

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 12, 2022, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

Zoom Meeting ID: 898 3595 6669 Passcode: 464317

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Dr. Donald Green, Chair; Jamie Lacy, Vice-Chair; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island; Jane Love, Amelia View; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA; Larry Henderson, Victoria Preserve HOA; Rev. Joseph Tate, Cooper Hill 4 HOA; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Vicki Drake, Duval County Council of PTAS/PTSA; Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club; Mike & Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA.

Zoom: Josephine Fiveash-Porter, Northlake HOA; Glenn Fowler, Northside Business Leader.

Visitors: Paul Forte, Eden Group; Robert Gresham; Reashell Weathers; Donna Philbrick, San Mateo NA, Inc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo NA, Inc.; Mario Chatman, Cambridge Estates HOA; Donald Drake; Cynthia Riegler, San Mateo NA, Inc.

Zoom: Mary Seprow; Brittnee; Earnestine Johnson.

Staff and Elected Officials: Michelle Worley, Rep. Angie Nixon's District Aide; Assistant Chief Lolita Smith, JSO; Caption Byron Jackson; JFRD; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Charles Benson, MCCC; Dan Piastuck, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Dave McDaniel, Public Works; Tiffany Morales, Military Veterans Affairs.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair 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 September 14, 2022, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:** Michelle Worley, District Aide, reported that Rep. Nixon held a virtual town hall meeting with members of the Jacksonville Electrical Authority (JEA) staff for citizens concerned with their electric bill increase. JEA discussed the various ways citizens could lower usage, the benefits of weatherizing homes, which improves a home's energy efficiency, and the different resources available to those who need help with their utility bills. Ms. Worley announced that she's created a resource for citizens who need help with their utility payments. Citizens can obtain that information by calling Rep. Nixon's office at (904) 381-6013. Rep. Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
- 4. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Assistant Chief Lolita Smith reported: that there was a shooting at the old Gold Rush Motel located at 10885 Parks Rd. However, the shooting did not involve residents staying at the hotel. JSO will work with the owners to ensure they are safely operating their business. Assistant Chief Smith also reported:
 - Overall, crime is down by six percent. However, violent crimes such as domestic and aggravated battery are a problem that JSO is watching closely.
 - There is an increase in scam calls, emails, and text messages. One scam involves the thief insisting residents send gift cards to make payment and threatening that they will be arrested if they don't. Another is receiving a notification that there is unusual activity on your bank account or credit

card. The email or text tells the victim to click a link to stop the charges. Assistant Chief Smith advised not to click on anything and to call your financial institution directly.

- JSO has cracked down on the street racing in District 4. A total of 56 people were arrested, and 20 vehicles were appropriated.

Asst. Chief Lolita Smith may be reached at (904) 696-4335.

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

- Hurricane season is not over until November 30th. Captain Jackson announced that the city did a great job preparing for Hurricane Ian. Four shelters were opened, Legend Center, Atlantic Coast High School, LaVilla Middle School, and Landmark Middle School. Citizens should download the Jax Ready App to stay informed about evacuation zones, shelter locations, etc. Citizens may register for AlertJax Notifications by visiting <https://www.jaxready.com/Alerts.aspx>.
- Capt. Jackson reminded CPAC members that JFRD provides and installs free smoke detectors for any qualifying Jacksonville resident who owns and lives in a single-family or two-family residence. For a free smoke detector or to have batteries replaced in an existing device, please call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or register by visiting the MyJax website [MyJax Customer Help](#).
- Space heaters should not be placed on the carpet for extended periods because they tend to catch fire. Also, please avoid placing them near drapes or furniture. For those using kerosene heaters, do not refill them while turned on. Wait to fill them once they have been turned off and have cooled down.

Capt. Byron Jackson may be reached at (904) 255-3281.

6. Chair's Report: None.

7. Presentation: None.

8. Staff Reports:

• **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported:

- A new pilot program made possible by a grant has been released at six library locations, allowing residents to check out a Wi-Fi hotspot and Chrome Book for 21 days with possible renewal. For a list of participating locations, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website [Jacksonville Public Library | \(jaxpubliclibrary.org\)](http://jacksonvillepubliclibrary.org).
- The first ever Duval Comic and Zine (DCAZ)Fest will take place on Saturday, October 22, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St. A Zine is an abbreviation for magazine or fanzine, which is a small circulation of original self-published work. The event will celebrate local, self-published media such as mini-comics, small press, alternative press, underground art, and DIY media. October's Lit Chat Author Interview scheduled for the event is cartoonist, illustrator, and YouTuber Jim Rugg. Registration is required as well as a library card and PIN. To register, visit the Jacksonville Public Library's event site <https://jaxpubliclibrary.libnet.info/event/6919969>.
- The Bill Brinton Murray Hill Library will host a Murray Hill-O-Ween Party on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Joe will be there to tell a story at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Games, activities, and face painting will also be part of the fun.
- Early voting will begin on October 24, 2022. You can find a list of the early voting sites on the Jacksonville Public Libraries website <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/>. Jackie Spiritas may be reached at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or spiritas@coj.net.

• **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported:

- The Celebration of Valor 2022 began on October 8, 2022, and will run through December 17, 2022. A list of events can be found on the Military Affairs and Veterans website <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/celebration-of-valor-2022>
- Applications to participate in the Veterans Day Parade are no longer being accepted. The parade will take place Downtown on Friday, November 11, 2022, starting at 11:00 a.m.
- MAV is in the planning phase of its Homeless Stand Down Event. It will take place at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds from January 27, 2023, through January 28, 2023.
- The Army Navy Watch Party is scheduled to occur on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at the TIAA

Bank Field. The Jacksonville Jaguars will play against the Oakland Raiders. Gates will open at 2 p.m., and the game will begin at 3 p.m.

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 1,889 inspections were completed in September. A total of 18,671 inspections have been completed year to date. A total of 346 snipe signs have been removed, and eleven citations have been written. Mr. Benson announced that the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief (JAR) Program is still available for those who qualify. A homeowner's case must be closed, and the lien must be six months old. To qualify for the JAR Program, you must own and reside in a home within the City of Jacksonville, meet financial requirements, and have not used the JAR Program in the last year. For more details about the JAR Program, please visit [COJ Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program](#). Mr. Benson provided the following updates:

- The vehicles on Captiva Bluff have been cited and will be towed.
- The dumping issue at the vacant lot on Owens Road has been resolved.
- There is an open case for the trash and debris on the vacant lot owned by JEA. Charles Benson may be reached at (904)255-7299 or CBenson@coj.net.

- **Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources** – Dan Piastuck, Parks District Manager, reported:
 - Oceanway Park, Northshore Park, Panama Park, and Eartha H. Napoleon Park are scheduled to receive new playground equipment.
 - Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources are in the design phase for a four-field expansion on the west side of the current fields located at William Sheffield Regional Park. The expected completion date is 2023.
 - Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources are in the design phase for a new pool at First Coast High School.
- **Public Works** – Dave Mc Daniel, Chief of Mowing and Landscape Maintenance, reported that contractors JB Coxwell were not activated for debris pick up after Hurricane Ian. The city collected 150,000 cubic yards of debris caused by the storm. Dave Mc Daniels may be reached at (904) 255-4301 or McDaniel@coj.net.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Jamie Lacy, Governmental Affairs Chair, the full CPAC, and Erin Abney, City Planner II, reviewed 2 Land Use and Zoning applications with the CPAC, and one recommendation was made.

New Business

- **Opposed 2022-0753-Conventional Rezoning: 0 Duval Road:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 1.32+/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Commercial Residential Office (CRO) to develop the property consistent with the surrounding residential uses. The North CPAC recommends that the application is a PUD to allow the surrounding community an opportunity to voice their input and concerns.

All motions to approve the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee recommendations were seconded and approved by CPAC members.

Erin Abney may be reached at (904) 255-7849 or eabney@coj.net.

- **Chair and Vice Chair Nominating Subcommittee** – Joseph Tate announced the Nominating Subcommittee recommendation to re-elect Dr. Don Green as chair and Jamie Lacy as Vice Chair. Voting and nominations from the floor will take place at November's meeting.

- **10. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware reminded CPAC members about the upcoming Neighborhood Awards Program that will take place at the Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 E. 1st St., on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 6 p.m.

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

- **11. New Business** – None

12. Old Business – None

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None.

14. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, November 9, 2022**, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid – In-person Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, November 9, 2022**, 4:30 p.m. Hybrid – In-person Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W.

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A copy of the audio recording of this North CPAC meeting is available through a Public Information Request by calling 630-CITY. Details about Public Records can be found on the City's Website: [COJ Public Records Request](#).

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