

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



MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Saint Clair Evans Academy Media Center, 5443 Moncrief Road
Thursday, May 13, 2010

Committee Members Present

Leroy C. Kelly, Chair	Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor	William Anthony, Cherokee Cove
Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.	Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N.
Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs	Raye Gary, NCNW – Reed Campus
B. J. Scott, Ribault Manor	Doretha Tompkins, Riverview
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition	

Excused: Gertrude Peele, Diane Kerr, Bertha Richardson, Patty Herndon, Milton Locklear

Guests

Matt Shirk, Public Defender	Matt Bissbee, PD's Office
Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.	Carol Gamble, PTA/SAC Saint Clair Evans
Lindsey Ballas, JEDC	Ron Barton, JEDC
Ed Randolph, JEDC	Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group
Kelly White, The McCormick Agency	Peter Anderson, Pattillo
Elaine Billups, BLCA	Sam Holman, Project New Ground
Rachonda Grover, NJCDC	Melodee Dew, North Shore
Eric Smith	

City/Staff/Resource

Devin Reed, Mayor's Representative	Elaine Mann, DCPS
JSO Zone 5 Sgt. Cannon	Daryl Joseph, Parks and RCS
Danny Connell, Code Compliance	Lurise Bannister, Planning & Development
Wanda Forest, North FL TPO	Jim Green, FDOT
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND, CD	

Call to Order

Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. with a welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance at Saint Clair Evans Academy Media Center, 5443 Moncrief Road.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the April 8, 2010 summary as written was made by Member Arnold and a second by Member Burgess. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

JSO – Zone 5 Sgt. Cannon sends Lt. Beltz regrets for not being at the meeting. He reported on the following: Crime is down but there are problems with arsons on vacant houses and vandalism. There have also been a few stolen cars that were burnt that count as arson as well. The murder rate is down 50% with 11 last year this time and 8 year-to-date. Rapes and other robberies are down 15%. There are still robberies to persons so please be mindful when you are going home at night that someone may be waiting to rob you.

If you have questions please call the JSO Sub Station nearest you at:

Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Mall

Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center

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

Chair Kelly explained that the NW Library where we normally meet had a higher priority program and wanted to thank Saint Clair Evans Academy for hosting the meeting. He also thanked PTA/SAC Chair Ms. Gamble for the use of this very nice facility.

Guest Speaker

- **Matt Shirk, Public Defender** for the 4th Judicial Circuit serves Duval, Clay and Nassau Counties introduced himself and thanked Chair Kelly, members and Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for having him. He talked about how the office was created in 1963 and how he became the Public Defender. Matt Shirk is the fourth Public Defender elected to serve the 4th Judicial Circuit. It is an elected position and he is the 4th one: Former Ed Austin was the first one, Lou Frost for 36 years, Bill White for 4 years and in 2008 he was elected and took office in 2009. He has a new style of leadership along with a new mission statement for the Public Defender to be an efficient administrator and provide effective representation and are bound by the Code of Ethics to be effective to the clients and engaging the community and try to improve the quality of life in the First Coast. Since taking office they are working on ways to save taxpayer funds. They have a \$15 million dollar budget with a staff of 140. They started a speaker's bureau for the attorneys to be engaged with the community. He has hired an ex-offender Sylvester Black to be a mentor with juveniles. The juvenile system is for rehabilitation. They will also have a summer camp for at risk youths to try to stop them from going into the adult system which is for punishment. They have launched the first Public Defender's website at www.mattshirkpublicdefender.com and have a page on Face book. The website can access a court date, the Judges name and Attorney's name. Members asked questions on the following: How many crimes does a person have to do to be considered a habitual offender? There are several types of crime but technically it is 3. How many investigators are there? The Office has 13 investigators that have been involved with law enforcement. They also have interns and law students that also help. Members also asked about how a juvenile would be tried as an adult. He was also asked how the Legislation dealt with the trust fund. They were asked about diversionary programs but the Department of Corrections does that. The questions of the Drug Court came up. The Drug Court only a 10% recidivism rate of those attending go back to jail and this is one last chance before jail to get help. Members also wanted to know how many clients the office serves. They work on cases since some clients could have multiple cases and they did approximately 60,000. Matt Shirk can be reached at 630-1440 or e-mail at pd4@pd4.coj.net.
- **North Florida TPO** (Transportation Planning Organization) Long Range Planning Manager Wanda Forest presented information on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Fiscal Years 2010/11 – 2014/15. She high lighted the following Northwest Planning District #5 projects that were in the TIP handout.
 1. Beaver Street at Wamsley – New railroad installation 2010/11
 2. Beaver Street at Jim Wright – New railroad installation 2010/11
 3. Beaver Street at Ellis Rd. – New railroad installation 2010/11
 4. Beaver Street near Hammond – Rebuild railroad crossing 2012/13
 5. Cassat Ave. from I-10 to Beaver St. – Resurfacing 2012/13
 6. Devoe St. near US 90 – Railroad crossing 2010/11
 7. I-10 from Brannan Field Chaffee to I-295 – Add lanes and reconstruct 2010/2014

8. I-10 /I-95 Interchange – Landscaping 2011/12
9. I-10 Marietta Interchange – New 2010/2015
10. I-295 N. of I-10 Commonwealth – Add lanes and reconstruct 2013/14
11. I-295 from I-10 to I-95 – ITS Freeway Management 2010/11
12. I-295 from Commonwealth to Trout River – Resurfacing 2010/2013
13. Jones Rd. at Six Mile Bridge – Bridge replacement 2010/2013
14. Main St. to Trout River – Resurfacing 2010/2012
15. Main St. from Winona to Trout River – Landscaping 2010/11
16. MLK from Kings Rd. to Blvd. St. – Resurfacing 2010/2013
17. New Kings from Hema Rd. to Richardson Rd. – Sidewalks 2010/11
18. New Kings from MLK to Edgewood – Resurfacing 2010/2013
19. Normandy Blvd. to Lamplighter Lane – Resurfacing 2010/2011
20. Normandy Blvd. from Publix to Lane Ave. – Sidewalk 2012/13
21. Old Roosevelt to Post St. – Reducing and resurface existing lanes 2010/2012
22. Roosevelt from Woodmere to end of I-10 ramp – Pavement rehab 2011/12
23. US 1 from Dunn Ave. to I-295 – Resurfacing 2010/2013

Members asked questions on where the funding was coming from? The Feds and the State. They also wanted to know about the project on Tallulah that was not listed. It will be one travel lane and a sidewalk for part of it. Since it is current it would not be in this report. They will be getting bids in June and should start in the fall. Wanda Forest can be reached at 306-7514 or wforest@northfloridatpo.com

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative and Director of Central Operations Devin Reed reported on the following: A Memo dated 5/13/10 from Chief Administrative Officer Kerri Stewart on Operational Reductions in Fiscal Year 2009-2010. This year's budget is \$22 million dollars short. City Council did set aside \$9.5 million in a salary contingency fund which still leaves a shortage of \$12.5 million. This is a very bleak time and layoff announcements have started. In Central Operations he had to layoff 6 people today effective June 30. The level of city service will not be what residents are use to. Libraries will be going from 40 to 50 hours to 20 hours with some closings. The mowing cycle for the city right-of-way will be once a month. Members had questions and concerns on the following Will half the street lights be turned off? Not at this point. One of the issues from the Jacksonville Journey is trying to improve the crime rate and it is a proven fact that if it is well lit there will be less crime. The city needs to check on some ball fields where lights come on automatically and no one is playing ball. This could help save money. How large a staff does the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission have since they will be losing 4 positions? He will have to check on that. Members encouraged other members to become involved and find out what is going on. At Tuesday night's City Council meeting it was a packed house on the issue of gaming – Internet Cafes. Find out what services will be eliminated and how your City Council Member will vote. Don't wait till it hits home.

Members were concerned for senior citizens on a fixed income with the amount of the new garbage fee and if there were any programs to help with this. Members talked about the deficit and making concessions that impact jobs that never materialize and the tax payers up picking up the deficit. There is no recourse. The ones making the decisions come from money they need to decrease their salary by 10%. Director Reed commented that Jacksonville is a lot better off than a lot of other cities. People from other communities are surprised at the level of taxes that are here. Members wanted to know about the Neighborhood Coordinator's position. Something should be known in 2 to 3 weeks. 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 – Samuel Holman reported on the following:

- The Outreach Center is located at the Oaks at Durkeeville, 1605 N. Myrtle Ave. Come to the Center to get information.
- They are continuing to clean up in the Brown's Dump area.
- They are cleaning the Emmett Reed Center in the 5th and Cleveland area and residential will begin next week.
- The J. S. Johnson Center is being worked on this week and residential to follow.
- Lonnie Miller Park will start this month.
- Access agreements are still needed.

Members had questions and concerns at the progress at the old Mary M. Bethune School? It is being used as a staging area. Not sure what will be done once it is cleaned. How many days is it taking for a residential cleanup? It can take any where from 7 to 14 days depending on what type of situation may arise. Members were concerned with the cost of the clean up if the access agreement is not signed and they have to return to that street. At Bessie Circle they did have more people sign the agreement but each home has to have its own approved plan for the cleanup. Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY (2489) or 357-8077

FDOT - Milton Locklear had eye surgery and is excused. Jim Green is taking his place. There is no formal report. The current construction projects are progressing normally. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Planner Lurise Bannister reported that this was her second meeting as the NW Planner. There are 9 items on the NW Planning Report. Number 2009C-016 and 2009C-021 are being pushed back to process a PUD and will go to the Planning Commission in July. 2010A004 and 2010B-001 were to go before City Council today. The Planning Department approved them. The three exceptions might be deferred since they have not gotten back the environmental study. Lurise Bannister can be reached at 255-7839 or Lurise@coj.net

Code Compliance – Zone 5 Supervisor Danny Connell went over what a Systematic Inspection is: All the Zone 5 Officers (8) work 2 to 3 days in one neighborhood going street by street looking for violations. By doing this it puts each officer behind the 2 to 3 days on their normal work but it makes a difference in a neighborhood. Each Zone is tasked with doing 18 Systematic Inspections each year and Zone 5 did 40 last year. Division Chief Kim Scott works closely with the Officers on what neighborhood is selected. Systematic Inspections for April were done in the following neighborhoods:

- April 8 Lackawanna 318 cases
- April 20 Magnolia Gardens 188 cases
- April 26 Woodstock 420 cases
- May 13 Royal Terrace 97 cases
- Presently on-going Biltmore and in 2 weeks Ribault and Sherwood Forest.

In talking with residents they asked about mowing the fence line. Because of that suggestion they now include the fence line to be cleared off. If you have a suggestion please let him or Ms. Scott know. This is a great zone and Supervisor Connell enjoys working here. 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:

- Summer Camp registration is going on now and there is still a lot of availability. The Camp will start June 18 costing \$50 per session with an option for extended day. There are a lot of fun camps. Camps at Carvill, Clanzel Brown, Charles Clark, Dinsmore, Emmett Reed, Kennedy Center and Mary Lena Gibb are still available.
- The concern from last month with the Summer Night Lights program and having people going home at midnight is being addressed with JSO having more patrols in the neighborhoods after the events.

Members asked when the renovations at Clanzel Community Center will be complete. There is no date yet but it will be done before the summer programs begin. They are very proud of the center and will let everyone know of the grand re-opening date. Daryl Joseph can be reached at 255- 7903 or djoseph@coj.net

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) – Elaine Mann, Chief Officer, High School Education (Cluster 3) reported on the following:

- The money levels in the budget were maintained but cost levels went up.
- Bus students last year in Duval County went to the State requirement of being bussed if you lived 2 miles from the school. A lot of magnet bus routes were cut.
- They reduced the school day in middle and high school by 45 minutes.
- Students in high school can now only earn 7 credits a year instead of 8.
- They have cut every place and they still have to keep cutting.
- This upcoming school year will be the first year of the Class Size Amendment in every class. From Kindergarten to 3rd grade – 18 in a class, middle grades 22 in a class and high school no more than 25 per class. There is no space in the schools and they were not built for these numbers. Every class that is over will have to pay a penalty. It will cost \$25 million to do implement the Class Size Amendment.
- There has not been a salary increase in three years. There was a small salary step increase but employees will have to start to paying insurance costs that were at a no cost for employees therefore there really isn't an increase but a decrease in salaries.
- DCPS is phasing out Jacksonville Sheriff's Resource Officers (SRO) and hiring their own. This will be less expensive since the cost of the SROs is up 50% in the last 3 years.
- Each high school will have one of the four Board Approved accelerated programs:
 - AICE** (Advanced International Certificate of Excellence): Fletcher, Forrest
 - IB** (International Baccalaureate Diploma Program): Parker, White, Wolfson
 - Early College**: Englewood, Sandalwood, Lee, Ribault
 - AP Honors**: AAA, Baldwin, First Coast, Jackson, Wolfson, White, Forrest

Ms. Mann just attended a reception at FSCJ Kent Campus for Lee and Ribault High School where parents and students spoke on the program. Students at the age of 18 are graduating from high school with an A.A. degree that were in the Early College program. The accelerated programs and the smaller learning communities are working.

- Teachers have been attending a lot of training programs for these upper level programs as well at trainings for the smaller learning communities. The IB program only does training in 10 cities and Jacksonville was one of them. Some of the training has taken place at the Sawgrass which is just over the county line. This has to be reported as travel. These are grant funded dollars and can only be used for that purpose.

Ms. Mann can be reached at 348-7880 or manne@duvalschools.org

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

Budget Workshops:

Mayor Peyton will hold the last Budget Workshops on the following date: **Space is limited** so please visit www.myjaxbudget.com to register or call 630-2747 to request seating at the upcoming workshop:

- **Thursday, May 20, 2010** 6 – 8 p.m., Jax. Beaches Community Center, 2508 South Beach Parkway

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- **Disaster Preparedness "Insure, Secure and Recover."** Workshop – Monday, **May 17**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Ed Ball Training Room 110 (lobby level), 214 N. Hogan St. For info contact Tiffany Reeves at 798-5817 or Tiffany.Reeves@MyFloridaCFO.Com
- **JHCDC** (Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission) Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, **May 19**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street - 8th Floor. For info call Yon Wheeler at 255-8203
- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free **Foreclosure Prevention** workshops. To register, call 630-CITY. The website Stay Home: Jacksonville Foreclosure Prevention is **designed as a resource to help connect you with the appropriate agencies for assistance. The City of Jacksonville does not directly provide counseling or legal assistance but will help put you in touch with someone who can help with your mortgage situation.** www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home

- The **Neighborhood Stabilization** (NSP) Program, authorized by the [Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 \(HERA\)](#), will assist state and local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increase the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For a list of homes go to www.nspjax.com For info on Jacksonville's economic stimulus efforts send an e-mail to stimulus@coj.net or call 630-CITY.
- Jacksonville Area Legal Aid will reopen its **Project House-Hold** office at the Ribault Family Resource Center on Thursday, **May 27** at 10:30 a.m. The program is intended to help those facing foreclosure.

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Please contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077. The Project New Ground Outreach Center is located at The Oaks of Durkeeville Plaza at 1605-8 Myrtle Avenue. Outreach specialists are available to talk with residents about the cleanup and impacts to their neighborhoods. Hours are Monday -Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Jobs** - Project New Ground contractors are hiring ground crews and skilled laborers that are hazmat certified. WorkSource manages the employment process. Those interested in employment opportunities should contact Jerry Box at 798-9229 ext. 2204 or JBox@worksourcefl.com. If you have questions for the TAG (Technical Advisor Grant) groups, please feel free to contact them.

Name	Organization	Phone	PNG Area
Paul Tutwiler	NJCDC	764-1805	Brown's Dump
Carrie Davis	Wealth Watchers	265-4736	5 th & Cleveland
Bernard Wilson	Helpful Citizens, Inc.	509-6484	Lonnie C. Miller
Diane Kerr	NRCDC	387-0332	Forest Street

If you have any specific questions about how ash on your property may affect your health, please contact the Duval County Health Department at 253-1000. You may also visit the Web site, www.dchd.net for more info go to:

www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Project+New+Ground/About.htm

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be **Thursday, May 13, 2010** at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor. During the month of April we continued to move forward in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The Oversight Committee held its monthly meeting (2) Summer Camp (3) TEAM UP and (4) Out of School Suspension. All Information can be viewed at www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey. All meetings are broadcast live and recordings are available on the website within 48 Hours of each meeting. For info call Tina Rehmel 630-1273

Duval County School Board - Duval County School Board meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., School Board Building, 1701 Prudential Dr. For information call 390-2000. Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org REPORT A TRUANT by calling **390-2093** and for other info "Save Duval Schools" – www.saveduvalschools.org

Planning Department – CITY PRESENTS UPDATED PRELIMINARY FLOOD MAPS TO JACKSONVILLE PROPERTY OWNERS

"Mapping the Risk" initiative better defines existing flood risks. To provide the opportunity to meet one-on-one with property owners about the preliminary updated maps, the City of Jacksonville will host a series of open house-style public meetings during the month of May. City and FEMA representatives will be available to pull up individual property owner's maps and answer questions. For convenience, the meetings are scheduled in six locations throughout the community. Residents may attend any event or go to www.mappingtherisk.com. The schedule is as follows:

- **Northwest: 6-8 p.m., Monday, May 17 at the Dallas-Graham Branch Library, 2304 N. Myrtle Ave.**
- **Urban Core: 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, May 18 at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St.**
- **Southeast: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 20 at the Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Road**

Recreation and Community Services – Parks – JaxParks Admin Offices are in the Ed Ball Building, 3rd Fl. – Main # 255-7900

- Deutsche Bank presents **Arts on the Go** @ Edith Brown Ford Com. Center on Friday, **May 21, 2010** 6 - 8 p.m., 2839 W. Beaver St. Release your artistic talent and come draw, paint, and make take home crafts. Art instructors will be on hand to assist. Refreshments will be served. This is a free community event. For info call 630-4100.

Jacksonville Jazz Festival - May 27-30, 2010 - This free festival will once again be transformed into a vibrant setting with multiple stages of entertainment, Art in the Heart Downtown Art Show & Sale, Wine Down Tasting Experience, Generation Next Youth Talent Competition, Jazz Juniors educational activities, jazz exhibits and more. Other festival highlights includes the Jacksonville Jazz Piano Competition, 'Round Midnight Jazz Jam, Jazz Talks, Sunday Jazz Brunches and other exciting activities. Mayor John Peyton held a press conference at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens to announce the performers of the 2010 Jacksonville Jazz Festival including Patti LaBelle, Spyro Gyra, Tito Puente Jr., Chris Botti, Ledisi, Irvin Mayfield, Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Bernie Williams, Basia, Superstars of Jazz Fusion, Buckwheat Zydeco, among many others. For info call

- **JaxParks - Registration for Summer Camp** will be online and can be done from any computer with electronic payment. Both Visa and MasterCard, or a debit card with one of the credit cards logos, may be used. Anyone who applies for and receives a voucher may use the voucher as online payment. <https://parkreservations.coj.net/parksreservations/> As part of the improvements, they no longer offer pre-registration for previous campers. **Online open registration is** available beginning **May 10 at noon** and will remain open until all seats are filled. All JaxParks Summer Camp enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Online registration is encouraged to assist you in having the best opportunity to secure a spot for your child. Free public online access is available at all [Jacksonville Public Libraries](#). There is limited walk-in registration available for those paying with cash or check at the JaxParks Admin Offices located at 214 N. Hogan St., Suite 1001. Specialty Camp Registration is not included in the online registration process. Registration is on-site only for the following: [Tennis Camp](#) (Boone and Southside locations only), [Youth Basketball Camp at Cecil Recreation](#)

[Complex](#), [Youth Volleyball Camp at Cecil Recreation Complex](#), [Youth Soccer Camp at Cecil Recreation Complex](#), [Ocean Camp at Hanna Park](#), [Junior Lifeguard Camp at Cecil Aquatic Center](#) and [Youth Basketball Camp at Cuba Hunter Center](#)

- **Senior Expo** – Wednesday, **May 19** and Thursday, **May 20** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Center.

Library – To learn about classes and events at the library please visit www.jpl.coj.net or www.coj.net

When to Water Your Yard – Resume TWO-DAY WATERING AND IRRIGATION SCHEDULE – No irrigation is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. subject to certain exceptions, landscape irrigation is limited to the following days:

* Wednesday and Saturday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an odd number or have no address

* Thursday and Sunday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an even number

To learn more about the restrictions, visit the City of Jacksonville Environmental and Compliance Department at www.coj.net key word search "irrigation" or visit the St. Johns River Water Management District at www.sjrwmd.com/wateringrestrictions.

Riverside Arts Market – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville.

RAM has artists and entertainment on Saturdays. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com>

Neighborhoods

- **Murray Hill Preservation Assn.** will host it's first Home Tour Saturday, **May 15**, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase at www.murrayhillneighbors.com and area merchants for \$10 the day of the tour and \$7 in advance.

Anti-Crime Symposium will be Friday, **June 4**, 2010 at the Embassy Suites, 300 Baymeadows Rd., 32256. On line registration can be completed at <http://symposium.uacdconline.org> (link is on the bottom of the form to register).

SAVE the DATE

- CommUniverCity – Neighborhood Leadership Training "Back to School" coming in August.
- 14th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference – July 8-10, 2010 Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
- National Night Out to Support Law Enforcement – Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Phone Numbers – **City Link** - where to go when you need to know 630-CITY (630-2489) www.coj.net

*Please have the exact address and get a tracking number to follow up on the issue.

- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Center
- 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
- JTA – For customer service call 630-3100 or www.jtafla.com
- Duval Extension Office is located at 1010 N. McDuff Ave or for more info call 387-8850

JOBS – **WorkSource** Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For info call 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com or 356-JOBS (5627)

- On the First and Third Friday the Bradham Brooks Library has WorkSource work with job seekers. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Congresswoman Corrine Brown** hosts the 18th **Annual Job and Resource Fair** on Monday, **May 17**, 2010 at the Prime Osborn Center, 1000 Water Street from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Come Prepared... Bring Your Resumes and Dress Your Best! For info call Ken Johnson at 354-1652

Chairperson Kelly's Report

- At the April 8, 2010 meeting members made a motion to write a letter not to eliminate the CPACs. He read the letter that was sent to the Mayor and City Council Members. He also complimented Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for distributing the letter and thanked former Chair Burgess for the foresight to make the motion.

Subcommittee Reports – No reports

Announcements

- Rachonda Grover announced that Northwest Jacksonville CDC will be having the 6th Annual Health and Neighbors Day on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with Ask-A-Lawyer on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at North Point (corner of Myrtle & Moncrief).

Public Comments

- Alberta Hipps announced that Ordinance 2010- 352 will be coming up for a vote by the City Council. It is on the development agreement with Cecil Field. In 1993 representatives started the talk of closing Cecil Field. In 1995 the city worked with Department of Defense and then it was closed in 1999 giving the City of Jacksonville 17, 000 acres. The city has had it for over 10 years. Ms. Hipps then introduced the Executive Director of the JEDC (Jacksonville Economic Development Commission) Ron Barton. He spoke about the Master Development of Cecil Field. Some of the land has been developed with the Parks such at the Equestrian Center and the Recreation Center with the swimming pool. However; there is 6,000 acres not part of the aviation portion of the land that includes

wetlands easements. It is a hard parcel to develop and ends up to be about 4,500 acres. He talked about the city business plan for all the pieces to carve out and generating jobs. The city for over a decade (11years) has tried to attract businesses and jobs. They would like to city government out of the development and let them spend money on it and get jobs. This will be quicker and shift the risk. The city will not spend money to generate the jobs. It is a big investment. The build out will take many years. Three years ago Lad Daniels said there was not enough industrial land with good paying jobs. That is when 7,700 acres was rezoned for industrial uses. The RFP (Request for Proposal) is no secret. It was advertised nationally. Hillwood has done projects like this other cities with base closures. There were questions if we were under selling the land. Mr. Barton said we are not. We are trading a land sale for the risk of \$275 million and not all land is created equal. An income analysis approach was done on what the land is worth and this is not misleading as well as not wasting money.

The Opposition: Peter Anderson from Pattillo Companies thanked Chairman Kelly for having him and Ron Barton for his presentation. He didn't want to set up a pricing model but not to give all our money away. This property is a jewel. He said most of wetlands have been permitted away from the Corps of Engineers which allows them to do this. The 6,000 acres numbers keep moving all around and is difficult to determine. He disagrees with the contract since the buyer will have a very low price will of \$1000 an acre. He wants to get a fair market appraisal. Banks require this to protect us and the appraisal will take into account all factors. The city has already spent \$200 million dollars building the interchange and some infrastructure and permitting. We have already seen pictures like LaVilla and the Shipyards and \$40 million later have nothing there. Before we give away the land to Mr. Perot for possibly \$3, \$4 or \$5 million let's us ask the City Council to get an outside third party appraiser. Maybe we ask to much of Mr. Barton and his staff. They are not expert land appraisers and that is what we need to ask the City Council for, a third party appraisal.

Ms. Hipps asked the NW CPAC to support the SW CPAC that voted unanimously on the Master Developer for Cecil Field. Supporting other CPACs is a good idea. Members wanted to know when it would be coming up for a vote: It will be in committees the first week in June.

Members had questions on the Cecil Field real estate, the appraisal and value of the land and if an evaluation/appraisal of the land was done. *Member Anthony mad a motion to join the SW CPAC recommendations on Cecil Field. A second was made by Member Burgess. Discussion: Some members did not agree with this since the city needs to do evaluations/ appraisals on other properties. Tax payers have been taken for a ride. They talked about having one price for a buyer or seller and then the new owner gets three times as much money with the city losing millions of dollars not coming out ahead. There is nothing wrong with getting an independent appraisal. The Vote: 3 in Favor; 5 opposed. The Motion fails.*

- Ms. Hipps will bring back information on the Gaming information next month.

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Scott and a second by Member Burgess. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, **June 10, 2010** at 6 p.m.
Bradham*Brooks NW Library Auditorium ~ 1755 Edgewood Ave. West

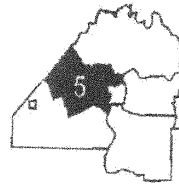
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Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report May 13, 2010					
Project #/App. #	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC*	LUZ Comm. **	Final City Council ***
Land Use Application 2009C-016 (Land Use Ordinance 2010-257 and Rezoning Ordinance 2010-258)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	at 8446 Devos Street	7/29/2010	8/3/2010	8/10/2010
Land Use Application 2009C-021 (Land Use Ordinance 2010-263 and Rezoning Ordinance 2010-264)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	west of Stockton Street on the south side of McCoys Creek Boulevard	7/29/2010	8/3/2010	8/10/2010
Land Use Application 2009B-011 (Land Use Ordinance 2010-388 and Rezoning Ordinance 2010-0389)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	at 6720 Norwood Ave and 938 Alderside St	6/10/2010	6/15/2010	6/22/2010
Land Use Application 2010A-004 (Ordinance 2010-293)	Land Use Amendment	at 6604, 6605, and 6664 Oscadia Street	5/13/2010	5/18/2010	5/25/2010
Land Use Application 2010B-001 (Ordinance 2010-296)	Land Use Amendment	at the southwest quadrant of Garden Street and Jones Road	5/13/2010	5/18/2010	5/25/2010
Ordinance 2010-0256	PUD Rezoning	Located north of Imeson Rd, east of Garden St and SW of the RR	5/11/2010	5/13/2010	5/18/2010
E-10-0027	Exception	10750 Beaver SW between Celery Ave and Edna Lee Ave N	5/13/2010		
E-10-0028	Exception	6754 Chierburg Ave S between La Marche Dr and Calvados Ave	5/13/2010		
E-10-0033	Exception	5085 Jones Rd between Cisco Dr and Magill Rd	5/27/2010		
<p>* LPA/PC meets in Council Chambers of the St. James Building at 1:00 PM, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.</p> <p>** LUZ Comm. meets in Council Chambers of the St. James Building at 5:00 PM, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.</p> <p>*** City Council meets in Council Chambers of the St. James Building at 5:00 PM, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.</p>					

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Notes	
Ordinance 2010-37: Text Amendment related to the Future Land Use Element update. Approved by City Council for transmittal to the State. June 22, 2010 is the anticipated date for introduction to City Council for the adoption round of legislation. Can be found on COJ website at http://www.coj.net/Departments/Planning-and-Development/Community+Planning/Future+Land+Use+Map.htm	
PDD staff reports were released for LUA 2010A-004 and 2010B-001 on 5/7/2010	

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NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NW CPAC)
 City of Jacksonville ~ Housing and Neighborhoods Department
 214 N. Hogan St., 8th floor ~ Jacksonville, FL 32202

May 10, 2010

Honorable Mayor John Peyton
 Honorable City Council Members
 City Hall at St. James
 117 W. Duval Street
 Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Re: Continued Support for Citizens Planning Advisory Committees

Dear Mayor Peyton and Honorable City Council Members:

At the Thursday, April 8, 2010, Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (NW CPAC) meeting, Past Chairman Gadson Burgess offered a Motion that was seconded and unanimously approved by this CPAC, to write a letter in support of the Citizens Planning Advisory Committees (CPACs), to Mayor John Peyton and the Honorable City Council Members requesting their continued support in keeping the CPACs.

CPACs provide community organizations with opportunities to bring to the forefront many issues and concerns that may not receive the attention it should. There are in attendance at each meeting many city agencies and programs to receive the concerns of the citizenry, and at subsequent meetings feedback is provided to each community representative.

We acknowledge that, there are budgetary concerns, but feel the CPACs provide an essential service for many communities, and request your support in keeping them.

If you have any questions please call me at 563-5271 or e-mail me at Messengerforgod1@aol.com

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leroy C. Kelly
 Northwest CPAC Chair

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jacksonville City Council Members
FROM: Kerri Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer
DATE: May 13, 2010
RE: Operational Reductions in Fiscal Year 2009-2010

As you are well aware the city is currently facing significant financial challenges both in the current year and in the upcoming fiscal year which begins Oct. 1. Due primarily to revenue underperformance and the presupposition of a 3 percent salary reduction and employee healthcare cost sharing, we are currently facing a deficit of approximately \$22 million in the current fiscal year.

In order to account for salary and benefit negotiations, council set aside \$9.5 million in a salary contingency fund. However, even with the contingency, our deficit still stands at about \$12.5 million in the current year. To address this hole the Mayor's Office will be implementing a three-pronged approach that includes making about \$2 million in operational cuts to this year's budget, capturing about \$4.9 million for the return of excess premiums from risk management operations and utilizing operating reserve funds.

Our goal is to realize as much savings as possible through operational reductions and minimize the use of operational reserve funding. To that end, in addition to operational changes outlined below, I have also instructed department heads to curtail all discretionary spending within their areas.

A report detailing all of the above will be delivered to you and the Council Auditor's office Monday, May 17.

As previously discussed, department leaders were asked to present recommendations on budget reductions within their respective departments for next fiscal year (those have previously been provided to you). From those recommendations we have identified a number of items that will be implemented immediately and will result in savings of approximately \$2 million in the current year.

These items represent cuts from only the executive departments within the operational control of the administration.

In short, our approach breaks down into basically three strategies: existing contract reductions, privatization measures and various operational cuts. This memo outlines some of those changes as well as the effects they will have on

our service levels and employees. A more detailed breakdown is attached to this memo.

Contract Reductions

We will reduce mowing frequency at all city buildings, rights-of-way, landscaped medians and city-maintained parks, excluding athletic fields. The city currently has a contract in place for the mowing and maintenance of these properties and all changes will take effect 30 days from today.

In addition we will be reducing guard service at the Florida Theatre office building and the St. James Building. Employee turnstiles will be activated at the entrance to City Hall, eliminating the need for one guard to check employee identification badges.

Privatization Measures

As you know the city is already in the process of outsourcing the desktop support function of ITD. When we began looking at our internal operations for savings, we contemplated the privatization of other areas throughout government.

Just this week we posted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the management and execution of the Building Inspection operations. We will not know the potential savings of outsourcing until we begin receiving responses.

The city is also in the process of developing RFPs for other functions across government including the Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC), Tennis Center Partnerships and Public Buildings. We expect these to be finalized and posted by the end of June. The potential impact to current employees within these functions is unknown at this point and will be dependent upon responses from the RFP process.

As it relates to the privatization of departments, we are aware of our obligation to submit a plan to City Council for its review and final approval, set forth in Sec. 21.302 of the Municipal Code. The plan must contain a financial analysis of the privatization, which necessitates the need for RFP responses prior to submittal of the plan.

Other Operational Cuts

As I said, since January I have been working with department heads to identify cuts to their operational budgets in preparation for next year. Each was asked to submit recommendations on ways to reduce their operating expenses by 5 percent. From that list, we were able to identify savings that could be captured

in this fiscal year and carried over into next fiscal year. I'm proud of the work they've done and the seriousness with which they've approached this task.

Beginning immediately, we will be working to implement the following changes:

- Reduction in library hours at 5 branch locations
- Closure of regional libraries on Sundays
- Removal of engine companies from Fire Stations 12 and 14 and transfer of rescue units to those locations
- Elimination of approximately 70 full-time positions from throughout the executive departments, more than half of which are currently filled

With respect to the JFRD reductions, each was included in their proposed 5 percent reduction list and based on call volume and proximity to other fire suppression units. In the last five years, approximately 80 percent of all calls for service were EMS related. A more detailed JFRD reduction list is attached.

The reductions to the library system were voted on by the Board of Library Trustees earlier this year when asked for a 5 percent cut to their operational accounts. The board based their decision on branch usage data and proximity to other libraries.

While the savings from these cuts will carry over, they are not the only cuts we expect to make to fill next year's budget deficit. We continue to work with various departments including the Sheriff's Office, other constitutional officers and our internal service providers to identify savings for next year.

Moving Forward

In March, the mayor outlined in his memo to Council the city's five-year outlook on revenue and expense projections. Expenses are expected to continue to grow by 35 percent, while revenue will grow only 10 percent. About 75 percent of this growth can be attributed to employee-related expenses, particularly pension and healthcare costs.

While our projected deficit for next fiscal year is about \$40 million – down from \$58 million following the passage of fee legislation – the deficit five years from now will be closer to \$250 million.

By taking these steps now, in addition to a pension reform plan and employee-related expenses currently being negotiated at the collective bargaining table, we are helping to ensure the future viability of our city finances and the community at large. These are no doubt tough decisions, but ones that are necessary for Jacksonville's long-term financial sustainability.

Attachment 1

**2009/2010 Executive Department Operational Changes
and Cost Reductions**

Central Operations

- Eliminate 20 positions (6 are filled, 14 are vacant)

Environmental and Compliance

- Eliminate 3 positions (all are currently filled)
- Pursue automation of city-owned parking facilities
 - Impact to employees is to be determined

Information Technology Department

- Privatize Desktop Support function
 - Contract with private provider has been negotiated and is before procurement committee for consideration

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department

- Eliminate 29 full-time positions and 14 part-time employees (all are currently filled)
- Remove the engine company from Station 12 and replace it with a rescue unit currently at Station 13
- Remove the engine company from Station 14 and replace it with a rescue unit currently at Station 23

Jacksonville Human Rights Commission

- Eliminate 4 positions (3 are currently filled, 1 is vacant)

Jacksonville Public Library

- Reduce library hours from 40 to 50 hours per week to 20 hours per week at five branch library locations
 - Brentwood
 - Brown Eastside
 - Maxville
 - Murray Hill
 - Westbrook
 - Position eliminations associated with these changes are expected although the exact number has not yet been determined
- Close regional libraries on Sundays
 - Main Library will remain open on Sundays
 - Branch libraries are already closed on Sundays
- Eliminate 2 positions within administrative area of library system (both are currently filled)
- Potential privatization of Distribution Services
 - Develop RFP to test market on potential savings related to privatization of distribution services – to be posted before end of June
 - Impact to employees is to be determined

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Planning and Development

- Eliminate 4 positions (all are currently vacant)
- Potential privatization of Building Inspection
 - RFP is currently advertised for responses
 - Impact to employees is to be determined

Public Works

- Reduce mowing frequency on city properties from May through September (NOTE: Mowing Jan. through April and Oct. through Dec. is already done at a minimum level due to slowed growth during these seasons)
 - Right-of-way mowing along frequently traveled roadways will be reduced from every two weeks to every 30 days
 - City building and landscaped median mowing will be reduced from twice per month to every three weeks
 - Parks (other than athletic fields) mowing will be reduced from weekly to every two weeks
- Eliminate 3 positions (all currently vacant)
- Reduce contracted guard service at Florida Theatre and St. James Building
 - Eliminate guard at Florida Theatre office building as city employees have been moved from the facility into other city buildings
 - Reduce number of guards at entrance to St. James building concurrent with the activation of an employee turnstile at entrance
- Potential privatization of Public Buildings Division
 - Develop RFP to test market on potential savings related to privatization of the public buildings division – to be distributed before end of June
 - Impact to employees is to be determined

Recreation and Community Services

- Kids Kampus closure
 - Kids Kampus will not open for summer operations in anticipation of planned improvements to Jacksonville's downtown waterfront park
- Potential privatization of Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC)
 - Develop RFP to test market on potential savings related to privatization of SARC functions - to be distributed before end of June
 - Impact to employees is to be determined
- Potential privatization of Tennis Center Operations
 - Develop RFP to test market on potential savings related to privatization of operations at the city's Boone Park and Southside tennis facilities - to be distributed before end of June
 - Impact to employees is to be determined

2009/2010 JFRD Operational Changes and Costs Reductions

- Remove engine company from Station 14 and replace with rescue unit
 - Rescue unit will be relocated from Station 23
 - Station 23 will retain it's engine company
 - Will result in elimination of 11 positions
- Remove engine company from Station 12 and replace with rescue unit
 - Rescue unit will be relocated from Station 13
 - Station 13 will retain it's engine company
 - Will result in elimination of 11 positions
- Eliminate 6 firefighter positions by reducing minimum staffing requirement for Engines 16 and 54 from 4 personnel to 3 personnel
 - All other engine companies currently operate with a minimum staffing requirement of 3
- Eliminate chief of fire prevention position
- Eliminate 1 rescue lieutenant position at training facility
- Eliminate 1 suppression captain position at training facility
- Eliminate 1 firefighter position in recruiting
- Eliminate 1 captain position in recruiting
- Eliminate 14 part-time positions in cadet program
- Eliminate 3 District 9 chief positions (one per shift)
 - Remaining 8 district chiefs will redistribute territories
- Eliminate 3 safety captain positions (one per shift)
 - Each shift will still operate with 1 safety captains
- Eliminate uniformed firefighter position at fire museum and replace with civilian
- Eliminate printing of On Scene magazine
- Maintain 10 firefighter positions to maintain adequate coverage without increased use of overtime

Note: Net position reductions within JFRD is 29 FTE and 14 part-time positions.