

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 9, 2021, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W.

Zoom Meeting ID: 971 7788 2377 Passcode: 115030

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Paul Fenning, Vice Chair; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Reverend Joseph Tate, Cooper Hill HOA; Jane Love, Amelia View; Glen Fowler, Northside Business Leader, Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island HOA; Vicki Drake, DCPS PTA/PTS Assoc., Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Marion Burke, Council Appointee District 8; Jamie Lacy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Nancy Burnett, Sheriff's Watch Zone 6; Matt Stone, Marshwinds HOA.

Zoom: Debera Green, Captiva Bluff; Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club.

Visitors: Paul Forte, Eden Group; Mario Chatman, Cambridge Estate HOA; Mary Sperow; Patricia Cooper, Blue Grass/Northwood HOA; Donald Drake; Gay Septon; Brittnee Williams, Biscayne Estates; Janice Williams, Biscayne Estates; Dennis Bradley, Broward.

Zoom: Pat Medley, Christa Sales; Donna Philbrick, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Earnestine Johnson. Marilyn Miles; Brian Jefferson.

Staff and Elected Officials: Jennifer Walter, ACPS; Lt. Joe Van Delinder, JSO; Berdell Knowles, JEA; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Charles Benson, MCCD; Marci Larson, North FL. Transportation Planning Organization; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Richard Leon, Public Works Arborist.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** CPAC approved May's summary.
- 3. Elected Officials:** Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ron Salem, provided an update on the Mental Health Offender Pilot Program (MHOP). The MHOP collaborates with the City of Jacksonville, Lutheran Services of Florida, the Public Offender's Office, JSO, Sulzbacher Center, and Gateway Community Services for programing. The purpose of the program has been to divert qualifying cases into a treatment program instead of the traditional court system. The pilot program has been a success, and Council Member Salem is working to make MHOP a permanent program. Council Member Salem will bring the bill before the Social Justice and Community Investment Committee, in the hopes that it will pass in order for the program to continue for another year. Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255 – 5146 or nevans@coj.net
- 4. Chairs Report:** No Report
- 5. Presentation:** None
- 6. Staff Reports:**
 - Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS)** – Jennifer Walter, Chief ACPS, reported that to date the shelter has taken in 4000 animals, and is currently taking care of 800 animals total between in shelter and foster care. Ms. Walter reminded CPAC members that it is kitten season and so far, 800 kittens have been brought into the shelter. The shelter is looking for fosters and adoptive parents. Ms. Walter reported that there are a few different ways to report an animal emergency after hours. One way is to call JSO's non-emergency number (904)630-0500. If it is an emergency JSO will reach out to the Animal Control Officer on duty. Members may also download or use the Myjax.custhelp.com app. The request submitted through the Myjax application transfers to the ACPS system, where the animal control officer on duty also monitors emergencies. Ms. Walters advised CPAC members that in order for an Animal Control Officer to

cite a citizen without the officer witnessing the violation, an affidavit must be filled out and sent in to ACPS including photos or video. The affidavit can be found on ACPS's website, or you can email the Shelter at JaxPets@coj.net and request a form.

Jennifer Walter may be contacted at jenniferw@coj.net

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Joel Van Delinder, reported that Zone 6 is still having a problem with car theft and burglary because people are leaving their car doors unlocked. Lt. Van Delinder asked CPAC members to share what they are learning during CPAC with their community. Lt. Van Delinder announced that JSO has plans to go out into the community to continue encouraging people to report suspicious activity, to lock their car doors, as well as the doors to their homes.
Lt. Joel Van Delinder may be reached at (904) 696-4335
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Berdell Knowles, reported that JEA is currently preparing for a safe and reliable hurricane season. Mr. Knowles encouraged the CPAC Members to become familiar with the JEA website and review the storm Center and Outage Center links on JEA's website. For more information and to view the sites visit www.JEA.com. Mr. Knowles also reported that 35 neighborhoods in Jacksonville have failing septic tanks. The Bilmore C, Beverly Hills East, Beverly Hills West, and Christobel neighborhoods are in the most need of phase out because of environmental safety issues.
Berdell Knowles may be reached at (904) 665-4524 or KnowB@jea.com
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported that the library will be hosting a series of community meetings during the last two weeks in June as part of the Urban Branch Facilities Master Plan. The library is looking at five urban locations and their buildings, assessing to see if they are meeting the needs of their community. The listed libraries will host community meetings on various dates which are listed on the flyer. Ms. Spiritas announced that all 20 library locations are returning to pre COVID hours starting Monday, June 21, 2021. A list of hours can be found on the Jacksonville Public Library website www.jaxpubliclibrary.org. Ms. Spiritas also announced that the Summer Learning program began on June 1st. Free summer lunch, as well as in person, and virtual story time will take place at several branches through the end of July. You can find more information about the hours of programming services on the Jacksonville Public Libraries website. The Jack's Kids Book Club for children entering VPK through Kindergarten this fall, may visit any Jacksonville Public Library and pick up a free backpack filled with books while supplies last. Ms. Spiritas thanked CPAC members for participating in the Urban Area Library Survey. Next, the library will be hosting a series of community meetings and tours during the last two weeks in June as part of the Urban Branch Facilities Master Plan. Location and a schedule of the various tours can be found on the Jacksonville Public Library website <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/urban-study>.
Jackie Spiritas may be contacted at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or spiritas@coj.net
- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, reported that 1,871 inspections were completed in the month of May. This fiscal year a total of 9875 inspections were completed. The systematic inspection in the Brentwood neighborhood was completed this month, resulting in a total of 629 inspections and 339 citations.
Charles Benson may be contacted at (904)255-7299 or Cbenson@coj.net
- **North FL., Transportation Planning Organization (N. FL., TPO)** – Mari Larson, Public Affairs Manager, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO), announced that the North Florida TPO Citizens Advisory Committee (N. FL., TPO CAC) has a vacancy on TPO's CAC for a North CPAC District. Ms. Larson explained the purpose of the committee, and encouraged the members to attend a N. FL., TPO CAC meeting. The CAC meets on the first Wednesday of the month, at 2 p.m. Meetings are not held during the month of January and July. The meetings are held in-person at the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization Headquarters, 980 North Jefferson Street. The next meeting will be held on August 4, 2021.
Marci Larson may be reached the (904) 306-7513 or mlarson@northfloridatpo.com
- **Public Works (PW)** – Richard Leon, Urban Forestry Manager, reported that Public Works has been busy planting many trees for customers who have called 630-City, requesting trees be planted on the right of way in front of their homes. Mr. Leon informed CPAC members that the Community Organization Tree Planting program is available to neighborhood organizations that may be interested in having more trees planted in their neighborhood. Mr. Leon invited CPAC

members to attend the Tree Commission meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. – 11a.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 10th Floor, Conference Room 5. Neighborhood Organizations that are interested in the Community Organization Tree Planting program may contact Mr. Leon at (904) 255-4324 for more information.

Richard Leon may be contacted at (904) 255-4324 or Rleon@coj.net

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Director of Customer Engagement, reported that JTA's partnership with Agape Family Health to provide the Wellness on Wheels program has been a success. Four buses act as mobile vaccination sites, which go into various communities throughout the city to provide the vaccine to people who are having difficulty getting to a vaccination site. Ms. Riddick also reported that JTA's ReadIRide service is still providing free trips to and from vaccination locations within the various ReadIRide zones. More information can be found on JTA's website www.jtafla.com . Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or Criddick@jtafla.com

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Vice Chair Paul Fenning, CPAC member Mike Getchell and Erin Abney, City Planner I
The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed three Land Use and Zoning application. Two recommendations were made:

New Business

- **2021 - 0338 – Conventional Rezoning: Broward Road:** This City sponsored application seeks to rezone approximately 15.59+/- acres from PUD/RLD-60/RMD-A/CN to Conservation (CSV). The CPAC chose to take no action.
- **2021 - 0342 – Planned Unit Development (PUD): 0 Starratt Road:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 7.80 +/- acres from Commercial Community General -1 (CCG-1)/Residential Rural-Acre (RR-Acre) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) in order to develop the property with 200 multi-family dwelling units. The CPAC chose to take no action.
Erin Abney may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or Eabney@coj.net

8. New Business – None

9. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

10. Adjourn: Vice Chair Fenning adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, August 11, 2021**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Hybrid – Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W., 32218 and Zoom

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, August 11, 2021**, starting at 4:30 p.m. Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W. 32218 and Zoom

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