

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 14, 2021 Meeting Summary

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 945 4736 3670 Passcode: 583430

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Rhonda Boyd, Chair; Rhonda Boyd, Chair; Tyrona Clark-Murray, Vice Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Ass.; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Brenda Ford, New Town Success Zone; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Dr. Murphy Nmezi; Royal Terrace Community.

Visitors – Jessica Denson, Lynette Powell Williams; Henry Scott; Jewel Flornoy; Naba Ali; Stephanie Perry, Dr. Gracie Kearsie, Stephanie Perry, Kim Perry

Elected Official and City Staff – Honorable Angie Nixon, Florida House of Representatives District 14; Honorable Warren Jones, DCPS Board, Honorable Darryl Willie, DCPS Board; Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to CM Ronald Salem; Bryan Mosier, Director of Neighborhoods; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Lt. John Gray, JSO; Stephanie Miller, JPL; Ernest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Managers; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Coordinator; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development.

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Rhonda Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Godwin-Ware confirmed that a quorum was present. October's meeting summary was approved by the CPAC. November's meeting summary was approved with corrections to items number #4 and #9. Correct Tyrona Clark-Murray's new title from Chair to Vice Chair in item #4. And correct the spelling of Glenn Weiss's name from Rice to Weiss in item #9.

2. Elected Officials:

- Warren Jones, Duval County School Board, reported that the half cent sales tax referendum was voted in. The revenue from the tax will not be used to rename schools or move the DCPS building from its present location on Prudential Drive. DCPS School Board will be updating the 5-year strategic plan and is inviting the public to provide input soon. Mr. Jones announced that meetings regarding the Duval County Public Schools name change will begin in February. You may visit <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/tracker> to keep track and learn more about the process. The 2021 School Choice Expo was a virtual event this year and was a great success.

Warren Jones may be reached at jonesw2@duvalschools.org

- Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to CM Ron Salem, reported that Council Member Salem has introduced a bill focusing on mental health resources for inmates at the Duval County Jail. The program is supported by the Sulzbacher Center, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the State Attorney's Office and by Chief Judge Mark Mahon. Ms. Evans also reported that Council Member Salem is launching a citywide teen vaping prevention campaign. The goal of the campaign is to educate teenagers from middle school to high school about the health risks of using tobacco and vaping.

Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255 – 5146 or nevans@coj.net

- Vice Chair Darryl Willie, School Board District 2 reported that the Citizen Oversight Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the Shultz Center for Teaching and Learning at 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

Vice Chair Willie may be reached at willied@duvalschools.org

- Angie Nixon, Florida House of Representatives District 14, reported that the Gold Rush

Hotel residents have been moved and provided with stable housing. Ms. Nixon advised that her office has been busy assisting residents with applying for and discovering the status of their unemployment benefits. She also announced that she will be moving into a new office located at 3890 Dunn Ave. Ms. Nixon advised she plans on conducting quarterly town hall meetings.

Representative Nixon may be reached at (850) 717-5014

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:

4. Unfinished Business: None

5. New Business: None

6. Chairs Report: Chair Boyd introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the first Northwest CPAC meeting of the year.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** City Planner Kaysie Cox reviewed 12 land use and zoning applications with CPAC and LUZ Subcommittee members. Members motioned to oppose two of the applications.
 - **2021-0006 – Planned Unit Development (PUD)** - Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway & Canal Street N.: This application seeks to rezone 1.46+/- acres of land from RLD-60 to PUD to allow for commercial neighborhood use.
 - **E 20-84 – Zoning Exception** – 6655 Old Kings Rd.: This application seeks an exception to allow for private club in the CCG-1 zoning district.
Kaysie Cox may be reached at (904) 255-7853 Kaysiec@coj.net
- **TRUE Commission:** Velma Rounsville reported that the Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission met at 3 p.m., Friday January 8, 2021. The TRUE Commission received an auditor's report from Tommy Carter of the City Council's Auditor's Office stating that the City's quarterly report is somewhat delayed because of the new 1Cloud system, which is delaying the year-end closeout. Ms. Rounsville also reported:
 - The Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) has a balanced budget overall and the bond ratings on various issues have been upgraded.
 - The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) exceeded budgetary authority in some areas and will need to seek a budget amendment.
 - The Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA) has an \$8 million surplus after mid-year budget cuts to balance reduced revenues.
 - The Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) was greatly impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. JAA received \$21 million in CARES Act funding, achieving a balanced budget of \$30 million, that's lower than the original budget amounts, partially due to an employee reduction program.
 - Chairman Daniel Henry requested a copy of the debt capacity study for the TRUE commissioners.
 - Members of the commission made several suggestions of topics of interest to be studied in 2021. Ms. Rounsville announced that CPAC members are welcome to make suggestions as well by June 2021. Ms. Rounsville will take the suggestions back to the commission for consideration.
- **Transportation:** Vice Chair Clark-Murray reported on the December 2, 2020 North Florida Transportation Planning Operation (TPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.
 - CPAC members may visit the NFLTPO website to submit suggestions for roadway projects throughout the City.
 - North Florida TPO CAC elected the committee chair and vice chair for the 2021 calendar year.
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved the updates to the CAC bylaws.

- North Florida TPO CAC reviewed the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The program is a five-year work plan that describes the TPO's upcoming studies and administrative tasks, detailing the funding sources. The next North Florida TPO CAC meeting will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 2 p.m.

8. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Lt. Gray reported that violent crime rates are up. He invited CPAC members to become part of Zone 5 Sheriff's Watch. Member may pick up information from Teresa Anderson-Wright by visiting the Zone 5 Sub-station or by contacting Ms. Anderson-Wright at Teresa.Anderson-Wright@jaxsheriff.org for the Zoom invitation information.
Lt. Gray may be reached at (904) 630-2337
- **Neighborhoods Department:** Bryan Mosier, Director of Neighborhoods, reported that the Matching Grant applications are in the final stages of review. Award notifications will be going out soon. Animal, Care and Protective Services (ACPS) will be closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 18th, but will be open on Saturday, January 16th. Mr. Mosier announced that an upcoming community engagement event is being planned for the New Town Neighborhood. The event will be held in February and will be a clean-up. Your Neighborhood coordinator will provide you with the details when they are available.
Bryan Mosier may be reached at (904) 255-7005 or bmosier@coj.net
- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS):** Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent, reported that on June 27th at 11:30 a.m. the EDDY Awards will broad cast live on WJXT/Channel 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ms. Kriznar announced that Superintendent Diana Greene was named Florida's 2021 Superintendent of the Year by the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Superintendent Greene is the 33rd superintendent and the second African American woman to receive this honor.
Dana Kriznar may be reached at kriznard@duvalschools.org
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):** Derek Dixon reported that the Heckscher Drive Zoo Parkway Landscaping project was completed in November. Construction is underway on the Jacksonville National Cemetery Access Road and is estimated to be completed in the fall of 2021. I-95 resurfacing for the Moncrief Creek to Edgewood Avenue West project is estimated to be completed in the spring of 2021. Lem Turner will receive new signal lights, deck lighting, shoulder treatment and LED highway lights.
Derek Dixon may be reached at derek.dixon@dot.state.fl.us or (904) 360-5653
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Stephanie Miller, Executive Assistant of Library Services, reported that AARP will prepare taxes by appointment only, no walk-in appointments will be accepted. Customers can register for appointments beginning Friday, January 22 by going to www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide, where they can search nearest locations by ZIP code or by calling (904) 701-3462. Tax preparation will begin the week of February 15 at all library locations. Volunteers will socially distance by asking customers to drop off paperwork. No overdue fines will be charged for books returned past their return dates; however, items should be returned at some point. Patrons may be charged for those items not returned. Customers can renew checked out items by phone or on the www.jaxpubliclibrary.org website. The Dallas Graham Branch is closed for upgrades; however, the Bradham and Brooks Branch is open for service. Ms. Miller advised that the Jacksonville Public Library provides many digital resources such as www.Lynda.com.
Stephanie Miller may be reached at (904) 255-6185 or sstokes@coj.net

- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Ernest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor, introduced the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR), which provides abatement services required at no cost to Jacksonville residents 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>.

Ernest Murphy may be reached at emurphy@coj.net or 255-7096.

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA):** Cheryl Riddick, Director, Customer Engagement, reported that JTA has partnered with City of Jacksonville and the Florida Department of Health for Duval County to provide safe, clean, and reliable transportation to available COVID-19 vaccination locations. Additionally, JTA has expanded the coverage of its ReditRide Zones. Healthcare workers and citizens age 65 and older can ride free on JTA and ReditRide services by simply showing their work identification or Florida Identification. Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or Criddick@jtafla.com

9. Public Comments

- Roxane Courier stated that she received her COVID-19 vaccination at the Lane Wiley Senior Center and would like to report that everyone was happy with the service provided.
- Chair Boyd announced that the next Sheriff's Watch meeting for Zone 5, N Sector is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6 p.m. The details will be posted on the NextDoor social networking service.

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 6 p.m. 7866 Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd.

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The next Land Use and Zoning Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. 7866 Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd.

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Summary prepared by Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net. A copy of the audio recording of this Northwest 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: [Public Records](#).

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