

# **North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

## **June 14, 2017 Meeting Summary**

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



### **Attendance**

#### **CPAC Members**

Chair – Florida Open Beaches – Robert (Bobby) Taylor  
Amelia View – Gay Septon  
Bluegrass/Northwood – Sharon Bivens  
Bluegrass/Northwood – Mark Bivens  
Charter Member - Dot Mathias  
Charter Member – Richard Berry  
Copper Hill Owners Association – Bessie Williams  
Council Appointee District 11- Tommy Ruffin  
Duval County Council PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake  
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira  
Heckscher Drive CC – Jim Sumara  
Northlake HOA – Josephine Fiveash-Porter

#### **Excused**

Vice Chair – Copper Hill HOA – Joseph Tate  
Johnson Comm. Civic Association – James Shronce  
Lydia Estates – Michael Wozniak  
Lydia Estates – Shelley Wozniak  
M&M Dairy, Inc. – Teresa Moore  
Marshwinds HOA – Matt Stone  
Mayoral Rep – E. Denise Lee

#### **Visitors**

Amanda LeBron  
Dewitt Robinson  
Robert Porter  
Robert Wood

#### **Staff and Officials**

FDOT – Jim Green  
Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Fire 8 – District Chief Trace Barrow  
Jacksonville Public Library – Marshelle Berry  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Assistant Chief Greg Burton  
JTA – Cheryl Riddick  
Municipal Code Compliance - Timothy Myers  
Neighborhood Services Office – Michelle Godwin  
Parks, Recreation and Community Svc – Jackson Gray  
Planning and Development – Connie Patterson  
Public Works – Jud Miller

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Robert (Bobby) Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** Dick Berry motioned to approve the April and May summaries. Vicki Drake seconded and the motion unanimously passed.
3. **Elected Officials:** None
4. **Presentation:** None
5. **Staff Reports:**
  - **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** –Zone 6 Assistant Chief, Gregory Burton, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, announced Zone 6 is celebrating the lowest crime rate in the City. Assistant Chief Burton also warned CPAC members about property rental scams. Homes are being rented out by people who don't own or manage the properties. Assistant Chief, Burton can be contacted at 696-4335.
  - **Public Works** – Jud Miller announced Public Works is getting caught up and has started working on the roadways. Recent inclement weather has caused delays to mowing. Public Works staff may be contacted at 255-4306 or [jjmiller@coj.net](mailto:jjmiller@coj.net).
  - **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green announced the reconstruction project of Pecan Park Road from Lexington Park Boulevard to I-95 will start in June and should finish by late 2018. Mr. Green briefly reviewed a few projects that are starting this month. 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 announced JTA's Gameday Xpress will start running August 17, 2017 through December 17, 2017 providing hassle-free trips to sporting events. JTA is also launching a St. Johns River Ferry ticket exchange program. Effective October 1, 2017, only JTA issued tickets will be accepted. All other tickets must be used before September 30, 2017. JTA will have staff on site to exchange tickets at the Mayport Landing. Dates and times for exchange can be found by logging on to <http://ferry.jtafla.com>

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Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at 632-5522 or [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCC)** - Timothy Myers reported that a corridor inspection was performed on Lem Turner from Interstate 95 to Interstate 295. A total of 100 new cases were generated, resulting in 206 violations. Zone 6 officers completed 2,107 inspections in May 2017. MCC completed 11,825 inspections citywide.

Tim Myers may be contacted at 255-7037 or [tmyers@coj.net](mailto:tmyers@coj.net).

- **Planning & Development** – Connie Patterson:

- **V-17-05: Variance, 10940 New Kings Road:** This application is requesting to allow front of building loading for their warehouse/distribution center in the IBP Zoning district. It is also requested that the rear setback be reduced from the required 10 feet to 0 feet. The reduction is to allow for vehicular access between lots with the addition of impervious surfaces.

- **E-17-51: Exception, 12456 Sago Avenue:** This application is requesting to convert an existing building into a church on less than 4 acres and with access on a local road. The subject property is currently zoned PUD and is 0.72 acre.

Connie Patterson may be contacted at 255-7822 or [ConstanceP@coj.net](mailto:ConstanceP@coj.net)

- **Parks, Recreation & Community Services** – Jackson Gray announced that the playground will be replaced at Ray Greene Park. The project is scheduled to start at the end of June. William F. Sheffield Regional Park will receive a storage unit, which should be completed in August. Mr. Gray informed the CPAC members that the Rec N Roll, Summer Camp and Swim Lesson programs have begun. Summer Camp starts June 19, 2017 and is offered in three two-week sessions. You may register your child for camp on line by going to [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com). Registration for summer swim lessons end June 30, 2017.

Jackson Gray may be contacted at 255-7921 or [Jacksong@coj.net](mailto:Jacksong@coj.net)

- **Public Libraries** – Marshelle Berry announced the Jacksonville Public Library was named '2017 Library of the Year' by the Florida Library Association. Ms. Berry provided flyers announcing the various activities taking place at the Highland Branch Library. Ms. Berry informed the CPAC members that the libraries and Duval County Public Schools have formed a partnership, allowing children to check out library books at the Public Libraries with their student identification number. Marshelle Berry may be contacted at 765-5402 ext. 0220 or [MBerry@coj.net](mailto:MBerry@coj.net)

#### **6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Governmental Affairs** - No action was taken by the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.
- **Membership** – Ms. Bivens reported she is working on recruiting members. Marshelle Berry from Public Libraries offered to display CPAC information in the Highlands Branch Library.
- **Transportation** – Dick Berry announced that not only is the Pecan Park Road Reconstruction and Widening project going to add extra lanes in each direction on Pecan Park Road from I-95 just east of Lexington Park Boulevard, but additional sidewalks and bicycle lanes will be added as well. He is petitioning for additional funding to be used for sidewalks. FDOT would like to place sidewalks within a mile and a half of all schools in Duval County. Mr. Berry asked that CPAC members make note as to whether or not the schools in their neighborhoods have sidewalks within a mile and a half of their schools in both direction. You may send the information to Mr. Berry and he will give it to his contact at FDOT. The information will be added to FDOT's list of areas that are in need of school sidewalks. Mr. Berry has also spoken to District 7 Council Member Reggie Gaffney about placing lighting at school bus stops.
- **Ad-Hoc- Taxation, Revenue, Utilization and Expenditures (T.R.U.E)** – Mr. Danny Ferreira briefly reviewed the duties of the T.R.U.E Commission. He informed members that ordinance #2017-300, which would have restructured the T.R.U.E Commission, has been put to rest. Mr. Ferreira discussed Bill #2017-0348, which was introduced by District 11 Council Member Danny Becton. The bill requires an annual allocation of 15 percent of the General Fund/ General Services District aggregate increase in budgeted revenues (net of transfers from Fund Balance) over the FY16-17 baseline amount to pension amortization.

- 7. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Neighborhoods Coordinator Ms. Michelle Godwin informed

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the CPAC members that the Matching Grant Program application is on a temporary hold while more homeowners association, neighborhood associations and organizations register themselves in the new Neighborhood Directory.

**8. Chair's Report** – Chair Robert (Bobby) Taylor announced that he received a letter from At-Large Council Member, Tommy Hazouri dated May 31, 2017. The letter announced Councilman Hazouri was withdrawing ordinance #2017-300. The intent of the ordinance was to decrease membership of the T.R.U.E Commission from 18 to 11 and to clarify the purpose, power and the sunset of the commission. Mr. Taylor charged CPAC attendees not to just show up to the meetings to complain. He asked that they become CPAC members and get involved in order for the CPAC to grow and continue to be impactful. Mr. Taylor asked that everyone bring someone to a meeting in order to increase the awareness of CPACs.

**9. Unfinished Business** – None

**10. New Business** – None

- **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** CPAC member Sharon Bivens shared Dunn Avenue between Lem Turner Road and Wingate Road needs to be resurfaced. The area has been in poor condition for two years.
- CPAC member Sharon Bivens expressed concerns with the sanitary conditions of the restrooms at the Shell station located at Dunn Avenue and I-95. Tim Meyers, with Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor, stated he would send an inspector to the location.
- CPAC member Tommy Ruffin expressed concern that there may be squatters residing at 2897 Percy Road. Assistant Chief Burton, of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, stated he would look into the matter in order to find out if they are true squatters.
- Citizen Robert Woods thanked the CPAC members for their service and for supporting the Heckscher Drive Community by opposing ordinances #2017-089 and #2017-090.
- CPAC member Jim Sumara made a motion for the North CPAC to write a letter in support of Ordinance 2017-349. This ordinance is for a Text Amendment to the Future Land Use Element (FLUE) to remove certain properties from the Industrial Sanctuary designation. The ordinance was introduced by Council Member Al Ferraro and co-sponsored by Council Member John Crescimbeni. Danny Ferreira seconded the motion. The CPAC members unanimously approved the motion.

**11. Motion to Adjourn:** Chair Robert (Bobby) Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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**Next CPAC Meeting:** August 9, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W.

**Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting:** August 3, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center 12215 Sago Ave. W.

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