

**Northwest District 5
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Gadson Burgess, Chairman
Leroy Kelly, Vice Chairman**



**MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bradham*Brooks NW Library, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Committee Members Present

Gadson Burgess, Chair	Leroy Kelly, Vice Chair
Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile	Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor	William Anthony, Cherokee Cove
Cindy Parker, Lake Forest	Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville	B.J. Scott, Ribault Manor
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition	Rev. Anthony Wyche, Second Chance
Yvonne Smart, Washington Heights Estates	

Guests

Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens	Anthony McGlone, The Hester Group
Elaine Billups, BLCA	Mandy Hood, The War on Poverty
Patrice Simmons	Sandra Hancox, Lake Forest

City/Staff/Resource

Devin Reed, Mayor's Representative	JSO Zone 5 Lt. Tyree and Sgt. Mahaffay
Daryl Joseph, Recreation	Danny Connell, Municipal Code Compliance
William Nowlin, DCHD	Jack Swiadek, DCHD
Susan Cohn, Planning & Development	
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND, Community Development	

Excused: Diane Kerr, Milton Locklear, Ella Watson, Patty Herndon, Doretha Tompkins

Call to Order

Chairman Gadson Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 11, 2009 summary as written was made by Member Wyche and a second by Member Anderson. The Vote: All were in favor. None opposed.

Staff Reports

JSO – Lt. Tyree reported that violent crime was down by 13%. Zone 5 kept the numbers low this summer possibly with having extra officers in the Zone. In the Moncrief Park neighborhood off Spires Street there have been 5 residential burglaries with no pattern or trend. Please be sure to set your alarms. There have also been burglaries to businesses stealing 15 grates in the last 14 days. At 1900 West 10th Street in Grand Park there was a gang related murder. Members had questions on a new door hanger they received asking for input on a crime that was committed near by. With the COPS Grant of \$9 million how many new officers will Zone 5 get? The latest number is 8. For Zone information call the Sub Station at: Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Mall, Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center and Zone 5 call 384-8028 at 1024 Superior Street or First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously

Guest Speakers

- Duval County Health Department Environmental Supervisor Bill Nowlin and Grant Researcher Jack Swiadek are working on an EPA Environmental Justice Grant. It is for \$10,000 for Health Zone 1 which includes CPAC 1 and 5. The grant project will form an advisory board to determine appropriate responses to identified concerns. This will include strategy, direction, specific remedies and action plans. The board membership will include residents of the communities as well as other stakeholders. It will focus on identifying and prioritizing the specific environmental health concerns of the residents in Heath Zone 1. They handed out a survey and asked by a show of hands how many people were interested in the following:

Environment – 3 Social – 8 Service Concerns – 1 Other – none

They will also be doing 25 home assessments for the first 25 owner occupied home applications. This will be for sanitary concerns on water and wells. There will be discussion on integrated pest management. The owner will receive some green cleaning supplies which are more environmentally friendly. There was much discussion on mold and how to address it with a moisture meter and hydrometer for humidity. Your home should have a 30 to 45% level if it is greater there is a moisture problem. Members asked questions on the following: Where is the local EPA office? None in Jacksonville but the office for Region 4 is located in Atlanta. Where can one get a soil sample? The Health Department will test for lead and if you are located in one of the 4 contaminated ash sites they may test for ash.

The main number for the Department of Health is 253-1000 and William Nowlin can be reached at 253-2579 or William.Nowlin@doh.state.fl.us

Mayor's Representative

Director of Central Operations Devin Reed talked about the following which included having the following Divisions under him: Human Resources, Fleet, Administrative Services, Procurement, and EBO:

- The City of Jacksonville Budget – Mayor Peyton did not sign the millage that the City Council proposed and therefore the rate will be 9.2727 mills. The millage has not been increased in 17 years. The 9.2727 mills, or \$9.2727 per \$1,000 assessed taxable value rate will still leave a gapping hole by millions of dollars. Call your City Council Members to let them know what kind of city and services you want. At today's City Council Finance Subcommittee meeting they proposed to cut all salaries by 3% and budgets by 3%. This will have to go before the entire City Council to become law. They will have to vote on the budget at the September 29 City Council meeting.
 - Member Wyche made a suggestion to help the budget by billing out-of-town visitors for emergency services and to consider a ½ cent sales tax increase. The sales tax would not be allowed by law to be used for the General Fund.
 - Member Scott commented that more people needed to be at the Budget Town Hall meeting that was a Ribault High School last week.
 - The money for fireworks should be considered to be cut from the budget.
 - Members also discussed that there are numerous parks that go unused with no participation from organizations or children. On Soutel alone there are 5 parks in a 3 mile radius. The parks should be there for activities for kids/families and they need to be safe. Instead of having the largest park system we need to have the best.
 - The City of Jacksonville needs to have an identity on 1 to 3 things that we do really well instead of numerous things we have and don't do the very best at.
 - The JEA Office on Commonwealth is no longer open. This is a concern for elderly that still pay in person.

Members asked questions on the following:

- JEDC and how they give incentives to companies. Director Reed explained about competing cities going after good paying jobs.

- They also asked about the Property Assessor's Office in the neighborhoods after the tax assessments are out. Won't the large amount of foreclosures as well as declining property values play a big part on the budget?
- Members wanted to know the status of the Trail Ridge Landfill. It was voted down by the City Council and they still haven't received specifications for a Request for Proposal.
- It was also mentioned that Duval Schools will be getting out 45 minutes earlier than in past years and the children will need to be kept busy. There will also be more children walking to school due to the new bus routes.

Devin Reed can be reached at 255-8639 or dreed@coj.net

Mayor's Office – Project New Ground – Consultant Anthony McGlone, The Hester Group, reported on the following:

- The center at 1605 Myrtle Ave. is expected to open in 3 weeks.
- The actual cleanup is expected to begin in October or early November.
- If you know someone that needs or wants to sign the access agreement please let them know that the center will be open or call 630-CITY.
- Members had questions on a Lake Forest concern about lead pipes to a new sewer system and some form of ash that was being used for infill that made neighbors ill. They contacted JEA and wrote a letter and were told they stopped using that particular chemical. They still don't know what was used and would like to know for future issues. Members also asked about the Doe Boy site which is not part of Project New Ground.
- Member Wyche announced that today they learned that Tetra Tech and Second Chance were awarded the Brown's Dump site for ash removal for \$5.8 million dollars. He wanted to thank the NW CPAC for their support. If you know of anyone that needs a job to let him know.

For information on Project New Ground call 630-CITY or www.coj.net

FDOT - Milton Locklear asked to be excused but Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reminded members on upcoming meetings:

- **FDOT: I-95 Trout River Bridge Replacement Proposed Perimeter Walls Meeting** – Tuesday, **August 25**, 2009 4:30 pm open 6:30 pm public input - A perimeter wall is an eight to ten foot high concrete wall placed within the FDOT right-of-way. Perimeter walls are designed to shield the view of the highway from adjacent properties. The proposed locations for the perimeter walls are the north east, north west, and south east quadrants of the Edgewood Avenue / I-95 Interchange and the north east and North West quadrants of the Lem Turner / I-95 Interchange. For info contact Donald Dankert at 1-800-749-2967 or (386) 961-7791 donald.dankert@dot.state.fl.us
- **Regional Workshop of the 2010 SIS Strategic Plan Update** Tuesday, **September 22**, 2009 at 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the FDOT Urban Office Training Facility, 2198 Edison Avenue - Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) is a transportation system made up of statewide and regionally significant facilities and services. It contains all forms of transportation for moving both people and goods. The initial SIS Strategic Plan was adopted on January 20, 2005. The 2010 SIS Strategic Plan Update will consist of a comprehensive review of SIS goals, objectives and policies and will develop strategies to make SIS implementation more effective. It will also update and clarify the criteria and thresholds used to designate SIS facilities. <http://sisupdate.org>
- The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (North Florida **TPO**) will be hosting open house meetings to gather public input on specific transportation projects needed in the four-county area. It will be on Tuesday, **August 25**, 2009 Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For info call 306-7513 or www.envision2035.com

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

Planning & Development – Planner Susan Cohn reported on the following:

- William "Bill" Killingsworth is officially the new Director of the Planning & Development Department.
- The NW CPAC Monthly Planning Report is now in a bigger font and is printed on the front and back of the paper. Planner Cohn went over the report and hearing dates.

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

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

- He thanked the NW CPAC for their letter of support and placed a copy of it in each Officer's evaluation. He is very proud of the 8 officers on his team in Zone 5.
- For the month of July here are the number of citations:

73 commercial	73 junk vehicles	2355 nuisance
184 board ups	287 residential	102 unsafe structures
22 zoning commercial	433 zoning residential	23 zoning land use
- There were 5 systematic inspections in Zone 5: Magnolia Gardens, Grand Park, Mid Westside, Carver Manor and Edgewood Manor (324) for a total of 3876 inspections for July.
- Bob Crawford will be going to Zone 3 and there will be new people to train.
- If you see an officer in the neighborhood please tell them how much you appreciate them in person.
- Last year Zone 5 did 24,900 inspections and this year they have already done 30,000 with a few more weeks left to go.

Members asked questions and wanted clarification on what a nuisance lot is - 15 inches of grass and or garbage. He will bring brochures next month that explain this. Members once again thanked him, Bob and Maria as well as the officers for all their hard work. Member Scott also wanted to commend Officer Walker for calling her back on an issue. Members were also concerned about losing the NW CPAC Neighborhood Coordinator. Members asked if the city is cited for not cutting the grass on their property. Yes, he and his officers do cite a city property and get with the department that owns the parcel to get it cut. 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 that the new Northwest Community Center will begin construction. It should be complete in 2010. This will be a great facility and it will also be the NW evacuation center. Members asked if the parks received any stimulus dollars. Mayor's Representative Reed will check and bring it back next month. Daryl Joseph can be reached 630-3515 or DJoseph@coj.net

Department of Health – not present

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:

- **Mayor Peyton's Budget** information can be viewed at www.fixitnow.cc
- City Council President Clark creates budget e-mail suggestion box BudgetSuggestions@coj.net
- **City Council Finance Committee Budget Hearings** will take place at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, St. James on the following dates to discuss the 2009-2010 Budget: August 13, 20, 27, Sep. 3, 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm.
- City Council Special Meetings 9/17/2009 and 9/29/2009 <http://www.coj.net/City+Council/BudgetHearings.htm>
- City Council District 10 Councilman Brown- Water & Sewer Project Groundbreaking, Friday, August 21, at 11:00 a.m. at Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Road

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free Foreclosures Prevention workshops. To register, call 630-2489.
- A website is available: Stay Home: Jacksonville Foreclosure Prevention. *This website 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.* <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/default.htm>
- The Neighborhood Stabilization 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 info on Jacksonville's economic stimulus efforts, please send an e-mail to stimulus@coj.net or call 630-CITY

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions and help you in any way during the course of the project. Please contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY (2489) <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental-and-Compliance/Project+New+Ground/About.htm>

If you have any specific questions about how ash on your property may affect your health, please contact the Duval County Health Department at (904) 253-1000. You may also visit the Web site, <http://www.dchd.net>

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 4 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, 32202. During the month of June progress includes: Oversight meeting in June, Jacksonville Commitment awarded 84 scholarships to UNF, FCCJ, JU and EWC, Summer Camp had 23 camps with 2900 scholarships to participants and expanded from 6 to 8 weeks, Jacksonville Re-Entry Center is fully operational, JSO has deployed new officers and Juvenile Assessment Center continues to process over 600 youths per month. For info contact: Tina Rehmel (904) 630-1273 or <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

New Animal Care and Protective Services 40,000 square-foot shelter is now open at 2020 Forest Street to adopt animals.

Schools - Duval County Public Schools – classes for students will begin on August 24, 2009 www.duvalschools.org

Save Duval Schools - www.saveduvalschools.org – One click to contact your legislators.

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

Seniors - For information on senior centers call 630-7392 – 28th Annual **Senior Prom** "Diamonds and Pearls" Friday, **August 14**, 6pm -10 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center Admission is \$10 for seniors 60 years and over. Tickets will be sold at the Mary Singleton Senior Center and the Office of Special Events, 117 W. Duval St., Ste 280. For info call 630-3690 or events@coj.net or www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/Mayor%27s+Special+Events+for+Senior+Citizens

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SAVE the DATE: Community Empowerment Expo – Saturday, September 12, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Downtown Main Library – See the flyer for further details

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.

ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 5 call 384-8028 at 1024 Superior Street and Zone 4 call 573-3165 Cedar Hills Shopping
First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously Police Non-Emergency 630-0500

JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole

JTA –For customer service call 630-3100 or www.jtafla.com

City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m., City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. For info call 630-1377

Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Board Rm., 1701 Prudential Dr., 1390-2000

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)

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Chairman Burgess's Report

Chairman Burgess remarked on the following:

- He wanted to have a moment of silence for Member Penny Trawick who passed away on July 4, 2009.
- *A Motion was made by Member Wyche and a second by Member Kelly to have Larry Solomon as the NW CPAC representative for the Northeast Florida TPO was made. The Vote: All in favor; None opposed.*
- The 2010 Nominating Subcommittee will be Members Cindy Parker, Carlotta McIntosh and Diane Kerr. The Subcommittee will meet at 5:30 p.m. before the next CPAC meeting.
- There will be 3 more meetings for 2009. Please come ready and prepared to get the job done.

Announcements – none

Public Comments – none

Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Member Kelly and a second by Member Scott. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, **September 10, 2009** at 6 p.m.
Bradham*Brooks NW Library Auditorium, 1755 Edgewood Ave. West

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

Northwest CPAC Monthly Planning and Development Department Report August 13, 2009						
Project #/App. #	Project Type	Description	LPA/PC *	LUZ Comm. **	Final City Council ***	Comments
Land Use Application 2009A-011 (Ord. 2009-545) and companion PUD rezoning application (Ord. 2009-546)	Land Use Amendment and PUD Rezoning	John Gorrie School; NW corner of College and Stockton Streets	8/13/2009	8/18/2009	8/25/2009	Currently PBF, MDR (land use) and PBF-1, RMD-B (zoning); Proposing HDR (land use) and PUD (zoning). Adoption Round.
E-09-28	Exception	5421 West Beaver St.	8/13/2009			Currently zoned IL. Exception sought to allow for a daycare
Ord. 2009-0252	PUD Rezoning	NE corner of Jones Rd and Pritchard Rd, between Bulls Bay Rd and Jones Rd	8/13/2009	8/18/2009	8/25/2009	Currently zoned AGR; Proposing PUD to permit neighborhood commercial development with uses that will serve the residential and industrial development in the area.
Land Use application 2009C-001 (Ord. 2009-524) and companion rezoning application (Ord 2009-525)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	518 Cowart Road, 552 Cowart Road, and 562 Cowart Road	8/27/2009	9/1/2009	9/8/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RLD-60 (zoning); Proposing LI (land use) and IL (zoning).
WLD-09-10	Waiver	925 and 927 King Street	8/27/2009			Currently zoned CCG-1; Waiver sought to reduce the required minimum distance between liquor license location and church or school from 1500' to 330'.
E-09-41	Exception	925 and 927 King Street	8/27/2009			Currently zoned CCG-1; Exception sought to allow for the retail sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.
Land Use Application 2008C-012 (Ord. 2009-655) and companion conventional rezoning application (Ord. 2009-656)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	At 921 Ardoon Street	9/24/2009	10/6/2009	10/13/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RLD-60 (zoning); Proposing CGC (land use) and CCG-2 (zoning).
Land Use Application 2008C-013 (Ord. 2009-657) and companion PUD rezoning application (Ord. 2009-658)	Land Use Amendment and PUD Rezoning	At 6200 Norwood Avenue and Crestwood Street	9/24/2009	10/6/2009	10/13/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RLD-60 (zoning); Proposing CGC (land use) and PUD (zoning).
Land Use Application 2009C-002 (Ord. 2009-663) and companion rezoning application (Ord. 2009-664)	Land Use Amendment and Conventional Rezoning	At the southeast corner of Old Kings Road and Soutel Drive; between Pritchard Road and Soutel Drive.	9/24/2009	10/6/2009	10/13/2009	Currently LDR (land use) and RR-Acre (zoning); Proposing LI (land use) and IL (zoning).

* 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:	Bruce Lewis	630-7052
Administrative Deviations:	Ken Avery	630-2386
Site Review:	Seva Abasova	630-0257
Northwest CPAC District Planner:	Susan Cohn	630-1062
	Scohn@col.net	

August 17, 2009 Preview Workshop
4 PM, 128 E. Forsyth Street (Florida Theater), 7th flr. Screening Studio

Land Use App. #	Description	Comments
2009C-009	at 8380 Devoe Street	Currently LDR and RLD-60; Proposing CGC and
2009C-010	at 7520 and 7552 Pritchard Road	Currently LDR and RLD-60; Proposing CGC and
2009C-014	at 4990 Avenue B	Currently LDR and RLD-60; Proposing RPI and CRO