

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 11, 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, San Mateo NA Inc.; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass/Northwood NA; Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill Assoc.; Joseph Tate, Copper Hill Assoc.; Mike Getchell, Eagle Island; Pat Hilleman, Amelia View HOA; Vickie Drake, Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Assoc.; Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA; Larry Henderson, Victoria Preserve HOA; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA; Michael Wozniak and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Charles Barr, Hand For Jax; Herlena Washington, Greater Works Church, Inc.; Pat Hilleman, Amelia View.

Zoom: Glenn Fowler, Northside Business Leaders.

Visitors: Mark Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Robertha Walley; Sylvester Wilkins; Donna Philbrick, SMN, Inc.; Donald Drake; Jackie Cruse; Paul Forte; Janetta Jones, Smith Point HOA; Victor Cora, San Mateo NA, Inc.; Barry Farmer; Aletha Mikell, Victoria Preserve 2.

Zoom: Mary Sperow; Kelvin Postell, Greater Works Church; Lenell Cunning; Sharon Sumlar; Renee Marina; Cheryl Stewart; Victoria Schultz; Janetta; Pat Medley; Vera Jones-Wilkins; Earnestine Johnson; Christina Salsa; Sasha Pearson.

Staff and Elected Officials: Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., District 8; Lt. Jamar Smith, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; Sgt. Harold Taylor, JSO; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Stephen Nutt, Planning and Development Department; Charles Benson, Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs Veterans; Cheryl Riddick, JTA, La'dora Taylor, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services.

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 August and September summaries were approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials Report:** Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr. Council District 8 reported that:
 - A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the new fire station at Harts Road and Dunn Avenue new fire station is scheduled for October 23, 2023.
 - Council Member Gaffney Jr. is planning a community meeting in late October with Public Works regarding a new traffic light and construction of a four-lane road scheduled for Duval Road and Armsdale Road.
 - A community meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, to discuss the construction of the new Harts Road bridge project and the planned alternate routes. The estimated completion is fall 2024.
 - Duval County residents are needed to serve on various City of Jacksonville local boards and commissions. Interested Duval County residents may send their name, number, and email address to Council Member Gaffney Jr. at RGaffneyJr@coj.net or to Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin-Ware at Michellelegw@coj.net.

CPAC member Vicki Drake, representing Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Association, advised members that they may email and call the City Council office when they have concerns and cannot attend a City Council meeting.

Councilman Gaffney may be reached at (904) 255-5208 or RGaffneyjr@coj.net.

4. **Neighborhood Coordinator:** Presented Charles Barr, Hands for Jax, and Herlena Washington, Greater Works Church, Inc., with their mayor's appointment letter.
5. **Chair Report:** Chair Green reported that:
 - He attended Mayor Deegan's community meeting for Planning District 6, and there were not many CPAC members present. Chair Green announced he was selected as chair of the DCPS Surtax Oversight Committee and will begin his duties as chair in November.
6. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Sgt. Harold Taylor had no report but was available to answer questions and relay concerns or issues to JSO.
Sgt. Harold Taylor may be reached at (904) 384-8028.
7. **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Lt. Jarmar Smith reported that:
 - The weather will be cooling down soon. Citizens using space heaters should remember to:
 - Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything flammable.
 - Place the heater on a level floor and never leave the heater unattended.
 - Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet and unplug it when unused.
 - Inspect heaters regularly for damaged cords before use.
 - Keep kids and pets away from space heaters.
 - Have several fire exit routes planned around your home so everyone in the home knows what to do.
 - Place Fire extinguishers in the kitchen and throughout the house. Small kitchen extinguishers can be purchased at Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowes.Lt. Jarmar Smith may be reached at (904) 255-8538 or JarmarS@coj.net.
8. **Staff Reports.**
 - **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant 1, reported:
 - September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Jacksonville Public Library encourages residents to sign up for a library card if they don't have one. Residents of Duval County may sign up for a library card in person at any Duval County Public Library or online by visiting the Jacksonville Public Library website: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/services/get-library-card>.
 - Thursday, October 13, 2023, is the last night of the Americans and the Holocaust traveling exhibit. At 6:30 p.m., a panel discussion on resisting hate and repairing the world will be held at the Main Library.
 - Friends of the Library Week runs October 15 – 21, 2023. Several Jacksonville Public Library locations will celebrate the dedicated volunteers and thank them for their passion and dedication to ensuring the Jacksonville Public Library remains a community cornerstone. Many of the extra programs come from the hard work that these volunteers do selling books at book sales.
 - Hispanic Heritage Month runs through October 15, 2023. Many libraries have displays, books, and promotions celebrating Hispanic heritage.
 - November's Lit Chat will be with author Tim Gilmore, a prolific local history author who has written extensively about Jacksonville. The program is in person and via Zoom on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 3 p.m. Visit the JPL website at www.jpl.com to reserve a seat.
Jackie Spiritas may be reached at (904) 255-6463 or Spiritas@coj.net.
 - **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager, reported that:
 - The Game Day Express is available for round-trip transportation to the Jaguars home games and other select events at the Ever Bank Stadium. Visit www.JTAFLA.com for details.
 - Citizens may locate information and videos about phases of JTA's Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C). Visit the JTA website <https://u2c.jtafla.com/> for more details.
Cheryl Riddick may be reached at (904) 632-5522 or CRiddick@jtafla.com
 - **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported:
 - The Celebration of Valor began Sunday, October 9, 2023, with the 10k Challenge and Freedom 5K Run at 288 E. Bay St.
 - Wednesday, October 25, 2023, The City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV) Department and the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation press conference will be held in the City Hall Atrium, 117 W. Duval St., at 10 a.m. The mayor will give the opening remarks. The event is open to the public.
 - During the Celebration of Valor, many events are scheduled between October and December. For a list of events, please visit the MAV website: [Military and Veterans Affairs Events](#).

- The Veterans Stand Down will occur Friday, January 27, 2024, and Saturday, January 28, 2024, at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, 510 Fairgrounds Pl. Services provided on Friday include employment, medical, shelter, and housing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services provided on Saturday include dental, food, clothing, and veteran services from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on January 28, 2024.

Tiffany Morales may be reached at (904) 255-5524 or tmorales@coj.net.

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, Code Compliance Supervisor, announced that October 1st is the start of a new fiscal year for the City of Jacksonville. Service Request numbers will now begin with 2024. A total of 1,313 inspections were completed in October. A total of 17,480 inspections have been completed for fiscal year 2023 in Zone 6. A total of 4,400 snipe signs have been removed. Mr. Benson announced that:
 - A corridor project was conducted on Main Street, beginning at the Bush Drive and Main Street intersection heading north along Main Street. Many nuisance violations were spotted along the commercial corridor.
 - 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: COJ.net - Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program
 - Mr. Benson encouraged CPAC members to call 630-CITY (2489) to report issues or submit a complaint by visiting the MyJax website, <https://myjax.custhelp.com/>. Mr. Benson also reminded CPAC members that complaints must have names and addresses associated with them. Citizens may contact MCCD if they feel an issue was closed in error. The primary point of contact is the officer assigned to the case. Residents may also email Code Enforcement at CodeEnforcement@coj.net.
 - Mr. Benson provided the following updates:
 - MCCD conducted a mini project along the Dunn Avenue corridor. Not many issues were found. Officers also inspected Harts Road, where many issues were addressed.
 - An entire project will be conducted in January, starting from Bush Drive along Dunn Avenue and Lem Turner Road.

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

- **Parks Recreation and Community Services** – La'dora Taylor, Park District Park Manager, reported that:
 - Copies of the list of playgrounds being renovated throughout Duval County are available on the City of Jacksonville website: COJ.net - Recreation and Community Programming. It lists the park's name, the council district the park is in, and the project's estimated completion date.
 - Parks, Recreation, and Community Services is preparing for this year's Winter Break Camp Programs for children ages six to 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is free of charge and will run from December 12, 2023, through January 5, 2024. Parents may register their children online at COJ.net - Recreation and Community Programming.

La'dora Taylor may be contacted at (904) 255-7946 or LadoraM@coj.net.

- **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.**
- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Jamie Lacy and Stephen Nutt, City Planner I. The North CPAC, Governmental Affairs Subcommittee, reviewed five applications. Recommendations for two applications were made.
 - **2023-0658 – PUD Rezoning: 0 Parete Road South:** The rezoning to a new PUD is being sought to allow for a master-planned mixed-use development in the Multi-Use (MU) Functional Land Use Categories with a maximum of 2,350 single and multi-family units as well as 700,000 square feet of general commercial uses. The North CPAC opposes the homes being developed on 40-foot lots and recommends 60-foot lots for single-family homes due to the additional multi-family living spaces provided by the construction of apartments and townhomes. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
 - **2023-0703 – PUD Rezoning: Duval Road RE# 019365-0000:** The applicant proposes a 10-unit, 25,000-square-foot warehouse/light industrial warehouse and relaxing the uncomplimentary buffer requirements for the property. The North CPAC opposes the application based on the concern brought before them by several citizens who reside in the neighborhood of the new development. They are concerned about the high traffic volume along Duval Road. The CPAC

is also unclear about the phrasing “relaxing uncomplimentary buffer” and believes this would be incongruent with the surrounding area. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously. Stephen Nutt may be reached at (904) 255-7849 or SNutt@coj.net.

- 9. Chair and Vice Chair Nomination Subcommittee** – Sharon Bivins presented the slate of nominees for the 2024 CPAC Chair and Vice Chair positions. The nominating subcommittee recommends the nomination of Jamie Lacy as Chair and Charles (Scooter) Barr as Vice Chair. Voting and nominations from the floor will take place at November’s meeting.
- 10. Neighborhood Coordinators Report:** Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin-Ware thanked those who have RSVP’d for the Neighborhood Award and 30th CPAC Anniversary program taking place Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St.

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: None

14. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Dr. Green adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, November 8, 2023**, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid - **Oceanway Senior Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218, and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, November 8, 2023**, 4:30 p.m. **Oceanway Senior Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W. 32218 and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

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