

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



**MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Saint Clair Evans Academy Elementary School, 5443 Moncrief Rd.
Thursday, April 14, 2011**

Committee Members Present

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| Leroy Kelly, Chair | Gertrude Peele, Vice Chair |
| Bertha Richardson, BLCA | Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N. |
| Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs | Raye Gary, NWCP, Reed Campus |
| Linda Moore, North Riverside CDC | Alyson Dew, North Shore |
| Melodee Dew, North Shore | Edward Hall, Ribault Hills |
| Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills | B. J. Scott, Ribault HOA |
| Doretha Tompkins, Riverview | Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition |
| Rev. Anthony Wyche, Second Chance | |

Excused: Devin Reed, Diane Kerr, William Anthony, Patsy Bailey, Larry Solomon

Guests

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| Cheryl Abbott-Bell, SJRWMD | Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N. |
| Diane Tucker, LVENA | Sheila Richardson |
| David Taylor, Candidate City Council | Cheryl Williams, Grace and Truth CDC |
| Minor Graves, Carver International | Brandi Johnson, NJCDC |

City/Staff/Resource

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| Thomas Hill, FDOT | Daryl Joseph, Recreation & Community Services |
| Danny Connell, Municipal | Lurise Bannister, Planning & Development |
| Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND | |

Call to Order

Vice Chair Peele called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with a welcome in the Media Center at Saint Clair Evans Academy Elementary School, 5443 Moncrief Road. Chair Kelly arrived late and apologized for his tardiness. He went to our usual NW Library location.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the March 10, 2011 summary as written was made by Member Burgess and a second by Member Tompkins. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed

Guest Speaker

Cheryl Bell Abbott, a consultant with the St Johns River Water Management District, gave a PowerPoint Presentation that was shortened in length for the meeting. It was on water conservation tips, water wise landscaping, water protection and landscape to keep ponds clean. All of this information can be accessed at <http://www.sjrwmd.com/> Florida is a very watery State getting approximately 54 inches of rain a year. We have over 300 miles of lake,

rivers and streams. Central Florida is looking for drinking water and is looking at the St. Johns River. Jacksonville needs to care for our water supply. Be sure to plant water tolerant plants in the right location so it will not need as much water. Follow the water restrictions and no watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Hand watering is permissible. On the website you can check to see if a plant is drought tolerant. The pesticides and pollutants that are on the roads end up in the stormwater drains that ends up in the ponds. Please be sure not to eat fish from retention ponds because of the pollution. *Cheryl Bell-Abbott, St. Johns River Water Management District, can be reached at 730-6261 or cabbott@sjrwmd.com*

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative Devin Reed - excused. 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. Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY (2489) or 357-8077

FDOT – Thomas Hill reported on the following:

- The I-10 widening project to Brannan Field-Chaffee will experience closings on the west bound lanes tonight and tomorrow night from 8:30 pm till 5 a.m. Please plan to take alternate routes. Eventually the east bound lanes will be closed too.
- Two bridge closing lanes on Golfair and Moncrief for routine maintenance will be taking place.
- I-10 on Stockton and Lane Ave will be cutting out the roadway to be replaced with concrete. The west bound lanes will be closing.

Members had questions on the following:

- What happened with the project on Collins and Schindler Road? It just stopped and it was almost finished. Mr. Hill will find out report back.
- Members had mentioned what a great job was done a Tallulah but the traffic signal needs to be switched back to the way it was before construction since the traffic is backing up. He will check to see if the inspections have been done and see about retiming the signals.
- Members were concerned with the paint job on traffic poles. They are peeling and becoming an eyesore. Mr. Hill stated that there was a manufacturing defect and the city and DOT were not taking ownership on who had to monitor the project. For further items please refer to the City of Jacksonville.
- On Norwood Avenue there used to be a traffic light by the school. It was taken down but the residents want it back for the safety of crossing such a busy intersection. Mr. Hill explained that there are 13 criteria that are used to evaluate if a traffic signal is needed. He will check on this. Thomas Hill can be reached at 360-5647 or Thomas.hill@dot.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Planner Lurise Bannister passed out the NW Report and spoke on the following:

- 2011 C-002 Small Scale Land Use Amendment at 6720 Norwood Avenue which is pushed back to June and July. This was discussed at previous meetings.
- LUA 2011C-007 – Small Scale Land Use Amendment at 7334 Lem Turner Rd & 7327 Smyrna St. will be a new Race Track Gas Station and Convenience Store. It is going before the Planning Department on Monday, April 18, 2011. If you have questions and concerns come to the meeting at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, Training Room 110.
- E-2011-019 Exception – Otis Rd and Dillon Rd. for a borrow pit. It is over 225 acres and it will be for natural resources.

- New application 2011-0180 Rezoning 2944 Edgewood Ave. between Cleveland Rd. and Blossom Dr. It is 2.8 acres for commercial residential office for a health care facility. On April 26 it will have the first public hearing.

Members had questions on the following: Where will the Race Track Station be located? It was the old Value Pawn Show. Members wanted to know what a borrow pit is. Lurise Bannister can be reached at 255-7839 or Lurise@coj.net

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

- The neighborhood systematic that was done in Woodstock last Friday had the following numbers:
 - Commercial 5
 - Junk Vehicle 41
 - Nuisance 238
 - Board Up 31
 - Residential 6
 - Zoning 1
 - Zoning Residential 11
 - Total Woodstock 333
- It is the growing season and the Northwest had the following numbers:
 - Commercial 586
 - Junk Vehicle 882
 - Nuisance 9742
 - Board Up 1470
 - Residential 2290
 - Unsafe Structure 1038
 - Zoning 575
 - Zoning Residential 3905
 - Zoning Land Use 178
 - Total 20,666
- They have a new policy that if a home is for sale, rent or boarded up they will check to see if it is open and or abandoned. They found 31 in Woodstock.
- Next week they will be doing a Systematic Inspection in Lincoln Hills and Lincoln Villas.

Members had questions on the new policy, garbage cans in the roadway and trees from a neighbors yard hanging over in one’s yard. Please be sure to call in problems to 630-CITY (2489). Municipal Code can be reached at 255-7000.

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

- The next NW CPAC meeting will be meeting at the Legends Center, 5070 Soutel Drive. It is next to Bob Hayes and Lonnie Miller Park. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. At 2 p.m. that day the Mayor will have the Grand Opening. Everyone is invited.
- The Summer Activity Guide is available which lists all the activities available for children and senior fitness.
- The Summer Nights Lights (SNL) program will be at the following centers this year: Beachwood, Clanzel Brown, Charles Clark, Emmett Reed, Johnnie Walker, Mitchell and the Kennedy Center. This will be the 2nd year SNL will have activities for children and families on Friday and Saturday nights till midnight.
- Really great news – for the past 2-years they have been working on getting the agency accreditation. They are proud to announce that on March 18, 2011 they were awarded the accreditation as the 99th park out of 4000. They did use the CPAC process for the application on communication and appreciates you being here to help get the word out and help the parks communicate what is happening.

Members had questions on the following:

- What type of incidents occurred last year with SNL? There were no incidents since JSO were at all the parks and made sure the children got home safe.
- How does a neighborhood park become an SNL park? You have to ask. Robinson Addition Neighborhood at Westwood Park, 1083 Line Street would like to be considered for Summer Nights Lights program next year.
- Will there be any tennis courts at the Legends Center? Once the land at Lonnie Miller Park has been remediated they are looking at tennis courts and basketball courts for the 100 acres.
- When will Movies in the Park start again? The Downtown movies have begun and last week there were 1000 people at Treaty Oak Park. At next month's meeting he will bring a list of the ones in the neighborhoods.

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

Housing and Neighborhoods (HAND) - Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

- Don't forget about the Budget Workshops. This is your opportunity to say what you think is important to fund for the upcoming year. Services will be cut. Become involved in the process.
- Please Remember to Vote May 17, 2011

The **Mayor's Budget Meetings:**

- Saturday, **April 16**, 2011 – 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Cecil Recreation Complex, 13611 Normandy Blvd.

Please go to www.myjaxbudget.com or call (904) 630-CITY (2489) to request a seat at an upcoming budget workshop. Pre-registration is required as seats are limited and important workshop information will be disseminated to registrants in advance.

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- **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 <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program**- redevelops abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information call 255-8200 or 398-HOME or website www.nspjax.com
- The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (**NWJEDF**) has public funds used to provide capital for project development. The prospective applicant must be a business located within the Northwest Jacksonville area or a business that is expanding its operations into this targeted area.

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, **April 21**, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 8th floor, Conference Room 851. Contact: Michelle Innes at 630-1273

JSO Zone 1 – As of May 7, 2011 will have a **new Assistant Chief** Evander Collier. The Sub Station is located at Gateway Mall 904-924-5361 office and evander.collier@jaxsheriff.org

Recreation and Community Services – Parks/Seniors

- Seniors - Fun with the Jacksonville Suns – Wednesday, **April 27**, 2011 at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville,
- Senior Expo – Wednesday, **May 11** and Thursday, May 12 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Join the City of Jacksonville for two days devoted to sharing Jacksonville's programs, resources and services available to senior citizens and their families.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events

- **World of Nations Celebration** – **April 29**, 2011 to May 1, 2011 at Metropolitan Park. Join your friends and neighbors on an exciting trip around the globe at the 19th Annual World of Nations Celebration. Journey with us as we celebrate the rich cultural traditions and unique heritage of people from around the world. As you travel through the World of Nations, experience the cuisine, artistry and customs from lands near and far. Admission is \$5 (One Way Ticket to the World) and \$8 (Round Trip Two Day pass). Children ages 3 and under are free. Around the World Family Movie Night (Friday night) \$1. Grab your passport and join us for a great trip.

- 10th Annual **Butterfly Festival** - Saturday, **April 30**, 2011 from noon - 5 p.m. at Tree Hill Nature Center - 7152 Lone Star Road. Nature's Fireworks at the 10th Annual Butterfly Festival. For more information go to www.treehill.org
- 9th Annual **Fair Housing Awareness Symposium** - Saturday, **April 30**, 2011 "Your Keys to Fair Housing" at 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel, 1201 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207 ~ Free Event
- **Starry Nights** – Saturday, **May 21**, 2011 at Metropolitan Park. Join us as Starry Nights combines the wonderful sounds of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and a national performer! This event creates a festive downtown atmosphere with the beautiful St. Johns River serving as the perfect backdrop. Fees apply.
- **Jacksonville Jazz Festival** - From **May 26** to May 29, 2011 all over downtown.
- **Memorial Wall Ceremony** – Monday, **May 30**, 2011 at the Veterans Memorial Wall. Join us as we honor the local heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The ceremony includes keynote speakers, presentation of colors, family tributes, a wreath presentation and performances.
- **Free Training** – Running Effective Meetings – Roberts Rules of Order – Thursday, **May 26**, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, Training Room 110, 214 N. Hogan St. [32202] Please call 255-836 to register.

Downtown Vision, Inc. presents the fourth installment of **JaxParks Movies in the Park at Treaty Oak**. Bring your picnic blankets and camp chairs to 1123 Prudential Drive on Downtown's beautiful Southbank for these feature films: Friday, April 15, *The NeverEnding Story* (rated PG) ~ Friday, April 29, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (rated G) ~ Friday, May 6, *The Wizard of Oz* (rated G). Please note there will not be a movie on Friday, April 22 due to the holiday weekend. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.) Well-behaved pets are welcome, alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Free parking is available next to the park in the Suddath garage, located on Flagler Street. For more information visit downtownjacksonville.org.

Riverside Arts Market – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/>

Jacksonville Environmental Justice Showcase **Community Pilot - Green Infrastructure Project**: EPA Region 4 and the City of Jacksonville are seeking community feedback on the site location for a green infrastructure project in Jacksonville's Health Zone 1 community, as a component of the Environmental Justice Showcase Community pilot. Following a recent visit to the Health Zone 1 area, we have identified 5 potential site locations for a green infrastructure project: Mitchell Community Center, Matthew W. Gilbert Middle School, Robert F. Kennedy Community Center, Simonds-Johnson Community Center and Charles "Booby" Clark Community Center. We are particularly seeking your preference on the site location for a green infrastructure project. In addition to the community feedback that we receive regarding site preferences, selection criteria will also include the opportunities that exist for project visibility, the number of residents that utilize the site's services, the costs associated with implementation of the project and the timeframe required for completion of the project for the site location. Our aim is to select a location that will best suit the needs of the community and provide the most beneficial impact in reducing pollutants associated with stormwater runoff contributing to the degraded water quality in creeks, streams, rivers and coastal waters.

Please provide your preference or any comments by emailing me at barrino.reginald@epa.gov or alternatively, you can call me directly me at 404-562-9635 by **April 22**, 2011. Additionally, if you require further information or if there is interest to be a part of this effort please contact Reginald S. Barrino Environmental Engineer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth St. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303, Email: barrino.reginald@epa.gov or Phone: 404-562-9635

Phone Numbers

- City Link **630-CITY** (630-2489) Please give the exact address to follow up with.
- 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
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St * Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or www.jaxpubliclibrary.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: 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 or www.employflorida.com
The next NW CPAC meeting will be on Thursday, **May 12**, 2011 at 6 p.m... at the Legends Center, 5070 Soutel Dr.

Chair Kelly's Report – He spoke on the following:

- Sign Ordinance 2010-0900 – he attended the Public Meeting on this with the other CPAC Chairs. They all spoke before the City Council Subcommittee and the position they took. The Committee did not vote the way the CPACs would have wanted but one never loses when one is represented. Chair Kelly read the letter that he wrote on behalf of the NW CPAC Motion. (Attached below)
- At the last meeting a Motion to write to the Public Library Board of Trustees was read. (Attached below)
- Chair Kelly complimented Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for the job she did in processing the Motion Letters.
- Members asked if we would still be meeting at the Library. The Legends Center is new. Let's see how it works out at the May meeting.
- The topic of selling "Copper - Scrap Metal" surfaced at the March 2011 meeting. Thieves are taking copper from air conditioners and residential/commercial buildings for the copper wiring to sell for money. By law the scrap yards are required to get I.D. from those selling the metal. In the past we have written to the Sheriff on this topic.

Member Dew asked Chair Kelly if she could speak on a grant that the Duval County Health Department's was seeking on an application for the CDC RFA PS11-1114 "Community Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases". Duval County has one of the highest rates of STDs in a state where the STD rate is more than twice the national average. The grant will enable the Jacksonville community to effectively target young persons aged 15-24 diagnosed with STDs and their sexual partners. The Duval County Health Department's STD program is extremely proactive and provides an array of diversified services through collaborations with many community organizations. Member Dew made a Motion to write the letter of support for the grant. Member Tompkins followed with a second. No further discussion. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries unanimously. The letter has to be to them by Monday, April 18, 2011.

Subcommittee Reports - none

Announcements

- Member Wyche spoke about President Osama's Foreclosure help. Duval County received \$10 million dollars in help. Starting on Monday one may apply for help at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation web page at:
http://apps.floridahousing.org/StandAlone/FHFC_ECM/ContentPage.aspx?PAGE=0277 or www.FLHardestHitHelp.org.

Public Comments

- On May 13 Grace and Truth CDC will be hosting a Fair which will include the Dental Bus for children up to the age of 20-years old. It will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for more information call Cheryl Williams at 338-9930.
- On May 21 Grace and Truth CDC will be having a Beautification day. They are working with Greenscape to plant trees.

- Member Scott reminded Members that Real Sense will be doing free tax returns tomorrow
- if you qualify from 6 am to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tax deadline was extended to Monday, April 18, 2011.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Burgess and a second by Member Tompkins. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, **May 12, 2011**
LOCATION CHANGE
The New Legends Center, 5070 Soutel Drive
6 p.m.

Submitted by:
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator
255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

| Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report April 14, 2011 | | | | | | | |
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| Project #/App. # | Project Type | Description | Council's 1st Public Hearing | LPA/PC * | LUZ Comm. ** | Final City Council *** | Comments |
| 2011C-002 | Small Scale Land Use Amendment | at 6720 Norwood Avenue | 6/28/2011 | 6/30/2011 | 7/19/2011 | 7/26/2011 | Currently HDR (land use) and PBF-1 (zoning), Proposing MDR(land use) and PUD (zoning).Application to redevelop 2.46 acres for senior housing; limited to 70 units with a mix of office and retail uses. |
| LUA 2011C-007 | Small Scale Land Use Amendment | at 7334 Lem Turner Rd & 7327 Smyrna St | 6/28/2011 | 6/30/2011 | 7/19/2011 | 7/26/2011 | Currently MDR (land use) and RMD-A (zoning); Proposing CGC (land use) and PUD (zoning).Application to develop 0.96 acre land for Ractrac gas station with convenient store; new application going to PDD public workshop 4/18/2011 @ 4:00 PM at the Ed Ball Building, 1st floor training room. |
| E-2011-019 | Exception | Olis Rd. at the NE intersection of Olis Rd and Dillon Rd | | 4/14/2011 | | | Exception approved by PDD for the used of a proposed borrow pit. |
| Ordinance 2011-0180 | Rezoning | 2944 Edgewood Ave (between Cleveland Rd and Blossom Dr) | 4/26/2011 | 4/28/2011 | 5/3/2011 | | New application submitted to rezone approx. 2.83 acres from Commercial Office (CO) to Commercial Residential Office (CRO) to allow for a primary/urgent health care 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 | 255-7833 | | |
| Rezonings/Exceptions/Variations/Waivers: | | | | Folks Huxford | 255-7817 | | |
| PUD Rezonings: | | | | 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@col.net | | | |
| Notes | | | | | | | |
| Council 1st Public Hearing: (Tuesday) | | | | | | | |
| PC Public Hearing: (Thursday) @ St. James Building, Council Chambers, 1st Floor City Hall, 117 W. Duval Steet; 1:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| LUZ Public Hearing: (Tuesday) | | | | | | | |
| Council Final Hearing:(Tuesday) | | | | | | | |

No upcoming community meetings scheduled.

PDD is now online with application process for land use and rezoning applications. Contact Wendy, 255-7848, with questions.

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March 15, 2011

Honorable John Crescimbeni
Chair of the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee
City Hall at St. James
117 W. Duval St.
Jacksonville, FL 2202

Re: Ordinance 2010-0900

Dear Council Member Crescimbeni,

On March 10, 2011 the Northwest CPAC made a unanimous Motion to:

- Oppose Ordinance 2010-0900
- Supports the Planning Commission's two amendments to Ordinance Number 2010-0900 that (1) prohibit scrolling signs, and (2) establish the hold time for a changing message board as 3 minutes rather than 8 seconds
- Supports an amendment to Ordinance Number 2010-0900 that would prohibit digital billboard faces
- Urges Mayor Peyton to veto Ordinance 2010-0900 should these amendments not be incorporated into the final version of Ordinance Number 2010-0900 by the City Council.

The Northwest CPAC appreciates your request for our input on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Leroy C. Kelly
Chair

cc: Mayor John Peyton
Jacksonville City Council Members
Housing and Neighborhoods Director Wight Greger
Planning Commission
Planning Department: Director William Killingsworth, Deputy Director
John Crofts and Executive Secretary Sandy Simmons
NW CPAC Mayor's Liaison Devin Reed, Director of Procurement
City Council Legislative Services Chief Dana Farris
Director/Council Secretary Cheryl Brown

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April 12, 2011

Jim Selzer, Chair
Library Board of Trustees
Main Library
303 N. Laura Street.
Jacksonville, FL 2202

Re: Bradham*Brooks NW Library

Dear Chair Selzer,

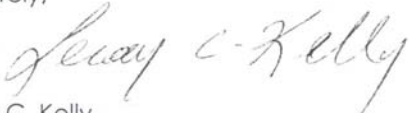
On March 10, 2011 the Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) made a unanimous Motion to write to you and the Board of Trustees on the following concerns at the Northwest Bradham*Brooks Library, 1755 Edgewood Avenue West:

- Bird nests in the upper areas of the library
- Lack of cleanliness about the parking lot
- Broken door from the outside near the auditorium
- Some safety concerns on walking through the parking lot, tree roots that can be a tripping hazard
- No grass in areas that should have grass
- Fallen tree limbs

The Bradham*Brooks Library needs an upgrade in the form of maintenance. Your attention to the areas highlighted in the long term is an investment that will pay dividends in reducing a greater cost down the road if these matters are not addressed.

We invite your attendance at any of our CPAC meetings. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month with the exception of July and December at 6 p.m. usually in the Bradham*Brooks NW Auditorium. For April we will meet at Saint Clair Evans Academy Media Center. 5443 Moncrief Road and for May we are working on a location.

Sincerely,



Leroy C. Kelly
Chair

cc: Library Director Barbara Gubbin
NW CPAC Mayor's Liaison/Director of Central Operations Devin Reed
Housing and Neighborhoods Director Wight Greger