

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 12, 2019 Meeting Summary

The Legend's Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Drive, 6 p.m.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members - Tyrona Clark-Murray, Chair; Doretha Tompkins, Vice Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Waynetta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II; Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs; Linda Moore, North Riverside; Gwen Nmezi, Royal Terrace; Mildred Jennings, Sherwood Forrest Community; Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks HOA; Brenda Ford, New Town Success Zone; Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrace.

Excused - Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA.

City Staff - Brenda Priestly Jackson, City Council District 10; Samuel Newby, City Council At Large Group 5; Shelley Thibodeau, State Attorney's Office; Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office; R. A. Litt, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Zone 5; Justin Pickett, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Jackson Grey, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Brandie Berry, Duval County Public Schools; Sonita Young, Duval County Public Schools; Ken Johnson, Military and Veterans Affairs; Bruce Chauncey, Municipal Code Compliance; Sharon Kirkes, Jacksonville Public Library; Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Office.

Visitors - UNF Nursing Students: Maria Ericka Galmeo, Jackie Trudel, Malia Suchel, Alyssa Clark, Odyessa Corpuz, Benjamin VanWolfson, Cody Maitland, Dr. Deidra Shoemake; Roosevelt Wilson, Picketville; June Prince, Sherwood Forest; Regina Moment, Marietta/Sherwood; Artis L. Warthen, Lake Forest Hills; Ali Nabaa, Magnolia Gardens; Daisy Jones Hicks, Cleveland Heights; Mona Norris, Riverview.

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Roxane Currier motioned to approve the August 8, 2019 meeting summary. Elaine Billups seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Elected Officials Reports

- Brenda Priestly Jackson, District 10 Council Member (BPJackson@coj.net: 255-5210), reported that she is forming the City Council District 10 Neighborhood Advisory Council. This is a group separate from the CPACs and only for residents living in Council District 10. Council Member Jackson would like the Neighborhood Advisory Council to develop a strategic plan that creates continuity within the district. Meetings are Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Webb Wesconnett Regional Library, at 6887 103rd Street, in the Auditorium and on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Legends Center, at 5130 Soutel Dr. in the Community Room.
- Samuel Newby, At Large Group 5 Council Member (snewby@coj.net: 255-5219),

commended Northwest CPAC Vice Chair Doretha Thompkins on a great job leading last month's CPAC meeting. Council Member Newby reported that there is now a Commission on Safety and Crime Reduction comprised of approximately half of the members from the Safety and Crime Reduction Task Force.

3. **Presentation:** Shelley Thibodeau, Assistant State Attorney, Supervisor of the Office Conviction Integrity Unit reported that the unit researches claims of innocence which can lead to exoneration and release from prison. Judicial Circuit 4 had the first Conviction Integrity Unity in the state, opened in 2018. In those two years they have received over 400 inquiries. A link to the Conviction Integrity Unit can be found on the Judicial Circuit 4 State Attorney's webpage at sao4th.com/. The link includes the petition for inquiry into a wrongful conviction.
4. **Unfinished Business:** Amy Holliman (aholliman@coj.net; 255-8260) reported on the action items from the previous meeting. All issue items for Municipal Code Compliance have been reviewed. The only outstanding request was for a home on Winton Drive at Van Gundy. The Code Compliance Officer was unable to find this home. If someone knows the address for this home, please inform Bruce Chauncy or Amy Holliman. There are four outstanding issues for Public Works. These will remain on the unfinished business list until a report is received from Public Works on these issues. The first issue is regarding upgraded pedestrian crossings along Kings Road in the Edward Waters College area. Second is a request for "No Truck" sign in a residential area. Third is the on ramp road striping on I-95 at Beaver Street. The Fourth issue is the bumpy manhole covers throughout the district.
5. **New Business**
 - **The Nominating Subcommittee** was selected for the 2020 CPAC Chair and Vice Chair election. Jaqueline Harrington has agreed to be Chair, Waynetta McGraw and Roxane Currier are members.
 - **The November Social** following the November 14, CPAC meeting will be managed by Waynetta McGraw. A list of food and other items needed will be circulated at the October 10, meeting. Visitors and staff are welcome to join.
6. **Land Use and Zoning/Governmental Affairs:** Arimus Wells, City Planner I (ArimusW@coj.net; 255-7824), reported that AD 2019-28, an application for a storage unit to be built in Murry Hill that was discussed at the June 13, 2019 CPAC meeting, was approved with conditions. Six applications have been submitted by the Planning Department for CPAC members review:
 - 2019-0457** - Conventional Rezoning at 825 Cassat Ave.; RE# 035129-0010 seeks to rezone 0.20 acres of land from CO to CCG-2 in order to allow for the retail sales of used automobiles.
 - 2019-0607** - Conventional Rezoning at 6590 Pritchard Rd; RE# 003461-0050 seeks to rezone 5.66 acres of land from IBP to IL in order to allow for a truck washing facility.
 - 2019-0634** - Planned Unit Development at 6926 Garden St.; 003968-0010 seeks to rezone 1.04 acres of land from CRO to PUD in order to allow for the development of a filling station.

2019-0632 - Planned Unit Development at 265, 281 and 285 44th St. E. and 296 45th St. E.; RE# Several seeks to rezone 0.87 acres of land from RLD-60 to PUD in order to allow for a group care home.

AD-19-55 - Administrative Deviation at 1776 Challen Ave; RE# 078590-0000 seeks to reduce the side yard setback from 5 feet to 2.6 feet in the RLD-60 Zoning District.

2019-0641 - Waiver of Road Frontage at 8569 Old Plank Road; RE# 006216-0140 (WRF-19-21) seeks to reduce the required road frontage from 80 ft to 50 ft in the RR-Acre Zoning District.

7. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** Lt. R. A. Litt (Ruth.Litt@jaxsheriff.org), reported that Sector N had several burglaries last month and the suspects have been apprehended. Sector O reported juveniles riding ATVs and people speeding in the streets. Patrol officers have addressed the situation and issued traffic citations. Sector M reported several auto burglaries that could have been prevented by removing valuables and locking doors. Lt. Litt emphasized to remember and remind your neighbors about the #9PMROUTINE; the practice of removing valuables and locking your car doors at 9 p.m. every night. Download the Jax Sheriff mobile app to get the latest information from the Sheriff's Office on your tablet or smart phone.
- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department:** Chief Justin Pickett (JustinP@coj.net) reported that Jacksonville Fire and Rescue has taken over the Jacksonville Beach Fire and Rescue Department. The merger will take time but should be completed by the end of the year. New JFRD Fire Apprentice Program recruits will be hired in October 2019 and additional positions are available. Information on the Fire Apprentice Program can be found online at myjfrd.com/.
- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com: 632-5522), reported that the Gameday Xpress is the best way to get to and from Jaguar games. Flyers are available with schedules. JTA offers curb to curb service for many in the area. If you live far from a bus stop, for 50 cents they will come to your door and pick you up and drive you to the closest bus stop. Beginning in September 2019, fare modifications will be in effect. Fare increases can be avoided by purchasing your tickets through the My JTA mobile app. A CPAC visitor asked about the removal of shelters and seating for bus stops in the Sherwood Forest area. Removing these has led several older neighbors to stop riding the bus. Cheryl Riddick will work with the visitor to get specific locations and to try and find a solution with the JTA planning team.
- **Parks, Recreations and Community Services:** Jackson Grey, Recreation Services Supervisor (JacksonG@coj.net: 255-7921), reported that the pool season has been extended through the weekends in September at C. T. Brown Park at 4575 Moncrief Rd., Julius Guinyard Park at 1359 Jefferson St., and Charles Boobie Clark Park at 8793 Sibbald Rd. on Saturdays 11 a.m. to 6p.m. and Sundays 2 to 6 p.m. The World Wide Day of Play that includes face

painting, shaved ice, inflatables and yard games will be held at William F. Sheffield Regional Park on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. JaxPark Movie Night (movie is TBA) will be in Panama Park at 6912 Buffalo Ave. on Friday, October 25, 2019 from 7-9 p.m. Lonnie Miller Park at 7689 Price Ln., will have the playground replaced in 2020. A plan is currently in development to calm some of the traffic at Lonnie Miller Park over the weekends. Onsite residential security is being considered. A visitor asked what the plans are for the Carvill Park basketball court at 1302 Carvill Ave. Mr. Grey stated he will get back to the CPAC with an answer.

- **Military and Veterans Affairs:** Ken Johnson, Senior Veterans Outreach Officer (kenjohns@coj.net; 630-7227), explained the benefits available through the Veterans Service Office. They have served over 35,000 totaling over \$1.3 million in earned compensation. On Friday, September 27, 2019, the Military Affairs and Veterans Office, in collaboration with Florida State College at Jacksonville, will hold a Vetpreneur Summit to support veterans with small business needs. The summit will include exhibitors and panel discussions at FSCJ's Advanced Technology Center at 401 W. State St. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk in customers are always welcome at the Military and Veterans Affairs office located on the first floor of City Hall, at 117 W. Duval Street.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Bruce Chauncey, Municipal Code Compliance Officer Senior (BruceC@coj.net; 255-7035), reported that 2,148 inspections were completed in August 2019 in District 5. There were 162 junk vehicle citations, 1,294 nuisance citations, 75 board ups, 274 residential cases, 153 unsafe cases and 145 zoning violations.
 - Chair Tyrone Clark-Murray asked if the CPAC could have a report on the adult gaming facilities that have been shut down since the passage of 2019-0209, identifying "simulated gambling devices as a public nuisance and noxious." Bruce Chauncey reported that he will bring that data to the October 10, 2019 CPAC meeting.
 - Carlotta McIntosh asked Bruce Chauncey with M CCD to check on a school bus that is continually parked at Smyrna and Helena Streets.
 - A visitor reported that there are several tow trucks without tags parked across from the Gate Station at 45th Street and Moncrief Road.
 - A visitor reported that their neighbors have had cars backed in with no tags for months. The woman said that she would allow M CCD on her property so they could see them.
 - A visitor asked about the status of the lot across the street from the Legend's Center, with a mobile home and several work vehicles parked on it.
 - A visitor reported that two semi-trucks are parked on Bristol Avenue in the Sherwood Forest neighborhood.
- **Neighborhood Services Office:** Amy Holliman, Human Services Planner II (aholliman@coj.net; 255-8260), reported that the Matching Grant Program applications

are now available. Organizations can contact Shaun Rycroft at srycroft@coj.net or 255-8272 for more information and to receive a grant application.

- **Duval County Public School:** Sonita Young, Chief of Staff (youngs1@duvalschools.org: 390-2115), reported that Summer Graduation is taking place this evening. The Duval County School Board is waiting on additional information and guidance from their legal council on their next move concerning the half cent increase sales tax request that was withdrawn by City Council. The State Legislature Bill J-1 that was introduced by State Rep. Jason Fischer, recommending that School Board members be appointed by the mayor, has been amended to include an elected the superintendent. Superintendent Greene is scheduled to present at 10:30 a.m. on these issues at the Charter Revision Commission meeting tomorrow in City Hall beginning at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers. The meeting is open to the public if anyone is interested. The Duval County School Board will hold a Workshop and Committee Meeting followed by an Audit Committee Meeting on September 17, 2019, at 9 a.m. in the 6th Floor Conference Room No. 613, at the DCPS Administration Building at 1701 Prudential Dr. where they will discuss a resolution to oppose the J-1 Bill.
 - **Jacksonville Public Libraries:** Sharon Kirkes, Dallas Graham Branch Manager (skirkes@coj.net: 630-0922 X 220), reported that five libraries in the area have received new air conditioning systems. All branches now have Branch Managers in place. The library met their goal of adding 29,311 new library card holders this year toward the goal of having 75% of Jacksonville residents as library card holders.
8. **UNF School of Nursing:** Dr. Deidra Shoemake, Assistant Professor (d.shoemake@unf.edu: 620-5297), introduced the visiting cohort of students enrolled in the UNF School of Nursing who will graduate in the summer of 2021. As a part of Community Based Learning they are assigned to a home base to learn about the area neighborhoods and gain an understanding of community needs and issues. They attend the CPAC to meet the community leaders and to foster awareness of and interest in civic activism in the district.
9. **Adjourn:** Roxane Currier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Boyd seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2019, 6 p.m. at
the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr., Community Room,**

To receive supplies for your neighborhood clean-up, please contact Dan Durbec with the City of Jacksonville Clean It Up, Green It Up program at 255-8276 or ddurbec@coj.net.

A copy of the audio recording of this Urban Core 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](#).