning for Leadership" a free 12-week Self Worth Program beginning on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm to 8pm at the Hope VI Building at the Oaks at Durkeeville, 1605 N Myrtle Avenue. To register call Janice Hawkins at 924-1570 ext 17
- If you would like to do a Neighborhood Tour for the State Neighborhood Conference on Friday and Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> please get an application from Marilyn since they were due this passed Monday, March 8th
- World of Nations – April 1-4 with flyers with a coupon for 50% off
- Lloyd Washington, President of Grand Park, wanted to invite everyone Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am for Durkeeville Historic Negro Baseball League Salute

### Old Business

Information on when the Whitehouse Coleman Evans Superfund site would be complete was being checked on. They have had a few project managers and Diane would like to have a conference call with James Clark-Whitehouse and see where they are. The last meeting was in 2001. A question on using Recreation dollars on a site that can't be utilized was brought up. A meeting is needed for clarification.

Chairperson Kerr introduced Patrick Hayle as the Official Director of the City Rescue Mission and the host of our upcoming 3 CPAC meetings. She also acknowledged the UNF Nursing Students.

### Announcements

- North Riverside – On May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> will partner with CSX and City Year to do a major project that includes murals, beautification and cleanup along McDuff and McCoy's Creek Park. There were also gunshots fired at a crack house that was being taken down on Edison Avenue.
- Don't forget to call First Coast Crime Stoppers to receive a reward for tips for crimes at 1-866-845-TIPS (8477)
- RADO – On March 13<sup>th</sup> they will hold a homebuyer's seminar at 6pm at their location on Myra/Stockton Street
- RAP – Spring Home Tour will be April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Art's Festival will be September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
- EWC – Health Fair at the student Center March 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.
- Murray Hill – They have submitted an application to the NFL and are waiting to hear if they were accepted.
- FYI - 2 police were hurt at Club 5 this past weekend from a promoter that has had trouble all over the city.

### A Motion to Adjourn

*A Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and a second by Randy Mallory. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.*

The next meeting will be on **April 8, 2004 6pm at the City Rescue Mission – 426 S McDuff Avenue**  
Special Workshop "Community Centers and Their Availability"

