

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

May 12, 2021, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W.

Zoom Meeting ID: 971 7788 2377 Passcode: 115030

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Dr. Donald Green, Chair; 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; Debera Green, Captiva Bluff; Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club; Jane Love, Amelia View; Glen Fowler, Northside Business Leader.

Zoom: Nancy Burnett, Sheriff's Watch Zone 6; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island HOA; Vicki Drake, DCPS PTA/PTS Assoc., Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA.

Visitors: Angellica Rodriguez, Capper Estate; Jamie Lacy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Scott & Glenda O'Connor Heckscher Drive CC; Paul Forte, Eden Group; Michael & Rose Celenza, Broward Rd

Zoom: Pat Medley, Donna Philbrick, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Earnestine Johnson.

Staff and Elected Officials: Kelley Coker, Duval County School Board; Victoria Schultz, Duval County Public Schools; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods Operations Director; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Ernest Murphy, MCCD; Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns River Keeper; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Cheryl Riddick, JTA.

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 April's summary.
- 3. Elected Officials:**
 - Kelly Coker, Duval County School Board, reported that the School Board is seeking feedback from students, families, and employees on the COVID-19 measures for the 2021-2022 school year. A survey is now available and will be used; along with CDC guidelines, to help guide decisions on how to open schools next year. Ms. Coker announced that May is mental health awareness month in Duval County Public Schools. A mental health conference was held for educators, and students. Ms. Coker announced that Kindergarten registration is in progress. Parents may register their children in person or online. She also announced that summer learning programs will be available for elementary, and middle school students, as well as credit acquisition programs for secondary students. Second language students will also have access to special programs, Special summer opportunities will also be available for pre k students. Registration information for the various program can be found on the Duval County Public Schools website <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/>. Ms. Coker announced that the Summer BreakSpot program, which offers free breakfast and lunch throughout the summer to children in need, will be available this summer. Families can visit the website www.summerbreakspot.org to find the list of locations providing free breakfast and lunch. Ms. Coker also announced that the Florida Department of Health in collaboration with Duval County Public School, will offer the Pfizer vaccine to children 12 years and older on Saturday May 15th, at Sandalwood High School. Children must be accompanied by an adult to receive the shot. Kelly Coker may be reached at (904) 390-2375 or coker@duvalschools.org

4. **Chairs Report:** Chair Green announced that Saturday, May 15th the San Mateo/North CPAC food drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nonperishable food can be dropped off at San Mateo Neighborhood Park, located at 11452 Renne Dr., or taken to the Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #11406, located at 12709 Magnolia Ave. Volunteers are needed to assist with the unloading of food from vehicles. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Michelle at michellegw@coj.net. Chair Green also announce that the CPAC Chairs quarterly meeting with the mayor's staff is scheduled for Friday, May 15th. If you have a specific concern or topic of interest that you would like brought up at this meeting, please email it to Michelle at Michellegw@coj.net.
5. **Presentation:** Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns River Keeper, provided a summary and analysis of the health of the lower St. Johns Basin (LSJRB). Ms. Rinaman reported that this year's "State of the River" report findings indicate some positive developments in the health of the river, such as total nitrogen level registering at satisfactory levels, and an improvement in sanitary sewer overflows. The report also indicates that there are some mixed developments, such as oxygen levels registering as satisfactory in the mainstem, but also registering as unsatisfactory in the tributaries, and the fecal coliform levels in the tributaries are still very high. Ms. Rinaman advised that several developments and trends are of cause for concern in this year's report.
- Concentrations of arsenic, cadmium, lead, nickel, and silver in predominantly saltwater reach of the mainstem has increased during 2016-2019.
 - A great number of cyanobacteria blooms were observed and reported throughout Summer 2019.
 - Salinity continues to be unsatisfactory in the basin.
 - Submerged aquatic vegetation has declined in several regions in the basin due to drought followed by major storms.
 - Wetlands continue to be lost due to development pressures.
 - The number of non-native species in the basin has rose from 87 to 90, and studies indicate a lack of public awareness on the impact on non-native species in Florida.

The full report is available at <http://www.sjrreport.com>.

Lisa Rinaman may be reached at 904-509-3260 or lisa@stjohnsriverkeeper.org

6. **Staff Reports:**

- **Neighborhoods Department** – Chiquita Moore, Operations Director, reported that Governor DeSantis will be lifting the restrictions on the mask mandate effective June 1st. Ms. Moore is unsure whether hybrid meetings will still be an option. That information will be provided to CPAC Coordinator, Michelle as soon as possible. Ms. Moore announced that currently, there are still funds available for the Mortgage Relief program. Ms. Moore encouraged those who may be in need to apply. Ms. Moore explained how the issues brought to CPAC, are then brought before the mayor's staff during the Chairs meeting is done by using a situational incident report (SIR). Ms. Moore explained that the SIR is used to track these items. Ms. Moore announced that the Jacksonville Abatement Relief program (JAR) is available for those who may have abatement issues on their property. Ms. Moore stated that she and Director Mosier have an open-door policy and may be reached by contacting Michelle.
Chiquita Moore may be reached at (904) 255-8902 or chiquitam@coj.net
- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Victoria Schultz, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Services, announced that information regarding the Parent Academy is on the back table for those who are interested.
Victoria Schultz may be reached at SchultzV@duvalschools.org
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon, Transportation System Manager, provided an update regarding the National Cemetery Road project. The North Jacksonville Rotary and Green Scape are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony in August or September of this year.
Derek Dixon may be contacted at (904) 360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported that all library meeting rooms will reopen and be available for booking starting May 1st. Ms. Spiritas announced that for mental health and military appreciation month, the library has plenty of materials to support anyone's interest and celebration of the two days. The month of May is also Asian Pacific American heritage month, and Jewish American heritage month. All the branches

will have displays that are geared toward those celebrations and events. Ms. Spiritas advised that the libraries will continue to be fine free through May 31st with the hopes of getting the date extended. Ms. Spiritas announced vaccination sites will be set up to administer the Johnson and Johnson vaccine to individuals 18 years old and up at various branches starting the week of May 24th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vaccination locations may be found on the Jacksonville Public Library website <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/>. Ms. Spiritas also announced that Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) students who can show proof of registration, and have a public library card, can check out a laptop to use for the semester for free. The Pablo Creek library is now one of the lending libraries, as well as Brandon Brooks, Murray Hill, and Highlands Branch Libraries. Ms. Spiritas asked CPAC members to participate in the Urban Area Library survey. The survey will be used to obtain community input regarding the design for the Urban Library Facilities Master Plan for five urban libraries: Bill Brinton, Murray Hill, Brentwood, Brown Eastside, Dallas Graham and Westbrook. The survey 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)** – Ernest Murphy, Code Compliance Supervisor, reminded CPAC members that the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) is still available for those who need abatement services due to disability or economic disadvantage. Mr. Murphy explained that the program does not assist with tree issues or removal. To find out if you qualify for the JAR program, visit <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>. Mr. Murphy reported a total of 1,600 inspections have been completed in Zone 6, and a total of 14,169 inspections have been completed year to date. A systematic inspection is in progress in the Brentwood neighborhood. A total of 339 properties have been sited to date. Mr. Murphy reminded CPAC members that anyone can remove and dispose of snipe signs in the City right of ways.

Ernest Murphy may be contacted at (904)255-7096 or Emurphy@coj.net

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Director of Customer Engagement, reported that JTA has partnered with Agape Family Health to start the Wellness on Wheels program. 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 provides 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** – Dr. Donald Green, Paul Fenning and Erin Abney, City Planner I

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed three Land Use and Zoning application. Two recommendations were made:

New Business

- **Oppose 2020 - 0689 – Plan Unit Development (PUD): Broward Key:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 113.47+/- acres from RLD-90 RMD-A to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to permit 243 single family homes with 50 foot wide and 6,000 square foot lots. The CPAC opposes the project based on the dangerous access to the site, and the developers have failed to meet with members of the community.
- **Oppose 2021 - 0234 – Conventional Rezoning: 4025 Cedar Point Road:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 3 +/- acres from Residential Rural Acre (RR-Acre) to Residential Low Density – 100A(RLD-100A) to subdivide the lot and build six single family dwellings. The CPAC opposes the request for conventional rezoning and would prefer the project to be a PUD, which would allow for community input.
- **Oppose 2021- 0011– Plan Unit Development (PUD): 0 Heckscher Drive:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 2.68 +/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD). The rezoning to PUD is being sought to develop the property into a truck stop with a weigh station. The CPAC sent a letter in opposition to this application on February 12, 2021, suggesting the community's issues were addressed before consideration

for approval. It has been brought to the CPAC's attention that the communities concerns are not being addressed, thus the CPAC opposes this application.

Erin Abney may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or Fabney@coj.net

8. New Business – Capital Improvement Project Needs - CPAC members discussed and approved eight Capital Improvement project needs that were provided by various members and community leaders within North CPAC Planning District 6. The suggestions will be submitted to Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, Teresa Eichner no later than Friday, May 21, 2021.

- Install sidewalks throughout the North Lake Community.
- Pave the parking lot and install lighting at San Mateo Neighborhood Park
- Install sidewalks on Heckscher Drive from Jim King Part to the Ferry terminal.
- Extend the bike lanes north of the bridge on Hart's Road down to Cedar North.
- Widen New Berlin Road.
- Complete the master plan for Willian F. Sheffield Park.
- Build a community park on vacant land off Lem Turner Road (Duval Property # 020402-0000).
- Due to traffic issues and safety concerns, enhance roadway safety on Capper Road, west of Broward Road East.

9. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

10. Adjourn: Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, June 9, 2021**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Hybrid – Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W., 32218 and Zoom

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, June 9, 2021, starting at 4:30 p.m.** Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W. 32218 and Zoom

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