

# **North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

## **April 12, 2017 Meeting Summary**

Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W., Jacksonville FL 32218



### **Attendance**

#### **CPAC Members**

Chair – Florida Open Beaches – Robert (Bobby) Taylor  
Vice Chair – Copper Hill HOA – Joseph Tate  
Amelia View – Gay Septon  
Bluegrass/Northwood – Sharon Bivens  
Charter Member - Dot Mathias  
Charter Member – Richard Berry  
Copper Hill HOA – Bessie William  
Council Appointee District 11- Tommy Ruffin  
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira  
Heckscher Drive CC – Jim Sumara  
Lydia Estates – Michael Wozniak  
Lydia Estates – Shelley Wozniak  
Marshwinds HOA – Matt Stone  
Northlake HOA – Josephine Fiveash-Porter  
Wingate Estates – Paul Fenning  
Wingate Estates – Kiz Fenning

#### **Excused**

Mayoral Rep – E. Denise Lee  
Parks, Recreation and Community Svc – Jackson Gray  
Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Assoc.- Vicki Drake

#### **Visitors**

Patricia Cooper – Blue Grass/Northwood  
Victor Davis  
Lance Hunt – Generation Jax  
Amanda LaBron  
Glenda O'Connor  
Scott O'Connor - HDCC  
Richard Pereira - JTA  
Robert Porter –Northlake HOA  
Mr & Mrs. Render  
Dewitt Robinson

#### **Staff and Officials**

Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Fire 8 – District Chief Andrew Harrold  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Lieutenant Derek Porter  
JTA – Cheryl Riddick  
Municipal Code Compliance - Timothy Myers  
Neighborhood Services Office – Michelle Godwin  
Planning and Development –Connie Patterson  
Public Libraries – Marshelle Berry  
Public Works – Jud Miller

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1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Robert (Bobby) Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
  2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** Mr. Dick Berry motioned to approve the March summary. Mr. Tommy Ruffin seconded and the motion passed.
  3. **Elected Officials:** None Present
  - **Presentation:** Brad Thoburn, Vice President of Planning Development and Innovation with Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), presented on the Skyway Modernization Program. JTA has created the Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C) program with the hopes of using Autonomous Vehicle (AV) technology which can operate on the existing elevated guideway and at the street level in the future.
  4. **Staff Reports:**
    - **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** –Lieutenant Derek Porter reported there has been a significant increase in the amount of burglaries to homes under new construction. Lieutenant Derek Porter can be contacted at 696-4335.
    - **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – District Chief Andrew Harrold of Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Fire 8 explained how important it is to make sure your home addresses are properly marked and are in clear view so Fire and Rescue Responders are able to find your home in a timely manner. There is an ordinance that clearly states that all residential and commercial property should properly display an address so that the number is clearly visible and legible both day and night from the public or private access road from which the building address has been assigned and must be on the side of the building that faces the road. You may place the address on the building or on a sign 10 feet from the building. JFRD may be contacted at [coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue.aspx](http://coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue.aspx) or 630-0434.

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- **Mayor's Representative-** E. Denise Lee was excused.  
Ms. Lee may be contacted at 630-1874 or [edenisel@coj.net](mailto:edenisel@coj.net).
- **Public Works** – Judd Miller reported that the Oceanway Town Center is back on contract for Public Works to maintain via a contractor. Please report mowing or landscaping issues or other Public Works issues by calling 630-CITY (2489) or emailing [630CITY@coj.net](mailto:630CITY@coj.net).  
Public Works staff may be contacted at 472-2910 or [mcdaniel@coj.net](mailto:mcdaniel@coj.net).
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** –Jim Green was absent.  
Jim Green may be contacted at 360-5684 or [james.green@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:james.green@dot.state.fl.us).
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick introduced Mr. Richard Pereira, Program Administrator of Roadways, Construction and Capital Programs Management with Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA.) Mr. Pereira shared information with the North CPAC in regard to the JTA Mobility Works, plan to upgrade Alta Drive. Alta Drive will be upgraded to a four lane roadway between Dunn Creek and Burkit Lane. Mr. Pereira explained that construction is projected to start the fourth quarter of 2018. A public meeting will be scheduled during the design phase.  
Richard Pereira may be contacted at 630-3135 or [rpereira@jtafla.com](mailto:rpereira@jtafla.com)
- **Military Affairs and Veterans** – Ken Johnson was absent.  
Ken Johnson may be contacted at 630-7227 or [kenjohns@coj.net](mailto:kenjohns@coj.net).
- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCC)** - Timothy Myers reported that a systematic inspection was performed in the Lake Forrest Neighborhood this month. A total of 293 new cases were generated which resulted in 566 violations. Zone 6 officers have completed 2,200 inspections since March 13, 2017 meeting. MCC completed 13,050 inspections citywide.  
Tim Myers may be contacted at 255-7037 or [tmyers@coj.net](mailto:tmyers@coj.net).
- **Planning & Development** – Connie Patterson:
  - **ORD-2017-192** - This application is for a rezoning of 1.86 acres from CCG-2 & CO to CCG-2. The western portion of the property is currently zoned CCG-2 while the other half is CO. The owner wants to run a landscape nursery and would like to expand the use for storage of plants. In CCG-2 there is a required 25 foot buffer to the properties to the east that are residentially zoned (RLD-60). No land use amendment required. Planning & Development recommends approval of CCG-1.
  - **ORD-2017-0219** - This application is for rezoning of 44.05 acres from RR-Acre to RLD-50. Request for rezoning made to be consistent with surrounding area. No land use amendment is required. Planning & Development Department recommendation is pending.
  - **E-17-33** - This application is for an exception for new and used automobile sales. It will be developed from a vacant lot. This location is in a commercial corridor along Lem Turner and surrounded by similar used including a shopping center, gas station, and used car lots. Planning & Development Department recommendation is pending.
  - **Old Agenda Item ORD-2017-0090 (Companion ORD 2017-0089)** – This application is for a rezoning of three lots consisting of approximately 1.63 acres of land from RLD-100A to IW to allow for water dependent business to operate and dock work boats at the site. Planning & Development Department recommends Approval.
  - **Old Agenda Item ORD-2017-0089 (Companion ORD 2017-0090)** – This application is requesting the current Low Density Residential (LDR) future land use category be amended to the Water Dependent-Water Related (WD-WR) future land use category. The subject site is currently being used for a water-dependent boating operations business. Planning & Development Department recommends Approval.  
Connie Patterson maybe contacted at 255-7822 or [ConstanceP@coj.net](mailto:ConstanceP@coj.net)

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- **Animal Care & Protective Services** – James Crosby was absent: Jim Crosby may be contacted at 255- 7391 or [Jamesc@coj.net](mailto:Jamesc@coj.net)
- **Parks, Recreation & Community Services** – Jackson Gray was excused: Jackson Gray may be contacted at 255-7921 or [Jackson@coj.net](mailto:Jackson@coj.net)
- **Public Libraries** – Marshelle Berry thanked everyone who was able to attend the Town Hall meeting at the Highlands Branch Library last month. The Highlands meeting was one of the most heavily attended. Ms. Berry announced that the Oceanway lockers are now operational and the Jacksonville Public Libraries have started the Hi \$5 For Reading Donation Campaign. \$5 donations are collected and used to support Summer Learning at various neighborhood Jacksonville Public Library branches. The program will run from April 1, 2017 thru Jun 30, 2017.
- Library Director Barbara Gubbin will be retiring June 30, 2017. Ms. Gubbin has been with the Jacksonville Public Library for 12 years. Marshelle Berry may be contacted at 765-5402 ext. 0220 or [MBerry@coj.net](mailto:MBerry@coj.net)

#### **5. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Governmental Affairs**
    - The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee made the following motions: Tommy Ruffin motioned to approve ORD #2017-192, Conventional Rezoning of 1.86 acres at 13385 Main Street North, from CCG-2 & CO to CCG-2. The motion was seconded by Dot Mathias. The CPAC members approved the motion.
    - Dot Mathias motioned to deny ORD #2017-219, Conventional Rezoning of 44.05 acres on Duval Road at the corner of Armsdale Road and Duval Road from RR-acre to RLD-50. The motion was seconded by Tommy Ruffin. The motion is based on the concern that 50-ft. lots should be 60-ft. lots. Because of the lack of a "Site-Plan" the committee could not see if any amenities such as playgrounds, parks, etc. were included. Sidewalks on the developer's property along Duval Road and Armsdale Road were not included. The CPAC members approved the motion.
    - Dick Berry motioned to approve E-17-33 at 11020 Lem Turner Road which is an exception for a new and used automobile sales lot. The motion was seconded by Tommy Ruffin. The CPAC members approved the motion.
    - Mr. Robert (Bobby) Taylor entertained the motion to reconsider and disapprove ORD #2017-89 and companion ORD #2017-90. The decision is based on the information presented to the Governmental Affairs Committee and the CPAC Members by Heckscher Drive resident Robert Wood. Dot Mathias motioned to reconsider and oppose ORD #2017-89 and companion ORD #2017-90. The motion was seconded by Danny Ferreira. The CPAC members approved the motion.
  - **Membership** – Ms. Bivens thanked the visitors in attendance
  - **Transportation** – Mr. Dick Berry announced that lanes are being added to I-295 and I-95. He also announced traffic lights will be placed on the I-295 Main Street off and on ramps. Mr. Berry said the red barrels have been removed from the north bound lanes on the Dames Point Bridge; however work is still under way on the southbound lanes.
  - **Ad-Hoc- Taxation, Revenue, Utilization and Expenditures (T.R.U.E)** – Mr. Danny Ferreira reported on the various issues under review by the T.R.U.E committee.
- 7. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin reminded the CPAC members of the Matching Grant Program as well as the CommUniverCity program, which will be unveiled soon. Michelle announced the 2017 Fair Housing Symposium will take place Friday, April 21, 2017 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Jacksonville Public

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Library Convention Center. Michelle also informed the CPAC members that on Saturday, April 22, 2017 there will be a Downtown Earth Day Cleanup from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the Earth Day Ecology Fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Jacksonville Landing. Please contact 255-8250 to reach the Neighborhood Services Office.

**8. Chair's Report** – Chair Robert (Bobby) Taylor announced the march of the Turtles starts April 17 and runs through the end of September. Mr. Taylor advised if you see any sea turtle, not to disturb them since it is a violation of Federal Law with hefty fines and possible imprisonment. If you find one go to the Parks maintenance people so they can handle the situation.

**9. Unfinished Business** – None

**10. New Business** – None

- **Public Comments and Announcements:** Kristen Reed, Chief of the Community Planning Division, requested that the CPAC members reach out to their neighborhoods and asked that they provide input on major growth and development issues that they would like to have considered in the updating of the 2030 Comprehensive plan.
- Robert Wood, of the Heckscher Drive Community Club expressed his concern with Ord #2017-89 and Companion ORD #2017-90 being approved by the CPAC. Mr. Wood explained to the CPAC members why the Heckscher Drive Community and the CPAC should oppose ORD #2017-89 and companion ORD #2017- 90. Mr. Wood stated that the property owner of 5100 Heckscher Drive is operating large and dangerous equipment very close to residences. The space cannot accommodate the size or the equipment being used or the storage of his materials. The owner is producing noise that rattles homes at all times of the day and night.
- CPAC Member Jim Sumara, of The Heckscher Drive Community Club, expressed that the North CPAC is not opposed to growth. The Heckscher Drive Community believes the overlay of 5100 Heckscher Drive to industrial is not compatible for this area; which is primarily residential and small commercial businesses. ORD #2017-89 and companion ORD #2017- 90 are too large to operate in the area and the owner has already acquired infractions.

**11. Motion to Adjourn:** Chair Robert (Bobby) Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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**Next CPAC Meeting:** May 10, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W.

**Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting:** May 04, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center 12215 Sago Ave. W.

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