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**Until approved at the next CPAC MEETING**

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Southeast Toyota – 9985 Pritchard Road**  
**August 14, 2003**

**Committee Members Present**

Diane Kerr, Chairperson  
George Leverett, Vice Chair  
Bertha Richardson, Better Living  
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson  
Johnny Lammons, Thomas Jefferson  
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor  
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville  
Deborah Merritt, Pickettville  
James Clark, Whitehouse  
Betty & Derrell Griner, Cisco Gardens  
Faye Richardson, Cisco Gardens  
Norman & Mary Study, Cisco Gardens  
Randy Mallory, Murray Hill  
Lisa Sapp, Fairways Oaks  
Darrell Brock, Washington Heights Est.  
Ernest Clayton, Kinlock Civic  
James R. Gloster, Kinlock Civic  
Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition  
Bettye Scott, Ribault Homeowners  
Rev. Anthony Wyche, Ribault Homeowners  
Barney Roberts  
\*Henry McMickens, Minosa Circle  
\*Robert Lawrence, Minosa Circle

**City/Staff/Public/Media**

Harold Jones, Mayor's Liaison – Director of Agriculture  
Leila Mousa, Region II Duval County School Board  
Lloyd Martin, Region II Duval County School Board  
Jack Shad, Planning & Development  
Assistant Chief Jimmy Holderfield, JSO Zone 5  
Elaine Lancaster, Property Safety  
Thomas Brown, Jax. Fire & Rescue  
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services  
Charles Griggs, The Griggs Agency  
Phil Bruce, Parks & Recreation  
Jody McDaniel, Parks & Recreation  
Jennifer Fone, JaxCert  
Myrtice Ellison, Cisco Gardens  
Vada Davis, Cisco Gardens  
D. Jackson, AARP  
Eugene & Alberta Demery, Sherwood Forest  
Oliver & Betty Brown, Sherwood Forest

Excused: Jean Lewis, Eunice Barnum, Jim Constande, Mr. & Mrs. Gadson Burgess, Thomas Hudson, Doretha Tompkins

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairperson Leverett called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m. at Southeast Toyota, 9985 Pritchard Road. He asked everyone to sign in. Chairperson Kerr arrived late and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Invocation: Bertha Richardson

**Approval of the Meeting Summary-**

When a quorum was established the meeting summary from the July 10, 2003 meeting was reviewed. A Correction from Janice Kelly for the following was made: *The Willowbranch Improvement Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, starting on August 13th at 5:PM A Motion to Approve as corrected was made by Joseph Anderson and a second from Deborah Merritt. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

**Guest Speakers**

- ◆ Leila Mousa, Region II Superintendent, Duval County School Board, introduced Dr. Lloyd Martin, Region II Director and gave a presentation on FCAT, the challenged schools, class size amendment and graduation rates. They gave a handout from the Florida Dept. of Education on NCLB (No Child Left Behind) and Adequate Yearly Progress. It has a list of goals that have to be met until the year 2013-14. The School Board needs our help. The schools can't do it alone. If you can be a mentor, tutor, SAC member or call JSO on children not in school that will help. Members asked about the possibility of school closures. There are 8 small schools that were listed in the newspaper. These schools cannot fund themselves alone since the money is allocated from the number of students attending the school. The smaller schools do put a drain on other schools. They are: Brentwood, John Love, Lola M. Culver, Norwood, Pickett, Wesconnett, Fishweir and West Jacksonville Elementary. Members were concerned that some of these schools were the life-blood of the neighborhood. They also had questions on school safety. There has been no funding from the legislature for the class size amendment yet the class size numbers must be in force by 2010 – 18 students in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 22 students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 25 in middle and 27 in high school. If you have any questions you can call 693-7938 – the office is located at Paxon School for the Advanced at 3239 Norman Thagard Blvd. or e-mail [mousal@educationcentral.org](mailto:mousal@educationcentral.org)
- ◆ Phil Bruce, Division Chief, Department of Parks & Recreation - Division of Planning, Research & Grants was most impressed with our attendance. He gave a power-point presentation on the "Master Recreation Improvement Program for Planning District 5" prepared by HDR Landers-Atkins Planners. The Existing and Planned Facilities + Demands (population

growth) Public Input = Future Recreation Needs. Planning District 5 has the following: 6799 Total Recreation Acres, 3 Football/Soccer Fields, 67 Baseball/Softball Fields, 3 sites with Boat Ramps, 44 Basketball Courts, 5 miles of Trails, 46 Tennis Courts and 11 pools. Members asked numerous questions on parks all over the district and what was the status. There were major concerns with schools that had parks that were not open to the community. They are working on this. If you have any questions please call Phil Bruce at 630-3586 or [bruce@coj.net](mailto:bruce@coj.net)

- ◆ Jody McDaniel, Planning, Research & Grants Coordinator went over the “Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program” (FRDAP). The grant will provide for outdoor use for the city and county in the amount of \$200,000 State \$200, 000 City. It consists of the Bob Hayes Soccer fields next to Lonnie Miller Park off Soutel and the Losco Road Park on Hood Road. If you have any questions please call 630-0294 [jodym@coj.net](mailto:jodym@coj.net)
- ◆ Jennifer Fone, Volunteer for JaxCERT (Jacksonville Community Emergency Response Team) invited members to attend the next class in September for 9 weeks straight. It will teach you to recognize, respond and to recover from a major emergency or disaster situation. If you have questions you can call Nicole Cover 630-0601 [ncover@coj.net](mailto:ncover@coj.net) to sign up

Chairperson Kerr reported on the following:

- CPAC Picnic – Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am – 3pm at Ribault Club House – Fort George Island \$8.50  
This should be a lot of fun with the Kingsley Plantation and Kayak rides!
- Transition Teams for the Mayor – NW CPAC Members were upset with the loss of Department Chiefs/Directors as they thought they were all doing a good job. The following were reappointed: Lorrie DeFrank-Neighborhood Services, Theresa Price-O’Donnell–Special Events, Dave Roman-Public Information, Jeannie Fewell-Planning & Development, Judy Truett-Community Services, Cal Ray-Finance, Lynn Westbrook-Acting COO-Public Works, and Chief Rick Barrett-Fire & Rescue
- CPAC Quarterly Meetings with Mayor Peyton will continue. He is a big supporter of CPAC and believes that this is a viable method to bring the government to the people. He will continue Town Hall Meetings as well.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers is up and running taking tips from anyone. You can remain anonymous with a crime tip by calling 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) and you may receive cash for your tip.

### **Staff Reports**

**Mayor’s Liaison** – Harold Jones reported that Mayor Peyton’s 6 priorities in priority order are:

1. Increase Economic Opportunities - Jobs –Including Full Support of Military and Minority Business Ownership
2. Increase Public Safety & Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
3. Increase Early Literacy
4. Enhance the Quality of Life including Transportation, Planning & Parks
5. Increase Infill Housing
6. Streamline Government to Facilitate Business Growth

**JSO** – Assistant Chief Jimmy Holderfield, introduced himself as the new Zone 5 Sub Station Commander. He grew up in the Northwest and is glad to be back “home” after being in charge of the prison for the last 2 years. He just celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> year as a JSO Officer. He is working on specific initiatives to combat the shootings and other problems that we face in Zone 5. He will be very aggressive to get the problems solved. Please call him at 384-8028 or come by 210 S McDuff at the Sub Station.

**FDOT** – Milton Locklear reported on the following from the previous meeting:

- The need for a light at Brandenfield/Chaffee Road – There is no light scheduled at this time
- College & Post 2 way – The study is still not finished and public hearings will be coming in a few months.
- The Matthews Bridge is being studied for 6/8 lanes for the future
- Old Kings Bridge should get started in the fall between Oct/Dec.

If you have any other questions please call Milton at 360-5686

**Planning & Development** Jack Shad reported on the following:

- The North Riverside Neighborhood Action Plan is complete as an ordinance and approved. They will be trying to get funds for housing.
- The Town Center Plan money has been reinstated
- The Northwest Visioning Plan will be introduced to the City Council in September
- Please be sure your neighborhood is registered with the Planning Department to receive notices of variances and exceptions. Member Mallory said to members that paying attention to your zoning is very important to your neighborhood.
- The following were going for an exception and or variance: a Church on 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Sandwich Shop in Pickettville, Riverside and Margaret St. 5 story residential building, Fairfax & 17<sup>th</sup> St. 3 Story building for a Daycare.

If you need any information on any of the above please call Jack at 630-2584

**Code Enforcement** – Elaine Lancaster had new Code Enforcement Booklets to pass out. They are still in a transition mode until the Mayor appoints a new Division Chief. On the 6500 block of New Kings Road they put a sticker a Cadillac but were denied access on the property. They did a sweep in Washington Heights along with JSO and condemned some properties and owners were told to get the cars off the city right of way. If you have any questions please call Elaine from 8am to 10am at 630-1212 ext. 4873

**Neighborhood Services** – Marilyn Fenton-Harmer made the following announcements:

- Councilwoman Mia Jones and her Assistant Daphne Colbert, wanted to be here but due to Taye Brown, Project Manager for the Equestrian Center and her Campaign Manger's passing, send their regrets.
- CPAC Individual Award and Neighborhood Awards are due by the September Meeting for the Neighborhood Summit Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Mayor's Matching Grants are going through the review process with 70+ grants totaling \$258,000 with monies allocated for only \$250,000
- Surveys – Street Light, Parks, & Trash – Please fill them out and turn them in as soon as possible
- The bus to Sarasota is full but we are taking names for a waiting list
- The Florida Neighborhoods Conference will be here in Jacksonville on Sept 16-18, 2004  
We will need lots of volunteers especially for tours in neighborhoods. We will need your help!
- Downtown Calendar of events is on the sign in table

**NW CPAC Members had concerns about the following items:**

- That some small schools will close and have a big affect on the neighborhoods that they surround.
- Members were concerned about discipline at bus stops.
- School buses are parking in residential neighborhoods as well as tractor- trailers. With the roads being resurfaced they won't last long and not all JSO officers ticket them.
- The need for schools to keep their doors open as tutoring and community centers after school lets out was mentioned.
- The need for schools to have their parks open for the publics use after school hours.
- The need for infill housing that looks like the neighborhood but with the caution of not gentrifying the neighborhoods
- When talking about the street light survey the need for brighter street lights continues to be a problem.
- Neighborhoods are very concerned that their Community Centers (Parks & Recreation) are not for the communities use. The keys have been taken away and it has become difficult at best to utilize the facility. Members have asked Phil Bruce to help set up a meeting with the Parks & Receptions Director and staff to address this issue (This appears to be a city-wide issue). There is a sign up sheet for neighborhoods that wanted to attend this meeting.
- The need for the Coleman Evans site in Whitehouse to have funding for the park and community center.
- The need for a skateboard park in the northwest.
- Members want public works to put the city ditches back on a schedule to be cleaned and with a reliable contractor – cheaper is not always better. Outsourcing jobs isn't always the answer. You get what you pay for.
- The rain has produced potholes on some of the newly resurfaced roads and some of the roads that have not been done have very huge potholes.

**Community Announcements/Questions/Concerns:**

- Randy Mallory, Murray Hill announced a Silent Auction on August 28<sup>th</sup> with over 75 items at 7pm at the Murray Hill Presbyterian Church on Talbot /Post Street

**A Motion to Adjourn**

*A Motion to adjourn was made by Faye Richardson and a second by George Leverett. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm*

**The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 11, 2003  
at 6PM Southeast Toyota 9985 Pritchard Road**

If you need assistance with directions please call Faye Richardson at 378-4603 office or 237-3866 cell