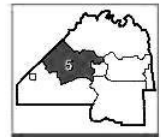


# Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## June 8, 2017 Meeting Summary

The Legend's Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Drive, 6 p.m.



### Meeting Attendance

#### CPAC Members:

CPAC Chair: Larry Solomon  
Parliamentarian: Tyrona Clark-Murry  
Better Living: Elaine Billups  
North Riverside CDC: Linda Moore  
Moncrief Springs: Carlotta McIntosh  
Timber Oaks HOA: Rhonda Boyd  
Moncrief Springs: Yvonne Ward  
EXCUSED:  
Cherokee Cove: Anthony Williams  
CPAC Vice Chair: John Pittman

#### City Staff:

City Council Member: Katrina Brown  
City Council Member: Garrett Dennis  
Planning and Development: Devin Scott  
Jacksonville Public Library: Marshelle Berry  
Florida Department Of Transportation: Jim Green  
Jacksonville Fire and Rescue: Adrian Johnson  
JEA: Berdell Knowles  
Public Works: John Kolczynski  
Municipal Code Compliance: Ernest Murphy  
JSO: Sgt. G. Mattson  
JTA: E. J. Wilson  
Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman

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#### Visitors:

Lou Myers	Darrell Burgess	Luke Gene
Hilda Myers	Lana Suggs: Carver International	Jerome Lazenberry
Roosevelt Williams	Amanda Nelson	Lloyd T. Washington
Regina Moment	Gwendolyn Harris	

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Larry Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Parliamentarian Tyrona Clark-Murray confirmed a quorum.
- 2. First Responder Staff Reports**
  - **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** Sgt. Gregg Mattson ([Gregg.Mattson@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:Gregg.Mattson@jaxsheriff.org); 630-2802) reported that violent crime has been reduced by seven percent in Zone 5. He encouraged all concerned citizens to get involved with the Sheriff's Watch. A visitor inquired about the prevalence of graffiti in the area to which Sgt. Mattson responded that it is mostly done by children and not by gangs. A CPAC Member asked if there were issues with kids during the summer. Sgt. Mattson suggested involvement with summer programs through the Police Athletic League and stated that the Summer Night Lights Program, at which police officer join in sports activities with kids in parks throughout Jacksonville is active through the summer.
  - **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue:** Chief Adrian Johnson ([Adjohnso@coj.net](mailto:Adjohnso@coj.net); 630-0864) announced that Jacksonville is the first city in the nation to have all fire trucks and rescue units equipped with advanced life support systems. These treat critical care issues like heart attacks and strokes. The JFRD Explorer Program meets on Tuesday evenings in the summer and after a probation period students can ride along with the Fire Department. The next step in the program is a limited access Apprentice Program, for which everything is paid and if they complete the program they may be hired by the Fire Department. A CPAC Member asked about both Fire Engines and Rescue Units arriving for medical emergencies. Chief Johnson stated that in Jacksonville, all Fire Fighting personnel are dually trained as Paramedics and Fire Fighters.
- 3. City Council:** Katrina Brown, District 8 ([KBrown@coj.net](mailto:KBrown@coj.net); 630-1387), announced she will have a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the Highlands Branch Library. Council Member Brown reminded everyone that the Neighborhood Services Office will have the revised Neighborhood Matching Grant available soon. She also encouraged neighborhood leaders to register their organizations into the new online Neighborhood Directory: <https://jaxneighborhoodorganization.coj.net>. She encouraged reporting neighborhood issues to 630-CITY, and calling her office so she can ensure that issues are resolved. Visitors and CPAC Members brought up several issues to Council Member Brown. They ask her to look into what could be done about the prevalence of properties in the district with shipping storage containers and construction equipment that are an eyesore. She was also asked to look into what could be done about the homeless population in the area. Chair Solomon asked for increased community input into decisions.

#### 4. Staff Reports

- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Ernest Murphy, Code Compliance Officer Senior ([EMurphy@coj.net](mailto:EMurphy@coj.net): 255-7096), stated they completed a systematic inspection in Woodstock totaling 442 citations, and another inspection in a business corridor on Normandy Boulevard where there were Zoning Code violations. Beginning June 19, 2017, inspections will begin in the Mixon Town area.
- **Public Works:** John Kolczynski, Traffic Studies Associate Engineer ([JohnFK@coj.net](mailto:JohnFK@coj.net): 255-8580), reminded everyone that we are now in hurricane season and to be prepared. The [2017 Hurricane Preparedness](#) guide is available at [coj.net](http://coj.net).
- **JEA:** Berdell Knowles, Director of Government Relations ([knowb@jea.com](mailto:knowb@jea.com): 665-4524), reported that the residential street light replacement project is ongoing. Storm preparation information can be found on JEA's website, including generator safety, which poses more of a danger than people often realize. There are three ways to find out about power outages: by telephone, online and by text message. In order to receive text messages about outages, you must register your number at [jea.com](http://jea.com). Participation in the Solar Smart Program is now an option. This program purchases solar power from solar farms around the city and typically it is less expensive to participate in the Solar Smart Program than to purchase your own solar system.
- **JTA:** E.J. Wilson ([James.Green@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:James.Green@dot.state.fl.us): 360-5684) reported that the three, seven and 31 day "Silver" ticket would be replaced with the more durable plastic "Star" card. He also reported that the Convention Center Skyway Stop would close on July 5, 2017, as they begin work on the new JTA Regional Transit Center. The Summer Youth Pass is buy one get one free, for a charge of \$30 is good for 31 days. The St. Johns River Ferry is changing to an automated payment system. For information on JTA Programs call 630-3100. This is also the number to call to report bus stops that need cleaning or maintenance; please give the bus stop number when calling in an issue.
- **Florida Department of Transportation:** Jim Green ([James.Green@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:James.Green@dot.state.fl.us): 360-5684) reviewed Kings Road from Cleveland Road to Martin Luther King Parkway resurfacing will start soon and will take about a year. The resurfacing projects on Beaver Street between McDuff Road, Stockton Street, US 301 and Jones Road will both be wrapping up this summer. The Beaver Street resurfacing project from Stockton Street to Ocean Street is just beginning and will be done around the first of the year.
- **Jacksonville Public Library:** Marshelle Berry ([MBerry@coj.net](mailto:MBerry@coj.net): 765-5402), announced that Mayor's Summer Jobs interns begin the week of June 12, 2017. Summer programs have begun; please encourage children to go to the library this summer. Jacksonville Public Library Director, Barbara Gubbin has announced her retirement and a national search for a new director will begin soon.

5. **City Council:** Garrett Dennis, District 9 ([GarrettD@coj.net](mailto:GarrettD@coj.net): 630-1395), shared his contact information and encouraged CPAC Members and citizens to contact him with any issues. A CPAC member asked for increased citizen involvement. Council Member Dennis stated that there were changes coming to City Council structure with the election of the new City Council President that should increase focus on the districts.

#### 6. Subcommittee Reports

- **LUZ:** Chair Solomon asked that people volunteer for the committee. Rhonda Boyd will join the LUZ Committee.
- **Transportation:** Tyrone Clark-Murry deferred to Mr. Wilson with JTA's presentation as she was going to report on the new regional transit hub, adding that the completion date of the center is 2019 and there will be a ground breaking ceremony on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.
- **TRUE Commission:** TRUE Commission representative John Pittman was excused from tonight's meeting. Two months ago, the Northwest CPAC submitted a letter to City Council discouraging passage of 2017-0300 which reorganized and restructured the TRUE Commission. CPAC Member Rhonda Boyd read a letter from Council Member Hazouri stating his reason for withdrawing Bill 2017-0300.

**7. Neighborhood Coordinator:** Amy Hays Holliman ([aholliman@coj.net](mailto:aholliman@coj.net); 255-8260) reported that a Neighborhood Summit is in the planning stages for November 2017. The 2017 Neighborhood Matching Grant application is currently under review. The program is postponed, but will be re-launched. In order to expedite the grant more neighborhoods need to register online now at <https://jaxneighborhoodorganization.coj.net> or complete the Directory form and staff will enter the information.

**8. Unfinished Business**

- Chair Solomon expressed concern for the proposed road diet for Soutel Drive between Lem Turner Road and US1, and that CPAC would like a follow-up presentation from Council Member Reggie Brown soon. City Planner Devin Scott with the Planning and Development Department assured the CPAC that when a proposal is prepared, the CPAC will be informed.
- Marshall Berry asked about the CPAC moving to the Bradam Brooks Library. CPAC Members requested time on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the possible move to the library.

**9. Public Comments**

Tracie Thornton invited everyone to attend the meeting of the Harborview Neighborhood Association, Wednesday, June 21, 6 p.m. in the Legends Center.

**10. Adjourn:** Tyrone Clark-Murry motioned to adjourn the meeting, Rhonda Boyd seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** Thursday, August 10, 6 p.m. at the Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Drive.

A copy of the audio recording of this Urban Core CPAC meeting is available through a Public Information Request by calling 630-CITY. Details about Public Records can be found on the City's Website here: [Public Records](#).