

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

November 12, 2020 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Tyrona Clark-Murray, Chair; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks HOA; Waynetta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II; Gwen Nmezi; Royal Terrace Community.

Visitors – Emily Pierce, D.R. Horton; John Gislason, D.R. Horton.

Elected Official and City Staff – Paula Renfro, DCPS; Sgt. Lisa Hartt, JSO; Stephanie Miller, JPL; Ernest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance; Berdell Knowles, JEA; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Bill Joyce, Public Works.

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Godwin-Ware confirmed that a quorum was present. October's meeting summary will be approved at January's meeting.

2. Presentation: None

3. Elected Official: Paula Renfro, Chief Academic Officer DCPS, reported that the half cent sales tax referendum was voted in. The DCPS School Board is in the process of organizing the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee. The committee will be comprised of 21 members and will act as the check and balance on how the money is spent.

Paula Renfro may be reached at renfro@duvalschools.org.

4. New Business:

- **CPAC Chair and Vice Chair Elections:** Member Roxsan Currier represented the nominees for 2021 CPAC Chair and Vice Chair. Dr. Murphy Nmezi for Chair and Tyrona Clark-Murray for Vice Chair. Member Currier asked if there were additional nominations for the position of CPAC Chair from the floor. Member Rhonda Boyd nominated herself from the floor as the Northwest CPAC Chair position. Member Clark-Murray motioned to accept Ms. Boyd's self-nomination from the floor as Chair. Member Waynetta McGraw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Member Currier ensured there were no additional nominations for the Vice Chair position (by asking three times). Member Boyd motioned to elect Tyrona Clark-Murray as Chair; Member McGraw seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Rhonda Boyd will serve as Chair and Tyrona Clark-Murray will serve as Vice Chair in 2021.

5. Unfinished Business: None

6. Chair Report: Chair Clark-Murray announced that the sidewalk for Trout River Boulevard will be considered for FY 21/22 Capital Improvement Plan budget process. The estimated cost and plans are available for review. Chair Clark-Murray advised that she and the other CPAC Chairs will be meeting with the Mayor's administration and will be glad to take any concerns to the meeting.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** City Planner Kaysie Cox reviewed 11 land use and zoning applications with CPAC and LUZ Subcommittee members. Members agreed that the applications reviewed did not require CPAC action.

- **TRUE Commission:** No Report
- **Transportation:** Chair Clark-Murray reported that North Florida TPO CAC approved JTA's request to amend FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) based on an FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Grant.

8. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Sgt. Lisa Hartt announced that crime rates are up, as well as petty theft to business, and burglaries to homes and vehicles. Sgt. Hartt advised CPAC members that JSO and mental health experts plan to work together to help people with mental health issues. Sgt. Hartt advised that the holidays are a hard time for a lot of people. Keep an eye out for family and friends that may be suffering from mental health issues.

Sgt. Hartt may be reached at (904) 384-8028.

- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA):** Berdell Knowles, Government Relations Coordinator, reported that there are 20 days left in the hurricane season. Customers should make sure their contact information such as telephone numbers and email addresses are up to date so they can receive communication and power restoration updates. Mr. Knowles announced that Jay Stove was appointed Chief Executive Officer. He also announced that on November 3rd Duval County voters approved amending the City of Jacksonville Charter to authorize the City Council to appoint four of seven members of the JEA Board with the mayor appointing and the City Council confirming the remaining three. The charter also requires City Council appointees to be either former JEA employees or be recommended by a JEA employee or group of employees.

Berdell Knowles may be reached at (904) 665-4524 or knowb@jea.com.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Stephanie Miller reported that most libraries are open for inside service, as well as curbside pickup. CPAC members may check the various libraries reopening schedules at WWW.jaxpubliclibrary.org. The library has added a Kids & Teens Library Academy page on its website <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/kids-teens>. The site provides free ready-made activities and virtual programs for kids of all ages. It can be a great home school and educator resource. Please visit www.Jaxpubliclibrary.org for more details.

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.

- **Neighborhoods Services Office:** Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, thanked CPAC members for their dedication to CPACs. She then thanked and presented CPAC Chair Clark-Murray with her 2019 CPAC Chair award. Ms. Godwin, announced that the America's Recycle Day Tree Giveaway and Shred Event has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will take place at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St. Ms. Godwin also informed

CPAC members that she is not sure if they will continue to meet at the Lincoln Villa Senior Center but will notify everyone as soon as she knows.

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

- **Public Works:** Bill Joyce announced that the Mayor approved additional Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding to clean out all outfall ditches annually.

9. Public Comments

- Cheryl Riddick, JTA Director of Customer Engagement, wished everyone a happy season and requested to present to the Northwest CPAC in the year 2021.
- Mr. Rice announced that the sculpture for the Legends Center will be unveiled on Thursday, December 3rd at 3 p.m. Council member Brenda Priestly Jackson will serve as the mistress of ceremonies. Mr. Rice asked if Chair Clark-Murray would ask the Mayors' administration what the economic impact will be on adding sewer and water to the Northwest district compared to spending money on the development of Lot J.

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, January 14, at 6 p.m. 7866 Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd.

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](#).