

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 10, 2024, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

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Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Jamie Lacy, Chair; Charles Barr, Vice Chair; Dr. Donald Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Jane Love, Amelia View; Pat Hilleman, Amelia View; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA; Albertha Walley, Community Assoc. of Harts Estates; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 8; Vicki Drake, Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Assoc.; Aletha Mikell, Victoria Preserve 2; Sasha Pearson, Victoria Preserve 2; Kelvin Postell, Greater Works Church, Inc.

Zoom: Glenn Fowler, Northside Business Leaders; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA; Herlena Washington, Greater Works Church, Inc.; Earnestine Johnson, Jacobs Way HOA.

Visitors: Tina Hairston, Victoria Point; Paul Forte, N. FL., Business Leaders; Robert Gresham, Turtle Creek; Roberta Smith, North Creek; Cristina Salas, Cedar North; Christina Brundage, North Creek; Catherine Delre, The Cape.

Visitors Zoom: Mary Sperow, Donna Philbrick, SMN, Inc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, SMN, Inc.; Pat Medley; J. Williams; Sheronda Holzendorf; Sharon Johnson Sumter; L. Cunningham; Vera Jones-Wilkins.

Staff and Elected Officials: Byron Jackson, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; Lt. Bo Johns, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Jackie Spiritas, Jacksonville Public Libraries; Cheryl Riddick, Jacksonville Transportation Authority; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Stephen Nutt, Planning and Development Department; Kathleen McGovern, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Charles Benson, MCCC; Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs and Veterans; Victoria Shultz, DCPS.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Jamie Lacy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The November 8, 2023, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials Reports:** None
- 4. Chair Report:** Chair Lacy plans to invite Tracey Hisler-Pace, FDOT Communications Manager, to speak to the North CPAC. CPAC members should send questions about FDOT-maintained roads or projects to Mrs. Godwin-Ware. The questions will be given to Ms. Hisler-Pace in advance. Chair Lacy also announced that the North CPAC needs a representative on the Taxation Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures Commission (TRUE) Commission. Chair Lacy asked for a volunteer who is interested in finances or accounting. Mrs. Aletha Mikell with Victoria Preserve 2 stated she would like to represent the North CPAC on the TRUE Commission. No others expressed interest. Chair Lacy appointed Mrs. Mikell as the representative of the North CPAC to the TRUE Commission.
- 5. Presentation:** None
- 6. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Lt. Bo Johns provided the crime stats for December 2023.
 - Crimes against persons increased by nine percent. The average crime against persons in Duval County is eight to 10 percent. Manslaughter is down 23%. Kidnappings were up 10%; sex offenses were up 8%; robberies were down 20%; aggravated assaults were down 2%.
 - Crimes against property were up 9%, arson cases were up 100%, burglaries were up 10%, Theft up 4%, Theft from motor vehicles were down 22%, and auto thefts were up 52%. Auto

thefts are high because the new TikTok trend teaches how to steal Kia's.

- Crimes against society were down 11%, drug arrest or incidents were down 13%, weapons violations were down 8%.
 - If an officer stops a citizen on foot or in a car, the person should let the officer know he has a gun. This will eliminate surprises.
 - Animal Care and Protective Services is the agency that has purview over all animal complaints. JSO does not enforce vaccinations or fine pet owners. Pet owners are liable for injuries or death if the animal is not contained. However, the pet owner may not be liable if the animal is held in its yard and someone goes onto private property.
- Lt. Johns may be contacted at (904) 696-4335.

7. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) – Captain Byron Jackson reported:

- Ladders have a life expectancy and should be replaced if shaky when climbing them. To prevent falling, do not stand on the top step.
- When taking your Christmas lights down, check your electrical outlets for overloading, fraying, and damage, such as discoloration or melting, before packing them up for the year.
- The new year, specifically daylight savings, is a great time to change your smoke detector batteries.
- Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. Discolored or yellowing smoke detectors indicate that it is time to be replaced.
- Use the same brand or type of smoke detectors in your home to ensure they all go off simultaneously.
- Check the supplies in your car's emergency kit and flashlight to ensure nothing has expired, and batteries have not corroded.
- Citizens can receive emergency alerts by phone, email, or television. Emergency alerts can also be found on the internet.
- During a hurricane or tornado, residents should go to the innermost hallways in the lowest portion of their houses. Somewhere away from windows.
- The new fire station along Harts Road has decreased response time. Station 76 is under construction. The land has been cleared, and a temporary station is located along Cedar Point Road.

Captain Byron Jackson may be contacted at (904) 255-0000

8. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported:
 - The Jacksonville Public Library will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 15, 2024. The digital library is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
 - On Monday, January 22, 2024, the Willow Branch Library will host a Junior Lit Chat with author Karen Chow. Ms. Chow will discuss her latest book, "Miracle," for children ages five to 12. Participants may speak with Ms. Chow, and a limited number of her books will be given out to those who arrive early.
 - Mayor Donna Deegan's River City Readers program will host a kick-off event on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Main Library. The program is a citywide literacy challenge for students of all ages and will run through 2024. During the event, children's author Vincent Taylor will perform. Children will receive free backpacks and books. For information, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com.
 - Several programs are scheduled for Black History Month in February. A lit chat featuring Jeffrey Blount, author of "The Emancipation of Evan Walls" and "Mr. Jimmy from Around the Way," is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. A History Lit Chat with Jerry Urso discussing the life of Captain James W. Floyd will be held at the Main Library on Saturday, February 10, at 2:30 p.m. To register, visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com. Registration is required.
 - The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Aid will begin providing free tax preparation service at various Jacksonville Public Library locations starting the first week of February. Services will run through April 12, 2024. Registration will begin on January 17, 2024. You must register online or by phone. You must register online or by phone at (904) 701-3462. For more information, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com.

- A schematic for the new library along New Berlin Road will be completed within the next 30 days. The facility will be approximately 30,000 square feet and include plenty of green space.

Jackie Spiritas may be contacted at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or spiritas@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** - Cheryl Riddick, Director of Customer Engagement, reported that:
 - JTA is installing a left turn signal at Faye Road and Alta Drive. The estimated completion is in three or four months.
 - JTA will set up a table at Mayor Donna Deegan's River City Readers program at the Main Library on Saturday, January 27, 2024. JTA will inform citizens about the My Ride 2 School Program, which allows Middle and High School students to ride the bus for free when they show their student ID. For more information on the My Ride 2 School Program, visit the JTA website at www.jta.com.

Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or Criddick@jtafla.com.

- **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported that The Veterans Stand Down will take place Friday, January 26, 2024, and Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, 510 Fairgrounds Place. Services provided on Friday include employment, medical, shelter, and housing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services provided on Saturday include dental, food, clothing, and Veteran Affairs services. Tiffany Morales may be contacted at (904) 255-5524 or tmorales@coj.net.

- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, Code Compliance Supervisor, provided updates regarding several concerns made by CPAC members during November's meeting:

- A corridor project will be conducted along Highlands Road from Dunn Avenue to Main Street and Lem Turner Road next week to continue to address the issues.
- The Love's Travel Stop manager has cleaned the pet waste and will post signs telling customers to clean up after their pets.
- The complaint regarding the post on Fort George Island and the inability to pass a vehicle along the road has been passed to the Developmental Services department.
- Montward Road is on a cycle to be mowed and was mowed in November.

Charles Benson may be contacted at (904)255-7299 or Cbenson@coj.net.

- **Parks Recreation and Community Services (PRCS)** – Kathleen McGovern, Park Development Coordinator, reported that:

- The Oceanway Senior Center will be closed and relocated to Charlie Joseph Center starting January 15 through January 19, 2024.
- The 7 Creeks Annual Nature Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2024. The list of programming can be found on the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services website: <https://www.timucuanparks.org/7-creeks-fest/>.
- The playground equipment for Oceanway Park has been ordered and should arrive and be installed by the summer of 2024.
- William F. Sheffield Regional Park will receive new pickleball courts in the spring of 2024.
- The installation of a boat ramp for Riverview Park is scheduled for the spring of 2024.
- PRCS is preparing for this year's summer programs. Openings are available for lifeguards. The salary for this position has increased to \$15 an hour. Returning or experienced lifeguards will be paid \$15.50 an hour. Please visit <https://www.coj.net/employment> for a listing of the current job openings.
- The UF/IFAS Extension Program offers online and in-person learning. More information regarding their online classes can be found on the website: <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/>. In-person workshops such as Spring Vegetable Seed-Starting and Backyard Hen Training are offered in January. For details, please visit the UF/IFAS Extension website <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/duval/> or call (904) 255-7450.

Kathleen McGovern may be contacted at (904) 255-7906 or KMcGovern@coj.net.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Vice Chair Barr and Stephen Nutt, City Planner I.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed eight applications. Recommendations for four of the applications were made:

- **2023-0849 – Conventional Rezoning: 0 Arnold Road:** The applicant seeks to rezone approximately 200 acres of land from AGR to IL and CSV. The North CPAC Governmental Affairs Subcommittee recommends the applicant apply for a Planned Unit Development to allow for more community input. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
- **2023-0856 – Planned Unit Development Rezoning: 0 Bradley Cove Road:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 1.39 acres of land from PUD to PUD to update the site plan to develop a restaurant with a drive-thru. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee recommends the Planning Commission, City Council, and Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee support the North Creek community and deny this rezoning. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
- **2024-0004 – Conventional Rezoning: 0 Old Kings Road:** The applicant seeks to rezone approximately 4.04 acres of land from AGR to IL. The North CPAC Governmental Affairs Subcommittee recommends the applicant apply for a Planned Unit Development to allow for more community input. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
- **2024-0015 – Planned Unit Development Rezoning: 0 Braddock Road:** The applicant seeks to rezone approximately 280.55 acres of land from PUD to PUD. The application proposes 436 single-family homes in 40- and 50-foot-wide lots. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee recommends that lots are 60 feet or larger for additional multi-family living spaces. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.

Stephen Nutt may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or snutt@coj.net.

- **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Coordinator, recognized Aletha Mikell of Victoria Preserve 2, Shasha Pearson of Victoria 2, Albertha Walley of Community Association of Harts Estates, Pastor Kelvin Postel of Greater Works Church, Inc., and Earnestine Johnson of Jacobs Way HOA as new North CPAC members. Mrs. Godwin-Ware also announced that the Neighborhood Awards and CPAC 30th Anniversary photos are now available on the Neighborhood Services Office website: <https://www.jacksonville.gov/neighborhoodawards>. Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net.

10. Unfinished Business - None

- **New Business** – Chair Lacy is adding Dr. Donald Green to the North CPAC agenda to report on the DCPS Citizens Oversight Committee. The committee monitors how the revenue from the surtax is spent and helps to keep the public informed on the progress and implementation of the sales surtax plan.

11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

12. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Lacy adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218, and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**, 4:30 p.m. Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W. 32218 and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

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