

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, March 13, 2008

Committee Members Present

Gadson Burgess, Chair	Leroy Kelly, Vice Chair
Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile Ministries	Barney Roberts, Charter Member
William Anthony, Cherokee Cove	Faye Richardson, Cisco Gardens
Patty Herndon, City Rescue	James Breaker, District 8 Rep.
Angela Nixon, District 10 Rep.	James Gloster, Kinlock Civic
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N	Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs
Gertrude Peele, NCNW	Felicia Myrick, NWJ CDC
Vickie Anderson, Palmdale Gardens	Josephine Royals, Palmdale Gardens
Danny Thomas, Paxon/Biltmore	Joseph Anderson, Pickettville
Penny Trawick, Pickettville	Elaine Burnett, RAP/RADO
Edward Hall, Ribault Hills	Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills
Linda Kittles, Ribault HOA	Doretha Tompkins, Riverview
Rev. Anthony Wyche, Second Chance	Yvonne Smart, Washington Heights

City/Staff/Public/Media

Lt. K.S. Goff, JSO Zone 5	Milton Locklear, FDOT
Maria Buchwalter and Michael Waelde, Municipal Code Compliance	
Amy Hays Holliman, Planning and Development	
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND, Community Development	
Jocelyn Turner, DOH	Daryl Joseph, Parks Planning
Mike Miller, JTA	Fred Haley, JTA
Endya Cummings, JTA	Frank Brendon, Paxon/Biltmore
Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens	English Watson, Magnolia Gardens
Rick McCann, Tetra Tech	Kara Wimble, Tetra Tech
Sherry Jones, Timothy's Landing	Thea Garfield, Grace & Truth CDC
Vanchetta Cowart	Edmunda Mathews
Myrtice Ellison, Cisco Gardens	Gail Blackshear
Catherine Lester	
Professor William Ahrens and UNF Nursing Students: Carrie Clan, Sherline Pierre, Esther Marchand, Melissa Case, Sasha Deckerhoff, Amber Schott, Amanda Steele,	

Excused: Diane Kerr, Bertha Richardson, Susan Cohn

Call to Order

Chairman Gadson Burgess called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed everyone at at the Bradham*Brooks NW Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West.

Invocation: Member Joseph Anderson

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the January 10, 2008 summary as written was made by Member Muldrow and a second by Member Anderson. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Guest Speakers

Recreation Planning and Grants Coordinator Daryl Joseph gave a PowerPoint presentation on the "Ribault River Preserve". In the future they will be bringing new initiatives forward to get feedback. The Preserve will not be an eye sore for the neighborhood but a benefit to the community. They have asked JSO to monitor the park. They will eventually add a walking trail and a fishing pier but not a boat dock. Members had numerous questions in particular whom or when will the Ribault River near U.S. 1 will be cleaned up. Members do not want to see the preserve land on Clyde Drive developed into a park. They want to have it sold to developers for single family housing. Daryl Joseph can be reached at 630-1426 or djoseph@coj.net

JTA – Fred Haley, Mike Miller and Endya Cummings attended the meeting and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the upcoming Riverside Trolley Service starting May 5. They are hoping this will help reduce traffic congestion and parking issues and connect downtown workers with other lunch time restaurants. There is an FDOT grant to fund this for 2 years for \$190,000. The cost will be 50 cents each way and will be available from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. coming by every 10 minutes. A weekly pass is available and it will be free for seniors. The new service will be free the first two weeks from May 5 to May 16. If you have questions please call 630-3185 or wharte@jtafla.com Members/guests had a concern for legally blind people that ride JTA buses that there is a transmitter that can be used for buses to convey the bus number to the blind person that would be very helpful. JTA said it would check into this.

Staff Reports

JSO Report Lt. Goff, Zone 5 reported on the following:

- OSS (Operation Safe Streets) has been going on for over a month and they have seen a dramatic drop in property crime to 26%.
 - OSS continues to do knock and talks to see if neighbors are having any problems. Members asked if their neighborhood could be considered for a knock and talk – they can ask Assistant Chief Hammond but it's already on a grid.
- The Zone 5 Sub Station is now open at 1024 Superior St. right off Commonwealth and near McDuff Ave.

For ShAdCo information call the Zone Sub Station at:

Zone 5 call 384-8028 210 S. McDuff Avenue
Zone 4 call 573-3165 Cedar Hills Shopping Center
Zone 1 call 924-5361 Gateway 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

FDOT Milton Locklear had no report but can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning & Development Planner Amy Hays Holliman passed out the NW monthly report for the excused NW Planner Susan Cohn.

- There are 8 pending land use projects for the NW.
- There will be a "Community Forum" to revise the Florida Land Use Map "FLUME" on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Bradham*Brooks NW Library Auditorium.

- Members had questions on what is happening at the corner of Restlawn and Palmdale? There are dump trucks dumping and parking on that corner.

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

Municipal Code Compliance Code Compliance Zone 5 Supervisor Maria Buchwalter introduced Senior Officer Mike Waelde. They are continuing to do systematic inspections and have just begun them in North Riverside and Mixon Town. If you have concerns please call 630-CITY. The time frame has been improving and they are hiring 4 new officers and Zone 5 is hoping to get 2 of them. At the last inspection in the neighborhood from McDuff to King St. to Beaver to 1-10 they had 8 officers with 53 nuisances, 26 junk cars, 84 violations and 31 cars tagged. The Special Masters Board continues to meet and they heard 33 cases.

- Members had *concerns that once Code Officers cite a property the owner will bring the mess to the backyard and then the officers can't see the problem and neighbors still have to contend with the eye sore.*

Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600 or psafety@coj.net

Department of Health Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health Promotion reported on the following:

- There will be a TV series on "Unnatural Causes – what's really making us sick on WJCT (PBS channel 7 or 8) at 10 p.m. for the following dates:
 - March 27 – April 3 – April 10 – April 17 for information call 253-2520
- There will be a Mayor's Walk for seniors on March 22nd at Metro Park at 9 a.m. to noon.
- On March 29th at Kids Kampus at Metro Park there will be a "Survivor" game from 1 – 4 p.m. with competitive games trying to get kids active.
- On April 18-19 at First Coast High School will be having the American Cancer Relay for Life

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

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

- The 2008 NW CPAC Bus Tour was a success. Copies of the evaluations were available for members as a handout. A "Good Neighbor" Award from Mayor Peyton was presented to Member Rev. Wyche for sponsoring the bus tour. Members thanked Rev. Anthony Wyche, Director of Second Chance Help Center for sponsoring the NW CPAC bus tour and refreshments.
- Members were asked to fill out a new contact information sheet for updating records.
- **MANDATORY meeting for ALL CPAC members on Ethics Training at upcoming CPAC meetings:**
 - April 28, 2008 SE CPAC 7pm St. Luke's Hospital – 4201 Belfort Rd, Main Hospital Auditorium C
 - May 8, 2008 NC CPAC 6pm Bradham Brooks NW Library Auditorium, 1755 Edgewood Ave. W.
- The Jacksonville Journey meetings continue and the Neighborhood Safety and Stability Subcommittee wanted to be sure that each CPAC, ShAdCo, Community/Senior Centers, libraries and churches had the "Neighborhood Toolkit for Starting an Organization" available to them as a resource. The Neighborhood Safety Subcommittee meets on Tuesdays at 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor at 2:30 p.m. until the end of April.
- The next NW Seeds of Change Steering Committee meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2008 at Second Chance Help Center, 1709 Helena St. at 6 p.m.
- The Planning and Development Dept. will be conducting a public forum in regards to the City's Future Land Use map Wednesday, April 16, 2008 6 – 8 pm, Bradham Brooks NW Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. W.

- JaxParks Kids Kampus will host Easter Eggstravaganza Friday, March 21 from 9:30 to noon.
- Huguenot Park Management Plan comments, the deadline for submission is March 14 to 630-CITY
- Senior Centers will be hosting Open Houses from 2-4 p.m. except where noted:

C. T. Brown Community Center 4415 Moncrief Road, Jacksonville, FL 32209 Visit our Open House on March 18, 2008 at 9 a.m.	764-8752
L. D. Clemons Senior Center 55 Jackson Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205	693-4918
Louis Dinah Senior Center 1805 Flag Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209 Visit our Open House on June 24, 2008 at 2 p.m.	630-0728
Hammond Senior Center 3312 W 12th Street, Jacksonville, FL 32205 Visit our Open House on April 9, 2008 at 2 p.m.	786-8554
J. S. Johnson Senior Center 1112 Jackson Street, Jacksonville, FL 32220 Visit our Open House on April 17, 2008 at 9 a.m.	630-0949
C. T. Joseph Senior Center 6943 Buffalo Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32208 Visit our Open House on April 4, 2008 at 2 p.m.	765-7522

Lincoln Villa Senior Center 7866 New Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32219	765-2654
Longbranch Senior Center 4110 Franklin St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	630-0893
Moncrief Senior Center 5710 Castellano Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209 Visit our Open House on May 1, 2008 at 2 p.m.	764-0330
Riverview Senior Center 9620 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32208 Visit our Open House on April 24, 2008 at 9 a.m.	765-7511
Mary L. Singleton Senior Center 150 East First St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	630-0995
Wallace Small Senior Center 1083 Line Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209	630-0724

Save the dates:

- JaxParks – Blessing the Fleet – March 16, Jacksonville Jazz Festival – April 11-13 Metro Park tickets \$10 each event and the World of Nations – May 1-4, 2008 Metro Park, tickets one day pass \$5 and a two-day pass \$7.
- Florida Neighborhoods Conference – June 26-28, 2008 in Tallahassee
- 2008 National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 5, 2008
- Seniors Residents – For information on upcoming events call 630-7392
 - 4-1-08 Mayor’s Fish-A-Thon Hanna Park 10 a.m.
 - 5-21-08 Senior Expo Prime Osborn Convention Center

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

Chairman Burgess’s Report

- Chairman Burgess introduced Rick McCain from Tetra Tec, a local environmental company that will be applying to clean up the ash sites and will come to next months meeting to go over what their company provides.
- Chairman Burgess introduced Professor Ahrens and the UNF Nursing Students and thanked them for attending. Currently the nurses are working with Cleveland Arms on helping them with a vegetable garden for better nutrition. They continue to work with the City Rescue Mission and are looking into the infant mortality rate.

He appointed the following subcommittee chairs:

- The CPAC TRUE Commission ends in June – he hopes that someone will attend the meetings with our current rep Member Elaine Burnett and decide that they would like to volunteer for that committee.
- Safety and Security – Member Danny Thomas from ShAdCo Sector M
Member Elaine Burnett from ShAdCo Sector J
- Hospitality and Beautification – Member Yvonne Ward
- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning) – Member Diane Kerr
- Membership – Member Burgess and Mrs. Burgess
- Public Works – Member Vice Chair Leroy Kelly
- Transportation – Member Barney Roberts and Member Penny Trawick
- Youth & Schools – Member Felicia Myrick

Announcements/Public Comments

- Member Danny Thomas talked about trying to get the Mayor to come to a ShAdCo meeting. It was suggested to write a letter but ShAdCo is for crime and to contact Sheriff

Rutherford. At the ShAdCo meeting the Sheriff needs 225 more officers but with a \$30 million dollar cut from the State there is a tug of war with the money.

- Members expressed concern that the Jacksonville Journey didn't have neighborhood people on the committee. That is not true said Member Peele and Member Kerr is also on the committee.
- Member Burnett had taped the NW CPAC bus tour and gave a copy to sponsor Member Wyche and if anyone wants a copy to see her.
- Guest Frank Brendon from the Paxon/Biltmore neighborhood has been working on a petition to get the city to change the street lights from the high pressure sodium 70 watts that break down after 7 to 9 months to a bright white light. He is suggesting that if every one that received a JEA bill would pay an extra \$5 a month for six months that would be \$21 million dollars and they could be replaced. The new bright white light bulbs last approximately 24.9 years and would also save on replacement costs. He would like to get as many people to sign the petition and then present it to the City Council.
- Guest Brendon would also like to see the city start a program similar to one in Connecticut to replace senior citizens bulbs to help save on utilities and help prevent falls with better lighting.
- Guest Ms. Cowart who came before the NW CPAC meeting in January with Zoning Application 2007 C-044 would like to thank Chairman Burgess, Ms. Harmer and the CPAC committee for the Jan. meeting amendment application with the discussion and motion about the Ribault Park Preserve. On Jan. 12 she met with Ms. Yates who assured her that it will be positive preserve with no loud music or crime and she withdrew her opposition. She once again thanked the CPAC.
- Member Muldrow does not want to see the preserve land on Clyde Drive developed into a park. They want to have it sold to developers for single family housing.
- Member Muldrow is a member of the Northside Civic Association which is an umbrella organization since 1988. With all the new industries that will be coming to JaxPort there is no infrastructure such as roads for all the trucks that will be needed on Hecksher Drive. They are projecting 1400 more 18 wheelers to go back and forth on Hecksher Drive to Jaxport/Blount Island and the roadway is not there to support the increased numbers. They are trying to get a petition started on this with more information on this to come.
- Member Myrick has concerns on the corner of Division and 21st Street with loitering and it will get worse as the weather gets warmer.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Thomas and a second by Member Burnett. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, **April 10, 2008**
Bradham*Brooks NW Library
1755 Edgewood Ave. West
6 p.m.

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