

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

November 10, 2016 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members:

Larry Solomon, CPAC Chair
John Pittman, CPAC Vice Chair
William Anthony: Cherokee Cove
Elaine Billups: Better Living
Elaine Burnette: P.R.O.U.D.
Tyrona Clark-Murry: Blue Flame Publications
Roxsan Currier: Marietta Senior Center
Raye Gary: NCNW – Reed Ed Campus
Robert Ledwick: Pickettville Civic Association
Carlotta McIntosh: Moncrief Springs
Linda Moore: North Riverside CDC
Kelly Patterson: Blue Flame Publications
John Pittman: Pickettville Civic Association
Bertha Richardson: Better Living
Tim Rossetter: Marietta Senior Center
Doretha Tompkins: Riverview

UNF Visiting Students:

Christin Miller
Jessica Kaye Jones
Caitlyn Symonette
Deidre Shoemaker

City Staff:

Councilman Samuel Newby
Executive Council Assistant (Newby): Chiquita Moore
Executive Council Assistant (Brown): Gerrie Ford-Hardin
Code Compliance: Danny Connell
Code Compliance: Devron Cody
Florida Department of Transportation: James Green
Jacksonville Fire and Recuse: Adrian Johnson
Jacksonville Public Library: Laura Minor
Jacksonville Transportation Authority: Cheryl Riddick
JEA: Berdell Knowles
Neighborhood Services Office: Lisa Ransom
Neighborhood Services Office: Shaun Rycroft
Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman
Neighborhood Services Office: Rosemary Wesolowski
Neighborhoods Margareta Haywood

Visitors:

Cassidy Clinger
Jire Douglas: Eastside
Evelyn Eaves: Lake Park HOA
Barbara McKnight: Montcalm Drive
Lester Quaintance: Greenleaf Road
Rosemary Tornton

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Larry Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Staff confirmed a quorum; 11 of the 27 Northwest CPAC organizations were represented for 41%.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** John Pittman motioned to approve the October minutes; the motion was seconded by Tim Rossetter and was unanimously approved.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Staff Reports**
 - **Jacksonville Fire and Recuse:** Chief Adrienne Johnson reported that the four fire stations that represent this area, responded to 1,231 medical and fire emergency calls last month. There were no Community Canvassing requests for the month of October. The Fire Apprentice Program is still accepting applications for 12th graders; email JFRDexplorers@coj.net for more information on the program.
 - **The CPAC Chair** recognized the University of North Florida nursing students who were visiting to offer free blood pressure checks.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance:** Danny Connell stated that through systematic inspections over 1,100 properties were cited last month. Please send all complaints through 630-CITY, this ensures that they are tracked from initial complaint through conclusion. Remember that when MCC goes into neighborhoods it is to help improve the living conditions and are there for the benefit of the neighborhood; please share with your associations and neighborhoods that you and the CPAC support Code Compliance efforts.

- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick reported the updates on the First Coast Flyer and changes will take effect December 5. The Armsdale Parking lot will celebrate a ribbon cutting next week but won't be fully functional until December 5. Riders should look for Services Changes cards on the table. On Tuesday, November 15, at the Main Library there will be a forum to talk about the Skyway modernization program. Please go to JTAFLA.com and take the Skyway survey, which will be available to complete through December.
- **Florida Department of Transportation:** Jim Green reported that the I-95 and Commonwealth project is coming very close to the end. They are beginning paving at night, so be aware that there will be detour signs in place. Traveling north, an interchange rebuild is in the works for I-95 and I-295.
- **Elected Officials Reports:** Councilman Sam Newby had no report but was available for questions or concerns.
- **Jacksonville Public Library:** Laura Minor reported that the library is continuing with computer lessons and one on one sessions. The Main Library is having a Bookfest March 25, 2017, where local authors can register to set up a booth and sell books. There is a call out to artist to participate in the event poster contest, with a cash prize of \$500, the deadline is December 5. Flyers are available.
- **JEA:** Berdell Knowles reported that at the September board meeting they approved a rate decrease for all customers, effective December 1. The JEA policy regarding solar is under review given the recent defeat of the Florida Solar Energy Subsidies and Personal Solar Use (Amendment 1).

5. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** Roxsan Currier reported there were no applications to review this month and the subcommittee did not meet.
- **Transportation, Membership and Chair's Report:** Larry Solomon reported that North Florida Transportation Planning Organization voted to include various areas in the City where street lighting needs to be installed, none of which are in the Northwest Planning District, even though four people were recently hit by cars and killed on New Kings Road, where there is no lighting. Please let your voices be heard, this area needs help.
- **TRUE Commission Subcommittee:** John Pittman reported that a number of City audits had similar problems; those being a lack of protocol for taking in cash and a lack of protocol for approval of hours. The TRUE commission is currently seeking clarity on the scope of the commission.

6. **Neighborhood Coordinator:** Shaun Rycroft introduced the newly appointed Northwest CPAC Coordinator, Amy Holliman. Amy reminded everyone that the City is celebrating the Week of Valor, with events every day. Everyone is encouraged to support our veterans and come out to the Jacksonville's Veteran's Day Parade on Friday. Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief flyers are on the table, and include an application for assistance. FEMA is now authorized to offer individual assistance. Please call them at 1-800-621-3362 and reference Hurricane Matthew.

7. **Nominations Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chair Roxsan Currier handed the meeting over to Neighborhood Services Office senior staff member Rosemary Wesolowski. At the previous meeting the CPAC members agreed to take nominees from the floor during the election. Larry Solomon was nominated as CPAC Chair with John Pittman and Tyrone Clark- Murry nominated for the CPAC Vice Chair. The elections were held by ballot, and after the tally, the subcommittee confirmed that Larry Solomon will be the Chair and John Pittman will be the Vice Chair for 2017.

8. Unfinished Business: Neighborhood Services Office supervisor Lisa Ransom was asked to give an update on the status of the office. She shared some of what is come in 2017, including trainings and an updated database. Please contact the office for information or assistance 904-255-8250.

9. Public Comments and Announcements

- Gerrie Ford-Hardin, Executive Council Assistant to Reggie Brown announced that a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled here at the Legend's Center on December 8, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m. Please plan to attend.
- CPAC Charter Member Elaine Burnette asked if there were any new strategies for increasing participation in the CPAC meetings. Chair Solomon stressed the need include younger members of the community.

10. Adjourn: Roxsan Currier motioned to adjourn, all approved and the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: January 12, 2017, 6 p.m. at the Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Drive.