Mayor Peyton's meeting with CPAC chairs
4 p.m., March 21, 2007 – Mayor's Small Conference Room

SUMMARY
Action items in red!

Attending:
Mayor John Peyton
Lorrie DeFrank, Chief, Neighborhood Services Division

CPACs:
Urban Core: Chair Janetta Norman
Greater Arlington/Beaches: not represented
Southeast: Chair Gamal Lyons
Southwest: Chair Ralph Malphurs
Northwest: Vice Chair Gadson Burgess
North: Chair William Baker

Mayor Peyton welcomed the new chairs and announced the following:

- First Mayor's Housing and Neighborhoods Summit, April 3, Prime Osborn
- Mayor's Town Hall Meeting in the Southwest Planning District, March 26
- Move of Housing and Neighborhoods Department to 214 N. Hogan St. this week

Referring to his recent visit to the Northwest CPAC, the mayor recalled residents' concerns about dim **street lighting** and said he charged his team to explore brighter bulbs.

Chairs raised the following concerns:

Urban Core:
Janetta Norman congratulated the mayor on his election victory yesterday and said residents in her district drove people to polls to vote.

Issue: Hogan's Creek:
The mayor said he is committed to cleaning up Hogan's and McCoy's creeks and that he signed the River Accord last year as part of that commitment.

Southeast:
Gamal Lyons asked the status of **intersection improvements** at **Baymeadows and Southside** and **Beach and University.**
The mayor said those are Better Jacksonville Plan projects and asked Neighborhood Services to find out the status of them. – ***Rosemary, check and report to Gamal***

Gamal said residents are pleased that **Kernan Road** will be widened to six lanes.
The mayor said the city actually increased the budget for the project.

Gamal asked if the code enforcement process has improved since going to a **special master from the code enforcement boards.**

The mayor asked Neighborhood Services to check on the efficiency of the special master vs. the code boards.
Derek Igou, 3/22: Before change, code boards were hearing 15 to 20 cases per month. Special master meets twice a week and hears about 50 cases each time – for a total of about 100 a month.
Derek will check on SE, specifically.

Southwest:
Ralph Malphurs said **code enforcement** officers need to be more proactive. They deal mostly with violations that are reported, and many citizens are too timid to report them for fear of retaliation. He also said more inspectors are needed. Specific case: A man, wife and son have been illegally operating an auto repair shop at their home for 12 years and the city can't stop them.
The mayor said the city is taking code enforcement seriously, not just in the Seeds of Change target areas, and that many good code enforcement officers are working on it. He asked that:

1. *Ralph provide the address of the violators.* ***– Mary Beth, please find out, put in CARE and follow up*** Derek Igou, 3/22: This is a zoning issue. PS and Zoning have responded. Refer to Fred Atwill for case history. (Mary Beth – confirm address w/Ralph first and talk to me before pursuing. – Lorrie)
2. *It be made clear to people that they can report violations anonymously and that inspectors are not going to give up names of people who report violations. –* Derek suggested promoting this through CityLink. He said PS gets many anonymous complaints, they they respond to the same as others. Often, anonymous complaints are unsubstantiated.

Derek said 45% of cases are proactive (up 40% from four years ago) because of NEAT methodology, which is being used throughout the city.
He said PS is adequately staffed, – LD, 3/22

Derek said he would love to show the CPAC chairs their operation to they can see how the processes and work and they can have a reasonable level of expectation. – as a group, or one-on-one. **NSD to follow up**. – 3/22

Ralph said **attendance at the Southwest CPAC** has been down – that some people come only if there are issues in their neighborhoods.
The mayor said he encourages not only participation, but also cultivation of future leaders. He said he has challenged Neighborhood Services to increase CPAC membership and that now he is asking the chairs to come up with ideas and bring them to their next meeting with him. – ***NSD project. Discuss with Cami and Lorrie after the summit***

Ralph suggested that each CPAC hold a small summit, then bring their issues together at a large summit.

Northwest:
Gadson Burgess said he is excited about the re-election of the mayor and sheriff, and that they need more **police patrols** in his district. When the mayor asked if he has seen more, he said he has noticed more.

The mayor said an audit of the police department is under way.

Gadson said the city is addressing concerns at **45th and Moncrief**, including crime, trees and sidewalks. He said a turn lane is needed there. ***Marilyn – confirm that all of this is being addressed through SOC. . JSO Sgt. Oliver is at the Seeds of Change Steering Committee meetings monthly and does report the issues to Zone 5 or other JSO divisions. Public Works Urban Forester, Don Robertson is planting trees all over the pilot area including 45th Street. Public Works, Marcy Cook and Jeff Beck are addressing sidewalks on 45th Street and looking into a turn lane or a turn light on 45th Street.***
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The mayor acknowledged that **drainage** remains a problem in parts of the district and said funding is being sought for improvements.

North:
William Baker said **code enforcement** officers are proactive and doing a good job in the North Planning District. They go to CPAC meetings and take names and numbers of violators. Same with JSO – good job.

William said there is a serious problem with **big dump trucks speeding** on the following roads: Cedar Point, Alta, Heckscher and Yellow Bluff.
The mayor requested the following action:

1. *Alert the Port Authority of the problem. –* ***Amy/Cami, let's discuss – L***

Spoke with David Smolder at JaxPort and let him know that the citizens have raised some concerns. He said it is a common complaint and that he will remind the drivers to slow down.

2. *Ask JSO to patrol and enforce. –* ***Amy/Cami, let's discuss – L***

Spoke with Lt. H. A. Eason, and he will contact Sgt. Pat Grant of the traffic division and will speak with others in the traffic department.

William asked for **emergency funding to widen 9A** from the Dames Point Bridge to I-295. Big rigs can't get to where they need to be near 9A and Heckscher.
The mayor said one of his biggest concerns is preparing infrastructure for the future. He said we need to build intermodal systems and use all three rail lines. He said he wants the port to be successful without diminishing the quality of life in North Jacksonville.

Issue: House numbers
William mentioned that when Dallas had a problem with inadequate numbers on structures, the fire department was charged with enforcing the law on those that were missing or too small. They wrote them up.
The mayor said that is a good suggestion and asked that Jacksonville pursue that. – ***Kerri/Lorrie***
From Kerri Stewart, 3/28/07: Lorrie,

I spoke, briefly, to Dan Kleman last night about the JFRD's role in enforcing house number visibility. He was unsure about enforcement capabilities but said he would follow-up. k