

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 14, 2023, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

Zoom Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164

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Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Dr. Donald Green, Chair; Jamie Lacy, Vice Chair; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Larry Henderson, Victoria Preserve HOA; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Jim Sumara, HDCC; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA; Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Joseph Tate, Copper Hill Assoc., Mike Getchell, Eagle Islan.

Zoom: Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Josephine Fiveash-Porter, Northlake HOA; Glenn Fowler, Northside Business Leaders; Matt Stone, Marshwinds HOA.

Visitors: Herlena Washington: Kathy Myers, Ashford Woods; Tina Feggans, Madison Woods; Althea Mikell, Victoria Preserve Phase 2; Paul Forte.

Zoom: Donna Philbrick, SMN, Inc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, SMN, Inc.; Lenell Cuning; Victoria Schultz, DCPS; Mark Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Robertha Walley, Sharon Sumlar; Stephanie Oglesby; Ros Snowsmith; Mary Sperow, 904-924-7357.

Staff and Elected Officials: Capt. Byron Jackson, Jacksonville Fire, and Rescue Department; Lt, Jeff Young, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Don Tuten, Jacksonville Electric Authority; Julie McNeil, Jacksonville Public Libraries; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Stephen Nutt, Planning and Development Department; Charles Benson, MCCD; Dave McDaniel, Public Works; Dawn Gillman, Changing Homelessness; Kate Ross, Changing Homelessness.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Dr. Donald Green called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The May 10, 2023, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials Report:** None
- 4. Chair Report:** Chair Green reported that:
 - An introductory meeting for the DCPS Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023, at the Schultz Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is open to the public. DCPS has budgeted \$40 million, and \$71 million is contracted out. Chair Green stated he would inquire if it is possible to obtain a list of the new schools and renovations that will take place in Planning District 6.
 - CPAC Chairs from the six planning districts spoke at CommUniverCity 2023. Many participants were from Planning District 6: CPAC members and CPAC visitors.
 - He is still waiting for Council Member Gaffney Jr. to provide a list of Capital Improvement Projects that are planned for Planning District 6.
 - Chair Green reminded CPAC members and guests that only members could vote. Only the primary representative may vote if two representatives from the same organization are present.
- 5. Presentation:** Dawn Gillman, CEO of Changing Homelessness, provided CPAC members with a brief overview of the findings of the Annual Point in Time (PIT) Count conducted in January 2023. The report can be viewed on the Changing Homelessness website [Changing Homelessness Annual Point in Time Count 2023](#). A second PIT count will be conducted in Duval County Tuesday, June 20, 2023. The PIT is a one-day snapshot of those experiencing homelessness on a given night or day, providing a relative picture of a dynamic condition.

6. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. Jeff Young reported that:

- Sheriff T.K. Waters will hold a town hall meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023, at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., to introduce new patrol boundaries, safety initiatives and connect officers with community members.
- The 30-day grace period for panhandling ordinance #2022-0574 has passed, and JSO is now issuing citations. The first time someone is caught panhandling in the street without a permit, they are given a warning. They can receive up to two warnings, a third time a civil citation, and the fourth time they are arrested. Citizens who give money to the panhandlers receive the same corrective action.
- JSO will host a virtual Career Fair on Friday, June 16, 2023. Attendees will be able to hear from various staff, and Human Resources Recruiters will provide information about benefits and the application process.

Lt. Jeff Young may be reached at (904)696-4335.

7. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) – Capt. Byron Jackson reported that:

- Citizens can avoid heat-related illnesses by:
 - Hydrating before, during, and after yard work, and taking breaks.
 - Limiting outdoor activities during the mid-day when the sun is the hottest.
 - Drinking plenty of fluid even when not thirsty.
 - Wearing loose, lightweight, and light-colored clothing.
- Water safety is essential. Citizens should:
 - Take swim lessons to learn how to swim and strengthen their swimming skills.
 - Swim in designated areas that lifeguards supervise.
 - Pay attention to children of all ages in and around the water.
 - Never leave small children unattended around water.
 - Stay at arm's length of weak and inexperienced swimmers.
 - Flotation devices and water wings should not be used as a replacement for adult supervision.
 - Ensure children wear US Coast Guard-approved life jackets when on boats or around water.

Byron Jackson may be contacted at (904) 255-3283 or ByronJ@coj.net.

8. Staff Reports.

- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Don Tuten, Government Affairs, reported that JEA is preparing for a safe and reliable hurricane season. JEA and the City of Jacksonville underwent a real-time hurricane exercise over three days. Mr. Tuten encouraged CPAC members to become familiar with the JEA website and review the Storm Center and Outage Center links. JEA will continue to use its Power Restoration 1, 2, 3 processes to quickly assess and repair service to facilities, customers, and isolated outages. CPAC members can visit https://www.jea.com/storm_center/power_restoration_process/ to learn more about Power Restoration 1, 2, 3. JEA's app is being updated and will be available soon. The app will allow residents to pay their bills and report outages.

Don Tuten may be reached at (904) 255-3283.

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- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Julie McNeil, Executive Assistant IV, reported:
 - The All Together Now summer reading program has begun and will end on August 12, 2023, at all Jacksonville Public libraries. Residents of all ages may participate in the free, fun, and educational programs. For details about the summer reading program, visit the JPL website at www.jpl.com.
 - The Boys and Girls Club runs a free summer lunch program for kids and teens up to 18 years old at various locations. The program has begun and will end on August 4, 2023. Lunch starting times are staggered. Please visit the JPL website at www.jpl.com For a list of participating libraries.
 - Junior Lit Chat with children's author Andrea Davis Pinkney is scheduled for Friday, June 16, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Brentwood library. The event is intended for children ages 5-12. The first 50 children in attendance will receive a free copy of A Poem for Peter to take home. Reception and book signing will follow.
 - The Jax Book Fest will return on September 22 and 23, 2023. The event will be held at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St. This year, the library has added a writer's day with free workshops on writing, self-publishing, and networking opportunities with local writer's groups

will also be available. Visit the JPL website at www.jpl.com to reserve seats for one or more Lit Chat author events.

Julie McNeil may be contacted at (904) 255-6081 or JMcNeil@coj.net.

- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 1,864 inspections were completed in May 2023. A total of 12,000 inspections have been completed year to date. Mr. Benson announced that Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) applications are still available. The JAR program assists with required abatement services at no cost to qualifying citizens. The program only prevents liens from being placed on property after the abatement occurs. Visit the Municipal Code Compliance Department website for more information: [https://www.coj.net/Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program](https://www.coj.net/JacksonvilleAssistanceandReliefProgram)

- Mr. Benson provided the following updates:

- MCC Officers investigated the homeless encampment in the ditch area off Regency Road. JSO is assisting with the issue.
- Citizens may contact MCC if an issue has been closed and they feel it was a mistake. The primary point of contact is the officer assigned to the case. Residents may also email Code Enforcement at CodeEnforcement@coj.net.

Mr. Benson encouraged CPAC members to call 630-CITY (2489) to report issues or submit a complaint by visiting the MyJax website, www.myjax.cust.help.com. Mr. Benson also reminded CPAC members that complaints must have names and addresses associated with them.

Charles Benson may be reached at CBenson@coj.net.

- **Public Works (PW)** – Dave McDaniel, Chief of Mowing and Landscape Maintenance, reported that:

- The mowing and landscaping crew has more than 510 requests on the books and is plugging away at completing the requests. The increase in the rain makes it difficult to keep up, but the mowing and landscape staff are working hard to address all concerns.

Dave McDaniel may be reached at (904) 255-4301 or McDaniel@coj.net.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Vice Chair Lacy and Stephen Nutt, City Planner I.

The North CPAC, Governmental Affairs Subcommittee, reviewed three applications and recommended no action be taken on all three.

Stephen Nutt may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or SNutt@coj.net.

- **10. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Coordinator, announced that the Neighborhood Awards application deadline had been extended, and applications are now due no later than 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2023. Applicants can return their applications in person at the Ed Ball Bldg. 214 N. Hogan St., 5th Floor, by mail or email to neighborhoodservices@coj.net. Mrs. Godwin-Ware also reminded CPAC members that the Neighborhood Service Office would host the CPAC's 30th anniversary during this year's award ceremony on Thursday, October 19, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net.

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business – None

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- Jamie Lacy asked Mr. McDaniel to return to Public Works and thank the crew that installed the new storm drains in front of her home. The team did an excellent job keeping the area clean, making repairs where needed, and following up with Mrs. Lacy after completing the job.
- Sharon Bivins expressed her concern because the people experiencing homelessness have moved from the ditches on Regency behind the McDonalds and Burger King but have left their clothes and furnishing behind. Mrs. Bivins inquired if a fence could be placed around the ditch to try to deter them from living there and leaving their belongings.

14. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Dr. Green adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid - [**Oceanway Community Center**](#), 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218, and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, August 9, 2023**, 4:30 p.m.
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