

## Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

### March 9, 2023, Meeting Summary

Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd., 6 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 3543 1494 Passcode: 630145

### Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members** – Rhonda Boyd, Chair, Timber Oaks Homeowners Association; Victor Coleman, Vice-Chair, Central Fairfax Community Association; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC; Doretha Thompkins, Riverview; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Larry Solomon, Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates; Gwen Nmezi, Royal Terrace; Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrace; Vanessa Culins-Hopkins, PEBO Enterprises Inc.

**Visitors** – Jacquelyn Harris, Duval Legacy Leaders; Sallie Barnes, Robinson's Addition; Sheliah Brown; Antonia Bryant; Jeanette Mitchell, Central Fairfax Association; Nabra Ali; Ginny Winters

**Elected Official and City Staff** – Dr. Dana Kriznar; Scott Adams, Jacksonville Public Library; Lieutenant Raymond Beltz, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Captain Damian Bell, Jacksonville Fire, and Rescue Department; John Williams, Municipal Code Compliance Division; Craig Black, Neighborhood Services Office

**Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Rhonda Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Craig Black confirmed a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The February 2023 NW CPAC meeting summary was approved by the CPAC members.

**Presentation:** Marlo Zarka, Public Policy Lead with The Blue Zones Project, shared that the Blue Zones Project applies research from the world's longest-lived cultures to empower everyone to live better and longer. Blue Zones Project partners with public and private sector leaders to increase cities' well-being, leading to greater stability, improved health equity, and increased resilience.

Ms. Zarka shared that The Blue Zones Projects focuses on the following:

- People, places, and policy.
- Communities located in the following zip codes – 32206,32208,32209,32210, and 32244.
- The Power 9 Diet comprises the basic human needs of connectivity, movement, a positive outlook, and eating wisely.
- Workplace wellness and how it can affect mental health.
- Taking on issues cities face, such as homelessness, obesity, diabetes, and healthcare costs.
- Delivering sustainable and holistic solutions that increase the health and economy of residents.

To learn more about Blue Zones Project in Jacksonville, contact [nicole@bluezones.com](mailto:nicole@bluezones.com) or

visit [www.bluezones.com/jax](http://www.bluezones.com/jax)

**Elected Officials: Dr. Dana Kriznar:** Deputy Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, reported:

- DCPS continues to negotiate the sale of the downtown Jacksonville district building.
- The Five Essentials survey is currently being administered, and DCPS is in need of the community's participation.
- DCPS is in the development period of the new Ribault High School.
- The new Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School will open in August 2023.

**Chairs Report:** Chair Boyd welcomed and introduced new member Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins to the Northwest CPAC. Ms. Cullins-Hopkins is serving as the primary for PEBO Enterprises Inc.

### Staff Reports

**Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Lieutenant Raymond Beltz reported the following information for Zone 5 in the last 30 days:

- There was one murder case closed by an arrest.

- Auto burglaries are up by 28%. Auto burglaries can be prevented by keeping your vehicle's doors locked while you are away from the car.
- There were three robberies of individuals. One of those robberies led to an arrest.
- Sheriff T.K. Waters and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office members will conduct a Sheriff's Walk in the Sherwood Forest Community on Saturday, March 11, 2023.

**Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD):** Captain Damian Bell shared the following information:

- Sunday, March 12, 2023, is the start of daylight-saving time. This is an excellent time to check the batteries in your home smoke detectors.
- Be patient on the roadways as daylight saving time has us "losing an hour" this season, so irritability can be a factor as we drive.
- Remember to clean out dryer vents after every wash cycle. It is also essential to clean loose debris and lint behind the dryer.
- Be sure to always read the product label before using or mixing a cleaning product. Mixing bleach with common cleaning products can cause serious injuries.
- It is encouraged to have an up-to-date first aid kit in your vehicle.

**Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Scott Adams announced the following:

- JPL has teamed up with AARP to offer free tax preparation services. More information can be found online at [jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://jaxpubliclibrary.org).
- Early voting is available at many of the Jacksonville Public Libraries.
- The American Association of Retired People (AARP) and JPL have partnered to provide free tax preparation. Pre-registration is required, and you may do so at [www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations).

**Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD):** John Williams reported:

- MCCD conducted 1,293 inspections in Zone 5 in the last 30 days.
- A proactive inspection was conducted on Sibbald Road
- The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief (JAR) Program is still available. To qualify for the JAR Program, you must own and reside in the home, meet financial requirements, and have not used the JAR Program in a year. For more details about the JAR Program, please visit [COJ Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program](#)

The Municipal Code Compliance Division enforces property maintenance, safety, and zoning codes, which affect the quality of life in Jacksonville. You may notify MCCD of an issue at <https://myjax.custhelp.com/>.

**Park, Recreation, and Community Service:** Johnetta Moore, Chief of Social Services, announced:

- Eggstravaganza will be held on April 1, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Henry J. Klutho Park, 204 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St., 32206.
- The movie Matilda will be shown on March 10, 2023, at Willow Branch Park, 2870 Sydney Street, 32205, at 6:30 p.m.
- The movie Turning Red will be presented by JaxParks Friday, April 24, 2023, at Rogers Park, 11950 San Jose Boulevard, 32223.
- Spring Break Camp will be offered at various park locations throughout the city, and extended care drop-off is available. More information can be found at [tinyurl.com/JaxParksRegistration](http://tinyurl.com/JaxParksRegistration).
- Training to become a paid lifeguard starts March 13, 2023, and will continue through May 1, 2023. For more information, email [bealifeguard@coj.net](mailto:bealifeguard@coj.net), or call 904-255-6777.

**Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA):** Cheryl Riddick shared:

- JTA offers the ReadIRide program. The program provides on-call transportation to residents of 14 Jacksonville communities. Reservations can be made Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The JTA ReadIRide program has expanded to the Door-to-Store Program. Door-to-Store provides complimentary rides to and from eight grocery store locations within the Northside ReadIRide zone. Reservations can be made for pick-up up to two hours in advance by selecting the Door-to-Store option when customers call ReadIRide at 904-515-2458

**Unfinished Business:** Chair Boyd addressed an ongoing MCCD issue at Pearce and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Chair Boyd congratulated the CPAC on being effective in resolving the issue.

**New Business:** none

**Subcommittee and Liaison Reports:**

**Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** nothing to report.

**TRUE Commission:** nothing to report.

**Neighborhood Coordinator:** Craig Black shared with the CPAC that he has resigned from his position as Neighborhood Services Coordinator, and this will be his last Northwest CPAC meeting.

**Chair and Vice Nominating Subcommittee:** nothing to report.

**Public Comments:** none

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**The next CPAC Meeting:** Thursday, **April 13, 2023**, at 6 p.m. Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd. **Zoom:** Meeting ID: 864 3543 1494 Passcode: 630145

**The next Land Use and Zoning Meeting:** Thursday, **April 13, 2023**, at 5 p.m. Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd. **Zoom:** Meeting ID: 864 3543 1494 Passcode: 630145

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