

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



**MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bradham*Brooks NW Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West
Thursday, August 12, 2010**

Committee Members Present

Leroy Kelly, Chair	Gertrude Peele, Vice Chair
Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile	Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor	William Anthony, Cherokee Cove
James Gloster, Kinlock Civic	Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.
Ella Watson, Magnolia Gardens N.	Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs
Richard Sapp, Murray Hill	Raye Gary, NCNW Reed Campus
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville	Edward Hall, Ribault Hills
Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills	Linda Kittles, Ribault HOA
B.J. Scott, Ribault HOA	Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition
Yvonne G. Smart, Washington Heights	

Excused: Diane Kerr, Patty Herndon, Elaine Burnett, Doretha Tompkins

Guests

Council Member Warren Jones, District 9	Doug Vanderlaan, UC CPAC Chair
Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens N.	Minor Graves, Carver International
Vincent Dickerson, Carver International	Madelene Skinner, The Hester Group
Elaine Billups, BLCA	Juanita Wilson, Kinlock
Patrick Calvin, Kinlock	Tracie Thornton
Alyson Dew, North Shore	Melodee Dew, North Shore
Cheryl Williams, GTCDC	Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks

City/Staff/Resource

Devin Reed, Mayor's Representative	JSO Zone 5 – Assistant Chief Larry Jones
JSO Zone 5 – Lt. Tyree	Milton Locklear, FDOT
Danny Connell, Code Compliance	Daryl Joseph, Recreation & Community Services
Lurise Bannister, Planning	
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND	

Call to Order

Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with a welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance at the Bradham*Brooks NW Library Auditorium, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the June 10, 2010 summary as written was made by Member Burgess and a second by Member Anderson. The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

JSO Zone 5 – The new Zone 5 Assistant Chief Larry Jones introduced himself. He has been working for JSO for 19-years. He grew up in the neighborhood and was happy to be back in Zone 5. Lt. Tyree reported on the following:

- Crime is down 11% in Zone 5
- They need help from residents by locking cars, homes and garages. There has been a rash of auto thefts with doors unlocked and keys left in the ignition.

Members had questions on the following: Can a work truck be brought home to a residential neighborhood and park on the city right-of-way? No. There are weight restrictions. Can someone park in front of a house that is not blocking the driveway? Yes. Is it legal for lawn maintenance companies to park in a residential area that is not impeding traffic? Yes.

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 Speaker

City Council Member Warren Jones, District 9 remarked that it was a pleasure to be at the meeting. He talked about the upcoming budget in detail as well as the garbage and stormwater fees which he could not support. He discussed the millage rate and how the property values are declining along with foreclosures. Council Member Jones remarked that Mayor Peyton did something commendable by asking the police and fire to contribute to the budget shortfall. This year there is a \$100 million dollar shortfall. The City Council doubled the garbage fee which added \$20 million dollars and increased fees for services. He disagreed with the garbage fee but Solid Waste will pick up from vacant lots. The Mayor asked all departments to cut 5% for another \$20 million dollars and the police and fire for \$20 million more and to cut positions. They are negotiating with the unions for a 3% cut across the board for all personnel for \$20 million dollars. There are a number of challenges this year. They are looking for \$400,000 to bring back the reduced library hours. Crime is down and for many they don't feel safe. He talked about the perception of crime, adequate infrastructure, neglected older neighborhoods and transportation. There are challenges and he encouraged members to get involved. Members had questions and concerns on the following: Incentives for businesses, the Enterprise Zone, jobs, JSO response time, discounts for seniors, drainage, retention ponds and flood zones. Members would like to see City of Jacksonville personnel at the top take more than a 3% cut. Council Member Jones thanked everyone. Chairperson Kelly thanked Council Member Jones for coming to the meeting and his presentation.

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative Devin Reed reported on the following:

- Mr. Reed thanked and commended Council Member Jones and his colleagues and appreciated his work on the budget.
- Mr. Reed thought Mr. Joyce would be at the meeting and was not sure why he was not present. He was invited to come in response to a needed street signal at Soutel Drive and Ribault Avenue. He has corresponded with Council Member Brown, District 10 and he is very interested in this issue. It was suggested to also contact Council Member Lee since part of this area is District 8 and District 10.
- A comment was made to make sure members get to know the 15 people that are running for Mayor. The Mayor will be responsible to control a billion dollar budget. The election will be in the spring of 2011. A question was asked about all the high paying Directors when the Mayor leaves office. They all turn in a letter of resignation as well as a resume (if they so

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 – Madelene Skinner, Community Outreach Specialist reported on the following:

- They are cleaning all 4 areas as well as Darnell Cookman Middle School before the school starts on August 23, 2010.
- Access agreements are still needed and sampling is still going on.

Members had questions on the following: At Lonnie Miller Park is the testing completed and with the negative contaminants that have been found does the city have to replace 5 or 6 feet. She will have to ask the technical team. A Member that lives at Washington Heights Town homes asked how deep they would dig there - up to 2 feet. There is a staging area at the park and people are concerned that the contaminated dirt would be mixed up with the clean dirt.

Urban Core (UC) CPAC Chair Doug Vanderlaan brings greetings from the Urban Core CPAC. He came to share comments on the ash. Properties that are in the Ash sites have been identified with wording on the Property Record Card (PRC). They have been working hard on this topic. Lenders have not been lending to the owners in the ash sites that properties have been identified with the working. The UC CPAC just had a big meeting with the Office of General Counsel and the EPA on the Property Record Cards. He is not an attorney but has been studying the Consent Decree that the EPA gave to the City of Jacksonville. A particular concern is the notice going on the Property Record Card may be hazardous materials on this property and that is the point of contention. The UC CPAC passed a motion to get the notices removed from the property cards due to economic hardships. This may come before the NW CPAC as well. They have asked for the removal and if you have not read it a Class Action Lawsuit has been filed against the City of Jacksonville. Any one in the ash site can be a part of the lawsuit with the exception of those that were in the previous lawsuit with the city. That lawsuit was settled in 2005 and it said that they could not sue again if they received a check. Chair Vanderlaan has asked the Office of General Counsel to get a map and a list of names on who is impacted on the first lawsuit. Members asked what someone had to do to get involved with the Class Action Suit. Nothing at this time if your property is listed in the Project New Ground list. A Member asked if there was anything on the Doeboy site. No, nothing. Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY (2489) or 357-8077

FDOT - Milton Locklear reported on the following:

- If Members have recommendations on the I-10 / I-95 signage on the new flow of traffic to please let Mr. Locklear know. If one is driving south from I -10/ I-95 stay on your left side and northbound in the middle or right. When the project is finally finished it should be nice. Do not rely on memory and follow the new signs.
- In the next 3 to 4 months the following projects will begin:
 - Cahoon Road which is part of the I-10 project will start oat the end of the year.
 - Tallulah to become a 3-lane road and it will stat at the end of the year.
 - Main Street will be finishing up with landscaping.
 - FDOT retention ponds will begin – specific locations will follow up with DOT.
 - Forest Street right-of-way for the I-10 project it is clean without ash.

Members had questions about the following: At I-95 and Golfair there is a Crepe Myrtle in the median headed east to Golfair and the turn lane going west blocks the visual sight especially east. Mr. Locklear will check on this. On Main Street the resurfacing stops at the railroad in Springfield and the remainder of the road is in horrible shape. Mr. Locklear will check on this as well. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning & Development – Planner Lurise Bannister and the LUZ Subcommittee Member William Anthony went over the monthly report: There were 9 applications:

- 4 Land Use Amendments going before the Planning Commission on 8/26/10, LUZ on 9/8/10 and Final City Council on 9/14/10

2 PUDs

- Ord. 2010-655 1375 Vega Street Main Recycling to allow for outside storage
- Ord. 2010-374 4617 Brentwood Ave. & 670 Long Beach Blvd. expanding medical use with conditions

3 Exceptions

- 11043-12 Crystal Springs Rd. Retail Sales for all alcohol beverages for on-premises consumption.
- 1445 Otis Road – To allow for a racetrack for motorcycles
- 1343 Bulls Bay Highway – To allow for automotive sales including outdoor display.

The proposed Residential Treatment facility on Gilchrist Rd. was withdrawn from the applicant.

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 City Council passed the new junk vehicles Ordinance which closed up some loop holes and is easier to enforce.
- In 2009 there were 3094 vehicles that were reported as active cases but this was shut down for 6 months waiting for the Office of General Counsel to get a new Ordinance in place. They can write a ticket for \$250. Once sited the owner has 18 days to remove or tag the vehicle.

Vehicles

Junk and Abandoned Vehicles, those without current tags, parts missing, i.e., engines, tires, transmissions, etc., which do not run or cannot be readily started, moved or pulled in accordance with its original purpose are citable under this section. Both owners and/or occupants of the property where the Junk or Abandoned vehicle is located may be cited. Vehicles may be towed from private property, a fee paying citation issued or a case may be filed with the Municipal Code Enforcement Board.

- Senior Officer Robert Crawford was promoted to Mandarin and Dennis Steele went to Arlington. Senior Officer Devron Cody from Zone 1 will be starting in Zone 5 on Monday. Johnny Johnson will be coming to Zone 5 and will be losing Steve Forbes to Arlington. Zone 5 will then be down one officer. In order to save time and money the officers go directly into the field and work from their cars and computers.
- If anyone has a suggestion on how to do things better please let the officers know. In Robinson's Addition a resident asked if the vacant lots could be mowed and cleaned along the fence line and that is being done now.
- In July for Riverside there were 124 cases and in Lincoln Villas 302 new cases. As it stands now the NW Officers have already set a record with over 30,000 cases and 2 weeks to go.

Members asked if there is a problem in a backyard can an officer come into the neighbor's yard so that the problem may be sited? Only if the officer is invited on to the neighbor's property with the permission of the owner. If they can not see it in view they can not site it. Please be sure to call in issues 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 and would address concerns:

- The Summer Night Lights Program went very well for the first year. They are looking at funding for next year. The Norwood Neighborhood asked if they could be considered for next year's area. The neighborhoods that were chosen were based on crime statistics.

- Movies in Park – due to funding they can no longer send out flyers but hope the residents in the neighborhoods would get the word out. The city only has one movie machine for the entire city.
- The benches at the Simonds-Johnson Park have been replaced along the walking path. Members from Magnolia Gardens want to know if JEA could donate land on Lantana to the Neighborhood Association. It is possible if the land is donated to the city. They will discuss this after the meeting.

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

HAND, Community Development Neighborhood Coordinator, Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following: **City Council Budget Hearings**

City Council Finance Committee Budget Hearing:

Thursday, August 12, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Thursday, August 19, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Thursday, August 26, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Council Chamber. Notice is hereby given that Finance Chair, Daniel Davis will meet with the Finance Committee members in Council Chambers located at 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, St. James Building to discuss the 2010-2011 Budget. All interested parties are invited to attend. Contact: Jessica Stephens, Legislative Assistant at 630-1404

City Council District 12 - Town Hall Meeting - Tuesday, **August 17, 2010** 6:30 p.m. at the West Regional Library, 1425 Chaffee Road South, Electronic Classroom. Please Join Councilman Daniel Davis, Council District 12, for a Town Hall Meeting to discuss a proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan on approximately 208 acres located at the southwest quadrant of Halsema Road and Interstate-10. The meeting will include a presentation by the applicant and an opportunity for members of the community to ask questions and state their views. Contact: 630-1380

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 the website at: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- The **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)** is a \$26 million initiative that utilizes HUD money to buy foreclosed houses. Developers purchase the homes, renovate them to strict standards including new Energy Star-rated appliances and the homes are sold to qualified homebuyers. Homes are available in the 32206, 32208, 32209, 32244 and 32254 zip codes. Twenty-eight homes have sold so far and there are currently 29 homes remaining to be sold that do not have potential homebuyers. Families and individuals with an adjusted family income of up to 120 percent of the area household median income are eligible to participate. A family of four can earn as much as \$78,000 and qualify for an NSP home. Buyers can own for as little as \$500 down and may qualify for purchase assistance. For more information about NSP go to www.nspjax.com or call (904)398-HOME (4663).
- 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.
- **FREE Training - CommUniverCity (CU) Training Neighborhood Leaders "Back to School"** will be held on Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. Classes began on Tuesday, **August 10, 2010** for 7- weeks plus a bus tour and graduation. Please call **Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260** to register.

Administrative Lien Amnesty Program - Between Aug. 1 and Oct. 29, 2010, the Municipal Code Compliance Division will accept applications to cancel administrative fines assessed on properties by a Municipal Code Enforcement Special Magistrate or the Municipal Code Enforcement Board for failing to correct property or zoning code violations.

Community Meeting Aug. 18 Hosted by City Councilmember E. Denise Lee (District 8) and representatives from the Municipal Code Compliance Division, a community meeting at **Stanton High School**, 1149 W. 13th St., 5 - 7 p.m., Aug. 18, will provide a chance to have questions answered. Please bring any information about existing liens or fines on your property.

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Municipal+Code+Compliance/Administrative+Lien+Amnesty+Program+2010.htm>

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: **5th & Cleveland** - Wealth Watchers, Carrie Davis, 265-4736; **Forest Street** – North Riverside CDC, Diane Kerr, 387-0332; **Brown's Dump** – NJCDC, Paul Tutwiler, 764-1805; **Lonnie Miller**- Helpful Citizens, Bernard Wilson, 509-6484. 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, **August 19, 2010** at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor. 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

JSO – Sheriff’s Crime Prevention Walk in Zone 5 on Thursday, **September 16, 2010** starting at 6 p.m. For info call 384-8028

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

The **first day of school** for Duval County is Monday, **August 23, 2010**. For other info “Save Duval Schools” –

www.saveduvalschools.org

Recreation and Community Services – Parks

- **Riverside Arts Market presents Movies in the Park** - Saturday, **August 14, August 21, August 28, 2010** at 7 p.m. (movie starts at dusk) 2821 Riverside Ave. - Riverside Arts Market Come watch the stars under the star at the beautiful Riverside Arts Market. With plenty of entertainment before show time. Food vendors will also be on hand. This is a free JaxParks event. For information call 904 255-7911
- **Deutsche Bank presents JaxParks Arts on the Go** on Friday, **September 17, 2010, 6 - 8 p.m.**, J.S. Johnson Community Center - 1112 Jackson St. Parents and kids come release your artistic talents. Come draw, paint, and create take-home crafts. Or learn to be a star in 5-minutes playing the keyboards. Art instructors will be on hand to assist. And it’s all FREE. For information call 904 630-CITY.
- **Nickelodeon’s World Wide Day of Play** on Saturday, **September 25, 2010 12 - 3 p.m.**
Clanzel T. Brown Park - 4545 Moncrief Road. Parents and kids here’s your chance to get slimed!!! Come out and enjoy C.T. Brown Park there will be a variety of games challenges, contests, entertainment and more. Plus nutritionists will be on hand making healthy, delicious snacks and treats. And it’s free. For more information call 904 630-CITY.

For more information on events and activities hosted by the Recreation and Community Services Department, call 630-CITY or visit www.jaxparks.com. For more information on this and other downtown events and dining options, visit www.downtownjacksonville.org.

Seniors

- Forever Fit 50 & Beyond Jacksonville **Senior Games - October 4 - 10, 2010** at various venues. Calling all active seniors ages 50 and over! Celebrate fitness after 50 and compete in various athletic events and other games is offered to encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle for ages 50 and older. For more information, call 630-3690.
- **MOB Meeting (Mayor’s Older Buddies) Tuesday, October 19, 2010** at Metropolitan Park. Join the City of Jacksonville to discuss issues pertinent to seniors. MOB members be sure to wear your MOB t-shirts and buttons! Lunch will be provided. RSVP required. For more information, call 630-3690.
- **Mayor’s Holiday Festival for Senior Citizens – Saturday, December 4, 2010** from 2-5 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Celebrate the holidays in style! Join us for dancing, dining and entertainment at the Mayor’s Holiday Festival. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 630-3690.

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

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events

- **The Durkeeville Historical Society** - Fund Raising, Fish Fry and Book Sale, Saturday **August 28, 2010** from 11am to 3pm at 1293 W. 19th Street. The center will be open for tours during this time. For directions please call -598-9567

Emergency Preparedness - Make preparations for your family for hurricane season, which is from June 1 through Nov. 30. The COJ **Emergency Preparedness Division** has information and links to other hurricane preparedness websites. For more information, contact COJ Emergency Preparedness at 630-2472 or e-mail bosborne@coj.net Make a plan. Please visit

<http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/index.html> Ask your children to help the family prepare. <http://stormstruck.org> Prepare for your pets. If you need to evacuate – your pet needs to evacuate. Pet Friendly Public Evacuation Shelter Program offers shelters at the following schools: [Landmark Middle School](#), [Mandarin Middle School](#), and [Chimney Lakes Elementary School](#). The following animals will be accepted: dogs, cats, rodents, rabbits and birds. No reptiles will be allowed. All pets must have proof of vaccination and registration, be properly crated or caged and be maintained by their owners. Animals may be housed in a separate room from their owners. Owners must provide all necessary supplies to maintain their pet, including a pet emergency kit.

Transportation - If a person will need transportation to a shelter during an emergency, they must pre-register by calling 630-7833.

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue: Check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

State Tax Free Holidays: August 13-15, 2010. Applies to books, clothing, footwear (\$50 or less); school supplies (\$10 or less)

Phone Numbers

- City Link- 630-CITY (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.
- 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
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office) [Http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu)
- Elder Source is the State Designated Aging Resource Center for NE Florida. Elder Helpline – 1- 888-242-4464 or myeldersource.org.
- 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
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- JOBS - WorkSource Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 www.employflorida.com

Chairperson Kelly's Report

- Chair Kelly met with Mayor Peyton for his quarterly meeting with the CPAC Chairs. He talked about *older neighborhoods infrastructure that has been neglected and time is catching up and needs to be replaced. The Mayor also talked about the budget. He looks forward the next meeting.*
- Chair Kelly has invited Council Member Brown to next month's meeting and In October State Attorney Angela Corey. He is working on the November and January meetings. He wants to invite City Council Members to speak to us and to give them our feedback. He wants to be sure we and the City Council are familiar with projects and topics of concern for the NW CPAC.
- Members wanted to know if it was possible to have a Mayoral Candidate Forum. Yes, as long as it is an educational forum and not an endorsement of candidates. In the past a joint Candidate Forum was held by the SW and NW CPAC. Urban Core CPAC Chair Vanderlaan would like to participate. It was suggested to wait until after the qualifying date so that all candidates may be invited to attend. This would happen in the early part of 2011.
- Member Arnold made a Motion to write a letter to the City Council stating that the entire CPAC supports the retention of Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer. Member Burgess followed with a proper second. Discussion: none. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports – none.

Announcements

- Member Diane Kerr had a mild heart attack and is excused from the meeting but sent a letter that North Riverside's Toxicologist for the Ash Site Dr. Pegg had written on Project New Ground and the Ash Remediation. Chairperson Kelly read the letter. A copy of the letter is below.
- How can the Norwood area get trash cans for the street corners or businesses?

Public Comments

- Community Organizer Cheryl Williams from Grace and Truth CDC announced that NEFCAA (Northeast Florida Community Action Agency) has help available to pay light bills.
 - There will be a mini Empowerment Fair and Ask a Lawyer and help for seniors at the Old Norwood Elementary School on Saturday, August 14, 2010
 - On Thursday, Sep. 9, 2010 at Gateway Mall the Symphony will be holding a concert.
- Members wanted to know where the Standard Feed Shop on Beaver Street was moving to. It is moving next door closer to the Post Office.
- Members wanted to know who is addressing health issues. Call Gail Tucker Disney at the Health Department – 253-1000
- There is a property on Fairfax Street and 14th Street – are they treating wood there. Yes.

Motion to Adjourn

*A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Burgess and a second by Member Arnold.
The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.*

The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 9, 2010** at 6 p.m.
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1755 Edgewood Ave. West

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

Letter from North Riverside CDC's Toxicologist Dr. Pegg for the Forest Street Ash Site

7/27/10

Diane Kerr,

I am following up from our phone conversation of 7/20/2010 in regard to progress at the Forest Street site. After we spoke I re-reviewed the materials provided to the Technical Advisor and I concur with you the information is fragmentary, poorly prepared, inadequate and questionable. As I stated on the phone, I have little confidence based on the materials provided for review that this site is progressing on time, on budget, or even safely.

Materials provided every two months or so from the Hester group as the "Project New Ground" newsletter has no practical information, reiterates old information, and they are generally useless for estimating progress at the site. As I noted in our conversation I was surprised at the June 8 Urban Core meeting when residents complained of having property tested and never receiving results of that testing. I thought The Project New Ground people were paid to facilitate that action yet none at the meeting said a word.

The Forest Street Weekly Construction Reports sent by ETM are generally received by me in a lump batch several weeks after the date, the last ones I can find are from mid-June. These are mere bullet points with select incidents included as filler to make up two and a half pages, and are of no value in determining site progress.

At this point, 6 months into the cleanup, I give England, Thims and Miller a D+ and the Hester Group an F where reports are concerned. It does appear "business as usual" with the Project New Ground merely picking up where the City left off in unprofessional conduct.

Based on information provided I cannot address your concerns over the lack of local hiring, the failure to follow the plan and address at-risk home sites first, failure to follow through on community concerns over the staging area, or explain why children are still playing in contaminated dirt while other properties are cleaned up on a priority basis.

I think we should move forward and schedule a meeting directly with the City and EPA to address concerns at this site. I am comfortable with calling the current system a failure and ignoring the plan to work with through multiple intermediaries, after all, the plans outlined and agreed to have obviously been abandoned by the contractors. I am free the first and third week in August to meet with the COJ and EPA.

Sincerely,

R. Kevin Pegg, Ph.D.

cc. J. Alfano

Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report August 12, 2010						
Project #/App. #	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC *	LUZ Comm. **	Final City Council ***	Comments
Land Use Application 2010A-004 (Land Use Ordinance 2010-621 and PUD Ordinance 2010-0622)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	at 6604, 6606, and 6664 Osceola Street (Old Kings Rd and Pritchard Rd)	8/26/2010	9/8/2010	9/14/2010	Currently LDR (land use) and RR (zoning); Proposing LI (land use) and PUD (zoning). Staff reports available to the public at close of business Friday, 8/20/2010
Land Use Application 2010B-001 (Land Use Ordinance 2010-627 and PUD Ordinance 2010-628)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	at 9766 Garden Street (SW quadrant of Garden St and Jones Rd)	8/26/2010	9/8/2010	9/14/2010	Currently LDR (land use) and PUD (zoning); Proposing NC (land use) and PUD (zoning). Staff reports available to the public at close of business Friday, 8/20/2010
Land Use Application 2010C-003 (Land Use Ordinance 2010-480 and PUD Ordinance 2010-481)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	north side of Kings Road, west of Flag Street	8/26/2010	9/8/2010	9/14/2010	Currently RPI (land use) and CRO (zoning); Proposing NC (land use) and PUD (zoning). Staff reports available to the public at close of business Friday, 8/20/2010
Land Use Application 2010C-014 (Land Use Ordinance 2010-590 and PUD Ordinance 2010-591)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	at 460 and 494 Trout River Drive (SW corner of Trout River Dr and Tamarack St)	8/26/2010	9/8/2010	9/14/2010	Currently LDR (land use) and RLD-60 (zoning); Proposing LI (land use) and IL (zoning). Staff reports available to the public at close of business Friday, 8/20/2010
Ordinance 2010-655	PUD	at 1375 Vega Street (between West Beaver St and West Church St)	9/16/2010	9/21/2010		Main Recycling PUD (current zoning district(s) IL, current land use category HI, proposed zoning district PUD) to allow for outside storage.
Ordinance 2010-374	PUD	4617 Brentwood Ave & 670 Long Beach Blvd	Item was DF in June will be heard 8/12/2010			Rezoning CGC-2 & RMD-A to PUD is being sought for the purpose of expanding the current medical use on the corner. Staff recommendation is Approval with conditions.
Ordinance 2010-058	Exception	11043-12 Crystal Springs Rd (between Chaffee Rd and Chaffee Point Blvd)	9/16/2010	9/21/2010		Retail Sales for all alcohol beverages for on-premises consumption. Staff recommended approval; report is available to the public as of 8/4/2010
Ordinance 2010-051	Exception	1445 Otis Road (east side of Otis Rd between Old Plank Rd and Dillon Rd)	Item was DF; will be heard 8/26/2010			Application for Zoning Exception seeks to allow for a racetrack for motorcycles within an Agriculture (AGR) zoning district and Agriculture-III (AGR-III) land use category. Staff recommendation is Approval w/ conditions.
Ordinance 2010-052	Exception	1343 Bulls Bay Highway (between W. Beaver St and Bradway Ave)	Item was DF; will be heard 8/26/2010			Application for Zoning Exception seeks to allow for automotive sales including outdoor display. Staff recommendation is denial.

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