

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 8, 2020 Meeting Summary

Via Zoom Conferencing, 6 p.m.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Tyrona Clark-Murray, Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association, Inc., Roxan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks; Doretha Tompkins, Riverview; Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks HOA; Dr. Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrace Community; Gwen Nmezi; Royal Terrace Community.

Visitors – Rosemary Thornton, COEA; Tracie Thornton, RENEW Community; Dr. Gracie Kear; Emeka Nicholas; Roalisa Harden-Carver; Dr. V; 904-545-8276; 904-545-5282

Elected Official and City Staff – Lt. James Paris, JSO; Captain Gene Klingbeil, JFRD; Bryan Mosier, Director Neighborhood Department; Dr. Diana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Sharon Kirkes, JPL; Thomas Register, Municipal Code Enforcement Administrator; Bruce Chauncey, Municipal Code Compliance; Brian Jefferson, States Attorney's Office; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Office.

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Godwin-Ware confirmed that a quorum was present. CPAC member Currier motioned to approve the September 10, 2020 meeting summary and Velma Rounsville seconded the motion.
- 2. Presentation:** None
- 3. Elected Official:**
 - Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent, reported that DCPS Board Strategic Plan Meetings Sale Surtax Oversight Committee will host several community meetings regarding the Sales Surtax referendum. Meetings will be held in person and virtually. Dates, times and locations can be found: <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/stratplan>. The sales surtax will be on the back of the ballot on November 3. Dr. Kriznar announced that the Covid-19 dashboard is open for review on the DCPS website. The dashboard does not indicate Covid-19 numbers for Charter Schools and private schools in Duval County. Those numbers can be found on the Department of Health's website. District athletics will resume. Tickets will be sold online, and games are only allowed to be at 30 percent capacity. Visual and performing arts will begin in the next nine weeks.
- 4. New Business:**
 - **Nominating Subcommittee:** CPAC member Currier represented the nominating subcommittee and presented the slate of officers to the CPAC. The recommended nominees were: Dr. Murphy Nmezi for Chair and Tyrona Clark Murray for Vice Chair. Ms. Currier advised that if anyone else is interested in the position of Chair or Vice Chair that they may make nominations from the floor during November's meeting.
- 5. Unfinished Business:** None
- 6. Chair Report:** Chair Clark-Murray presented on North Florida Transportation Planning Organization updates, the CPAC Chair's quarterly meeting with the Brian Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer, and the Mayor's Administration. Chair Clark-Murray also provided updates regarding Melson Road and 20th Street, Land Use and Zoning and the Capital Improvement Plan.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** City Planner Kaysie Cox reviewed several land use and zoning applications with CPAC and LUZ Subcommittee members. Members agreed that the applications reviewed did not require CPAC action.
- **TRUE Commission:** Member Velma Rounsville reported that the Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission met October 1, 2020. Ms. Rounsville reiterated that the Commission does not have a full committee and is working with the Mayor's Office to assist with reaching out to the Mayor to find out if he has plans to continue making appointee recommendations. Ms. Rounsville advised that those who are interested in the TRUE Commission may ask to be part of the Commission on behalf of their Council District's City Council Member. The Commission received a presentation on City Control and Chief Administration regarding 1Cloud ERP. The first phase was introduced in February 2020 and the second phase will possibly be introduced in January 2021 and will focus on Human Resources and benefits. The Commission did not receive any new reports from the auditors. Discussion concerning Ordinance 2020-529 and Resolution 2020-529 regarding a temporary early retirement window for City employees are still taking place. The election of officers was discussed.
- **Transportation:** Chair Clark-Murray provided a report regarding the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (North Florida TPO) in Mr. Solomon's absence. Chair Clark-Murray reported that biannually, North Florida TPO is required by state and federal regulations to update the United Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is a budget that outlines all major transportation planning activities to be undertaken by the TPO for a two-year planning period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Amendments are made periodically. The North Florida TPO is an independent regional body composed of elected officials and appointed representatives from the cities of Jacksonville and St. Augustine, the Jacksonville Beaches, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns counties and the independent transportation authorities; Jacksonville Aviation Authority, Jacksonville Port Authority, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Nassau County Ocean Highway and Port Authority and St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority. Several committees advise the TPO, one being the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) of which Chair Clark-Murray and Mr. Solomon are members. Member category includes citizens representing the seven planning districts of Jacksonville.

8. Staff Reports

- **Neighborhood Department:** Bryan Mosier, Director of Neighborhoods, announced that Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) is offering a special adoption program. To learn more about ACPS and the animals available for adoption, please visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/animal-care--protective-services.aspx>. Director Mosier encourage everyone to "tip or toss" standing water to eliminate any possible breeding grounds for mosquitoes. He also announced that human trafficking takes place in every state, including Florida. The State of Florida is working on increasing awareness of the issue by increasing the distribution of literature and requiring various types of establishments to register and display signage. Director Mosier announced that several commissions and committees have begun meeting in person, and that CPAC meetings will return to in-person meetings in November. Director Mosier inquired if the NW CPAC needed assistance in finding a location. Chair Clark-Murray informed Director Mosier that the Legends Center is being used for COVID-19 testing. Ms. Tompkins advised

she is in the age range where it is dangerous to meet in person and would hope hybrid meetings can take place, so she is still able to participate in the CPAC meetings.

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Lt. Paris (904-384-8028) announced that JSO will be partnering with Hubbard House for Domestic Violence Awareness month. Lt. Paris reported that there were 48 reports of sexual battery, 111 robberies, 19 car robberies, 18 robberies to businesses, 23 and 140 aggravated battery cases. Lt. Paris stated that JSO is experiencing a problem with manpower. CPAC members wanted to know how their neighborhood could get Shot Spotter in their community. Lt. Paris said Shot Spotter is funded through grants, and some private companies.

Lt. Paris may be reached at (904) 384-8028

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD):** Capt. Gene Klingbeil advised CPAC members to download the JaxReady mobile app. The application will help monitor weather threats, provides information on evacuations and status of shelters. Capt. Klingbeil advised that hospitals are in good shape and are not near capacity for Covid-19 cases.

Capt. Klingbeil may be reach at (904) 389-1429

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):** Derek Dixon, Transportation System Manager District 2, reported that the Ribault Bridge repairs have been completed.

Derek Dixon may be reached at (904) 360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Sharon Kirkes (skirkes@coj.net; 765-5402 Ext. 245) reported that most libraries will be open soon for inside service as well as curbside pickup. CPAC members may check the library's reopening schedule at WWW.jaxpubliclibrary.org. Early voting will take place at the Bradham and Brooks Branch, Webb Westconnett, and West Branch libraries beginning Monday, October 19, 2020 through Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Visit www.duval elections.com for a list of all election sites. The library has added a kids and teens Library Academy page on its website. The site provides free ready-made activities and virtual programs for kids of all ages and can be a great home school and educator resource. Please visit www.Jaxpubliclibrary.org for more details.

- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Tom Register, Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor (bclayton@coj.net; 255-7038), reported that the MCCD will begin conducting systematic inspections again. Mr. Register introduced the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR), which is to provide abatement services required at no cost to those citizens who qualify. The program only prevents liens from being placed on the property after the abatement occurs. Visit the Municipal Code Compliance Department website for more information on applying: <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>.

- **Neighborhoods Services Office:** Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator (michellegw@coj.net ; 255-8236), announced that on Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the America Recycles Day event will take place at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street. The event will include a free paper shred and tree giveaway.

9. Public Comments

- Cheryl Riddick, JTA Director of Customer Engagement, announced that a virtual groundbreaking for the Orange line will take place Thursday morning. The Orange Line, or Southwest Corridor, will provide service from the Convention Center to south along Blanding Boulevard. Riders will be able to access Five Points, FSCJ Kent Campus and the

Orange Park Mall quickly and efficiently. The estimated service launch is 2021. JTA also received the Florida Public Transportation Association "Outstanding System" award for 2020. JTA Bus Operator Ronald Parson was named Bus Operator of the Year and Maintenance Technician Sherman Polydor was named Bus Technician of the Year.

- Rhonda Boyd announced that Sheriff Watch meetings will be held virtually via WebEx.
- Tracie Thornton announced that she has initiated an art project in Jacksonville and has teamed with The Aesop Project and Seed Evolution, projecting art on various buildings to encourage people to vote. For a list of locations visit <https://renewedcommunity.weebly.com>

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020. Location to be determined.

A copy of the audio recording of this 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 here: [Public Records](#).