

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, June 12, 2008

Committee Members Present

Gadson Burgess, Chair	Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile Ministries
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor	Barney Roberts, Charter Member
William Anthony, Cherokee Cove	Faye Richardson, Cisco Gardens
Patty Herndon, City Rescue	Angela Nixon, District 10 Rep.
Thea Garfield, Grace & Truth CDC	James Gloster, Kinlock Civic
Cindy Parker, Lake Forest	Gloriden Norris, Lake Park
Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs	Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs
Diane Kerr, North Riverside	Linda Moore, North Riverside
Felicia Myrick, NWJ CDC	Vickie Anderson, Palmdale Gardens
Josephine Royals, Palmdale Gardens	Penny Trawick, Pickettville
Elaine Burnett, RAP/RADO	B. J. Scott, Ribault Manor
Doretha Tompkins, Riverview	Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition	

City/Staff/Public/Media

Devin Reed, Mayor's Liaison, Director of Central Operations	Jocelyn Turner, DOH
Officer Amy Coarsey, JSO Zone 5	Jacqueline Byrd, DCPS
Dennis Steele, Municipal Code	John Pappas, Public Works
Susan Cohn, Planning Department	David Hahn, Public Works
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND, CDD	Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens
Lisa Sterling, CDM	William Anthony, Jr.
Katie Kolano, Lake Forest	Henry Clark, Palmdale Gardens
Evelyn Eaves, Lake Park	

Excused: Vice Chair Leroy Kelly, Jerry Worthy, Bertha Richardson, Milton Locklear, Ella Watson, Anthony Wyche

Call to Order

Chairman Gadson Burgess called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone at the Bradham*Brooks NW Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West. He also extended the NW CPAC condolences to Member Solomon on the loss of his wife.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the May 8, 2008 summary as written was made by Member Diane Kerr and a second by Member Cindy Parker. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

JSO

Officer Amy Coarsey was called at the last minute to take Lt. Goff's place. She will take issues back to him to work on:

- Member Kerr reported that a new resident moved in and was burglarized and wanted information on a Neighborhood Watch and no-one has responded to that citizen. The North Riverside neighborhood needs police patrols and presence desperately. Crime is rampant with drug dealers and prostitutes working out in the open. How can neighbors be asked to pay for more police when they aren't getting the service to begin with.
- Member Burnett wanted everyone to know that she received a parking ticket in front of her home stating that she was parked in the wrong direction. She asked other members if they knew about this – most did not.
- Member Parker reported that a new scam was taking place in the Lake Forest area and others agreed it was happening in their neighborhood that men wearing "uniform shirts and a badge" were going door to door representing an alarm company and or selling meat. This appears to be a new scam, the alarm company may be licensed out of state and when you pay for the system and the monitoring – there is no monitoring. They are also saying that JSO will not respond to an alarm going off anymore which is false.
- Member Anderson/Clark wanted to thank JSO for the patrols in the Palmdale neighborhood. Operation Safe Street had been flooding the neighborhoods but is running out of money.
- Member Scott wanted to know about a drive by shooting at Katanga and Cleveland Rd.

If you have questions please call the Sub Station 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

Guest Speakers

Public Works – Flood Maps – John Pappas, Deputy Director of Public Works gave an overview of Flood Maps "Mapping the Risk – Duval County Flood Map Modernization". With Jacksonville's 840 square miles the Department will be gathering information for a Master Plan on all stormwater plans and create new FEMA maps. The current FEMA maps are 20 years old and there is more data available today with better tools to survey with. It will be a very extensive process and it will take 2 years or so to finalize the map. This project is a joint effort between the City of Jacksonville and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). If you have suggestions or concerns on stormwater problems and drainage call 255-8759 or go on the City of Jacksonville's Website to <http://ecare.coj.net/>

- Member Kerr reported that the aeration in the retention ponds in North Riverside on McCoy's Creek have not been working since the first week that they were installed. Retention ponds and drainage ditches need to be cleaned and maintained if the city is going to rely on them for drainage especially now that there is a new fee that is dedicated for stormwater. There is a serious problem with the ponds at Fishweir with fish dying. How often does the city do environmental testing on ponds? Mr. Pappas will put in a request to get this evaluated.
- Member Royals commented that the city should not continue to try to "quick fix problems" since it only costs the city more money. On the retention pond on Palmdale behind her home the pipe is sinking and is caving in. She has put this information into CARE and has talked with Dale Reddish. He did not help with the problem at all. The prisoners need to come and clean the area. It has been about 3 years since this was done. With the rain in the last 2 days oil is appearing on the surface. Mr. Pappas will follow up with Dale Reddish on this.

- Member Burnett wanted to know if pipes in older neighborhoods where it floods would be replaced and is the Master Plan for all of Jacksonville? They will be looking at all of Jacksonville and the Master Plan would be prioritized on what needs to be done first. John Pappas can be reached at 255-8753 pappas@coj.net and Bill Joyce can be reached at 255-

Public Works – Traffic Signals - David Hahn, Section Manager Paving and Drainage reported on the traffic signal study on Soutel and Ribault. The report does not meet the warrants for a traffic light. On page 16 of the study it gives the reasons why is not warranted. Mr. Hahn stated that traffic study counts are not done in the summer since school is not in session. There is also new solar technology that the city is looking into with caution lights.

- Members had numerous concerns and questions such as: how many accidents and deaths does it take to warrant a new traffic signal with a new subdivision. A life is worth more than a traffic light. There isn't a turn lane either. Members also commented on a traffic light at Lake Park and Palmdale that was going down until someone called and it is back up.
- Members would like to see a caution blinking light on 45th Street stating there is a school zone since a child was just killed there. There is also a school zone at the intersection of 45th Street and Helena that needs to be moved closer to the school. Mr. Hahn will check on this. There is also new technology that is solar powered to monitor the speed of a car as it approaches the sign.
- Members are requesting a traffic light at Pickettville and Old Kings Road due to all the new truck traffic that will be happening once the construction is complete.
- Member Burnett suggested that if someone can come up with ideas according to JSO CEPTED (proper landscaping to slow traffic down) for solutions and then work with communities on how to implement them, that may make a difference.
- Members would like to see signs with the names of streets at intersections back in place. With no street name it makes it difficult to report to CARE. It is also a safety concern for JSO and Fire/Rescue i.e. at the Wal-Mart on Dunn Ave.
- Members were concerned with speeders and wanted to know how to get speed bumps. On the City of Jacksonville's Web site go to: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Public+Works/Engineering+and+Construction+Management/Traffic+Engineering/Traffic+Calming.htm>

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) - Jackie Byrd, Executive Director, Standard Bearer Schools, gave an overview of DCPS:

- They are in the process of a new SACs accreditation for the District. In Oct. they will be visiting certain schools in the District to become District Accredited.
- District Strategic Plan – this will be long range plan to guide and govern the board and the district for the next four years. It can be viewed on line at www.duvalschools.org
- Academic & Community Excellence (ACE) is a roadmap for future facility needs. There will be a second round of public meetings on the following dates:

June 16	Andrew Jackson High School	6 p.m.
June 23	Ed White High School	6 p.m.
June 24	Wolfson High School	6 p.m.
June 30	Kernan Middle School	6 p.m.

This information and document is also on line at www.duvalschools.org

- There is a new Department, Community and Family Engagement, under Dr. Alvin White who is Chief of Staff. This office will continue to involve SAC and PTSA in various initiatives but the major initiative is to provide 20,000 mentors to students in the district by 2020. They are also committed to providing 1 business partner and faith based partnership to the 30 designated Turnaround Schools. Superintendent Pratt-Dannals has challenged all DCPS Employees to become mentors. To date 20 companies have agreed to let their employees mentor for an hour a week during the school year.

- FCAT scores are in and Duval County students are above grade level and are working very hard. They will be preparing students to speak a foreign language by 2020 for the global economy.
- Teach for America – new teachers from all over are in training to prepare to teach in 14 Duval schools for the 2008-2009. They are all very excited. Part of the program is to remain in Duval County for two years and then hopefully the teachers will remain after that.
- Turnaround Schools – 30 schools have been identified as possible Turnaround Schools for the 2008-09 School Year based on criteria from the FCAT, Adequate Yearly Progress and or unique academic circumstances. The list will be finalized once the School Grades have been received.
- New School Cluster Organization – next year there will be 2 elementary clusters (all elementary Turnaround Schools are included in one cluster) 1 middle school cluster and 1 high school cluster. Each cluster will have a dedicated team.

Members had numerous questions on the following: social issues such as a child that is hungry, what if they do not get the District Accreditation, and what reading program will they be using this year. How will they be helping students graduate and or get apprenticeships? Jackie Byrd can be reached at 390-2000 or Byrdj@duvalschools.org

JEA – Dr. Chansler, Chief Operating Officer passed out brochures on energy conservation and a 75 watt replacement ECObulb that lasts up to 7 years. There also was a pledge card to use it. He gave an overview of JEA starting with the River and the volume of water that flows in the St. Johns River. Florida can no longer have coal fire plants even though it is less expensive to run. They will be going with a gas plant and eventually nuclear. They are cleaner for the air since it produces less Co2. They are in the process of partnering to build a nuclear plant since it is so very expensive to build. Members had numerous questions on conservation especially if we are conserving our water and other counties are not why should we share it with them. Other questions on why JEA does not have the area on Chaffee Road and the company “Neighborhoods” does. The water pressure is not there. In 2001 they had purchased a number of smaller companies and that wasn't one of them. Dr. Chansler can be reached at 665-4433 or Chanjm@jea.com

Staff Reports

Mayor's Liaison – Devin Reed reported on the following that is on the Mayor's calendar:

- The River Accord, jobs and public safety.
- The Jacksonville Journey has been working on public safety since Mayor Peyton decided that something needed to be done with our bad name in Florida and the country – known as “The Murder Capitol”. The increase in violent crime is up 21% and the State is at 2%. It has become an epidemic. We have a lot of apathy here and we need to change this. The Jacksonville Journey has been having meetings on solutions from the recommendations from the Subcommittee. They had the meeting at Clanzel Brown with Mayor Peyton. If the community likes the recommendations it will take funding to make it happen. Therefore they will be asking for ideas and if the mileage rate should be increased to fund these projects. Member Cole and others continue to be unhappy about the make-up of the Jacksonville Journey. Neighborhood leaders who live and work in the troubled areas should have been invited to participate. Member Kerr stated that she was on the committee as well as others like Eddie Diamond. They were working hard to be sure that neighborhood leader ideas were in the recommendations. A lively discussion ensued. Mayor Peyton will be coming to the next NW CPAC meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2008. Members asked to have a copy of the recommendations. Marilyn will bring them to the meeting. Member Myrick talked about the young adults' ages 13 to 25 that have dropped out of school and may be participating in selling drugs – what is in the plan for them?

- Some members disagreed with the Journey while others said we need to keep an open mind and hear more about it and make recommendations that need to be added.
- Mr. Reed talked about the \$100 million dollars that will be used for the removal of ash they are working to have ex-offenders be part of the plan in working for sub-contractors.
- Members want to see economic development in the NW communities.
- Members reminded Mr. Reed they would still like to hear from JaxPort on what jobs will be available. He is working on that for a future meeting.

Devin Reed can be reached at 630-1184 or Dreed@coj.net

FDOT Milton Locklear – excused

Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning & Development Planner Susan Cohn passed out the NW monthly report:

If you have any questions please let her know.

- Member Anderson and Royals, Palmdale Gardens, reported that Exception E-08-13 that the NW CPAC wrote a letter in opposition to last month was deferred.
- Planner Cohn asked members to please fill out a survey about the FLUM (Future Land Use Maps) and stated that they are hoping to have the survey on line very shortly.
- If any group or organization would like to have the presentation on the FLUM please call 630-7221 and or e-mail to CommunityPlanning@coj.net

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

Municipal Code Compliance – Senior Officer Dennis Steele reported that there are 6 officers in Zone 5 and the new trainees are out on their own. He works in Lackawanna, Mixon Town and Murray Hill. They are working on 75 “old” cases to try and close them with either going to abatement or going to the Municipal Code Board.

- Members asked numerous questions on the Code process, how high grass can be before it’s cited (15 inches) and suggested there be stiffer fines for repeat offenders.
- He also talked about the early set out ordinance for garbage. There has been some problems when one neighbor has been reported and other neighbor still continues to have their garbage cans out and has not been reported.
- Members had concerns when homeowners have 2 weeks to bring their property into compliance and city properties go for months not being kept up.
- Members would like to see the Forest Street ash site mowed. The Headstart property right next door is continually mowed.

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

Department of Health Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health Promotion was glad to be at the meeting tonight. She reported on the following:

- There will be an opportunity to view and discuss the series on “Unnatural Causes – What’s Really Making Us Sick and Place Matters” and she needs people to voice their concerns. It will be at JCCI at noon for the next three Thursdays. It will also be on Thursday at the Urban League at 2 p.m. Members asked if copies of the DVD were available. Check out the web site www.unnaturalcauses.org For more information call 253-2037.

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:

- **Jacksonville Journey** Steering Committee Meeting - Wednesday, **June 04, 2008** 1 p.m. Main Library 303 N. Laura St., Multi-Purpose Room - This meeting will review the recommendations of the Funding Subcommittee.
- JaxParks presents **Art on the Go** - Friday, **June 13, 2008**, 6 - 8p.m., Kids Kampus - 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd., come draw, paint, make take home crafts, and even take a spin on the pottery wheel. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 904-630-4100.
- **MOB Quarterly Meeting** – Tuesday, **June 17, 2008** at 10:30 a.m. at Metropolitan Park. Quarterly meeting with the Mayor to discuss issues for seniors. For information call 630-7392.
- Golfair Corridor Workshop Thursday, June 19, 2008 Clanzel T. Brown Community Center, 4545 Moncrief Road at 6 p.m.
- JaxParks presents **Movies in the Park** (The Wiz) - Friday, **June 20, 2008** 7 p.m. movie starts @ dusk Simonds-Johnson Park - 3730 Moncrief Rd. Bring your blankets, and a picnic basket, and enjoy a family movie on us; under the stars at Simonds-Johnson Park.
- Senior Center **Open House June 24, 2008** from 2-4 p.m. Louis Dinah Center, 1805 Flag Street.
- **City Council Installation Ceremony** - Thursday, **June 26, 2008** 6:00 p.m. Jacoby Symphony Hall, Time Union Center for the Performing Arts, 300 W. Water St. The ceremony is held to install the Honorable Ronnie Fussell as 2008-2009 Council President and the Honorable Richard Clark as 2008-2009 Council Vice President. In accordance with Council Rules the positions will become effective July 1, 2008. All interested parties are invited to attend. For info call 630-1377.
- Friday, **July 4** - U.S. Navy Band Performs prior to and following the **fireworks** at 9:45 p.m. at The Jacksonville Landing.
- JaxParks presents **Summer Splash Down** - Friday, **July 11, 2008** 5:30pm - 8p.m. C.T. Brown Park - 4545 Moncrief Road, come have some good ole` fashion fun, playing some good ole` fashion games like red light, green light, sack races, 3-legged races, egg toss, water balloon toss, relay races, and more. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 904 630-4100.
- City Council Special Meeting - **Annual Budget Presentation** - Monday, **July 14, 2008** 10:00 a.m. City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Council Chamber, City Hall, St. James Building, 117 West Duval St. Mayor John Peyton will present his 2008-2009 Annual Budget address to the Jacksonville City Council at this time. The regular scheduled Rules Committee meeting will convene immediately following the Mayor's presentation. All interested parties are invited to attend. For info contact: Legislative Services Division at (904) 630-1404.
- JaxParks presents **Movies in the Park** (The Bee Movie rated: PG) - Friday, **July 25, 2008** 7p.m. movie starts @ dusk, Memorial Park - 1620 Riverside Ave. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets and enjoy a nice family movie. The Hot Dog Lady will be on site selling her delicious hot dogs, and Italian sausages. For more information call 904 630-4100.
- JaxParks presents **Art on the Go** - Friday, **August 01, 2008** 6:00 - 8:00p.m., Simonds Johnson Park, 3730 Moncrief Rd., have you ever wanted to learn how to draw, paint, make pottery, or make arts and crafts? That's some of the things you can learn and do. Admission is free. For info call 630-4100.
- Not Just for Baby Boomers Film Series: **Free showings of Baby Boomers' favorite films**, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 5:45 p.m., Main Library, Hicks Auditorium. For a complete list of movies visit <http://jpl.coj.net/progs/main/notjustforboomers.html>

For information about educational and recreational opportunities, please visit www.JaxParks.com.

To learn about classes and events at the library please visit www.coj.net.

City Council

- City Council District 9 - Town Hall Meeting - Monday, June 16, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Paxon School (Auditorium), 3239 Norman E. Thagard Blvd.. Please join Councilman Warren A. Jones for a Paxon/Biltmore Town Hall Meeting to discuss drainage and crime issues. Please plan to attend and bring a neighbor. Contact: (904) 630-1395

SAVE the DATE:

- Florida Neighborhoods Conference – June 26-28, 2008 in Tallahassee. Access to the site is through the City of Tallahassee site <http://www.talgov.com/dncs/fnc/index.cfm> or directly to the registration site <http://fnc.imarcsgroup.com/home/>.
- 2008 National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 5, 2008
- 2008 Neighborhood Day – Sunday, September 21, 2008

Previous info:

- **COJ Franchise Fee:** The City of Jacksonville Franchise Fee went into effect on April 1, 2008 by a City Ordinance that was passed in November 2007. The Ordinance directs JEA to collect the fee on behalf of the City, which receives all of the revenue produced by the fee. The franchise fee is a 3 percent fee on the electric, water, irrigation and sewer usage of JEA customers living in the city of Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Solid Waste Fee:** In May, 2008 bills for the new solid waste fee will arrive from the Tax Collector. The solid waste fee will be \$3 per month per [dwelling unit](#) from April to September, 2008. The fee will increase to \$4 per month per dwelling unit on October 1, 2008. For a single-family detached home, the May 2008 bill will reflect a solid waste charge of \$30 for nine months of solid waste fee charges, from April 1 to December 31, 2008 (\$3.00 x 6 months + \$4.00 x 3 months). Starting in 2009, bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Jacksonville residents have not been charged solid waste fees in the past although Jacksonville spends more than \$42 million annually to collect garbage (about \$11 per household each month). The city instituted the solid waste fee to ensure government would continue to provide that service. Collection schedules and waste haulers are planned to remain the same as before the fee went into effect. For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Stormwater Fees:** In May, 2008, bills for the new Stormwater Fee will arrive from the Tax Collector. The bill will reflect six months of stormwater fee charges, from July 1 to December 31, 2008. Starting in 2009, the bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Residents' fees are based on the amount of impervious area on the property. Impervious area does not allow water to percolate directly into the ground, for example the house, patio, driveway and shed. The average homeowner will pay \$5 per month, or \$30 for the first bill and \$60 annually. [501\(c\)\(3\) organizations and those meeting certain income criteria are eligible to be exempt from the stormwater fee.](#) Other property owners may be eligible for fee discounts through [adjustments](#) or [credits](#). For information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY.

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

Chairman Burgess's Report – none

Announcements/Public Comments - none

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Roberts and a second by Member Burnett.

The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

No Meeting in July

The next meeting will be Thursday, **August 14, 2008**

Bradham*Brooks NW Library

1755 Edgewood Ave. West

6 p.m.

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Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report June 12, 2008

Project #/App. #	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC *	LUZ Comm. **	Final City Council ***	Comments
E-08-13	Exception	2636 Palmdale Street	6/12/2008			Exception sought for Building Trades Contractors with Outside Storage Yard
Ordinance 2008-545; Land Use App. 2007C-064	Land Use Amendment & Conventional Rezoning	550 Willow Branch Ave.	8/14/2008	8/19/2008	8/26/2008	Current land use category LDR and zoning district RLD-G; Proposed land use category BP and zoning district IBP
Ordinance 2008-547; Land Use App. 2007C-065	Land Use Amendment & Conventional Rezoning	SW of I-295 and Old Kings Rd N. between Moncrief Rd W. and Miriam St.	8/14/2008	8/19/2008	8/26/2008	Current land use category LDR and zoning district RR; Proposed land use category LI and zoning district IL
Resolution 2008-394; Land Use App. 2008A-006	Land Use Amendment & Conventional Rezoning	6199 Soutel Drive	6/12/2008	6/17/2008	6/24/2008	Current land use category LDR and zoning district RR; Proposed land use category LI and zoning district IL
Ordinance 2008-362	PUD Rezoning	552 Edgewood Ave.	6/12/2008	6/17/2008		Current zoning district CCG-1 and RLD-G; Proposed zoning district PUD
Ordinance 2008-366	Sign Waiver, SW-08-03	5730 Sawyer Ave.				Waiver sought to allow change to internal lighting and reduce min. setback from 20' to 16' front yard and 10' to 5' side yard

* 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 630-1945
Rezoning/Exceptions/Variations/Waivers:	Folks Huxford 630-7033
PUD Rezoning:	Bruce Lewis 630-7052
Cell Towers:	Ken Avery 630-2386
Administrative Deviations:	Seva Abasova 630-0257
Site Review:	Susan Cohn 630-1062
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