

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 8th, 2016 Meeting Summary

The Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208

Attendance

Organizations – Representatives:	Staff and Officials:
Chair – Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates – Larry Solomon	Jacksonville Sheriff's office- Lt. John Gay
Vice Chair – Pickettville Civic Association – John Pittman	Jacksonville Fire and Recuse- Adrian Johnson
Better Living- Elaine Billups	Military and Veterans Affairs- Ken Johnson
Better Living –Bertha Richardson	Neighborhoods, Code Compliance- Roderick Potter
Blue Flame Publications –Tyrona Clark-Murry	Jacksonville Electric Authority-Berdell Knowles
Blue Flame Publications –Kelly Patterson	Public Works-John Kolczynski
Cherokee Cove – William Anthony	Jacksonville Transpiration Authority- Cheryl Riddick
Magnolia Gardens North – Gadson Burgess	Public Library- Berry Marshelle
02nd Mile Ministries – Jonathan Blackburn	Florida Department of Transportation- Jim Green
Moncrief Springs –Carlotta McIntosh	Planning & Development-Lurise Bannister
Pickettville Civic Association-Robert Ledwick	City Council- Katrina Brown City Council- Reggie Brown City Council- Geraldine Ford-Hardin
Positive Riverside Optimal Urban Development (P.R.O.U.D.) – Nancy Murrey-Settle	Neighborhood Services Office- Stacy Burch Neighborhood Services Office- Shaun Rycroft Neighborhood Services Office-Margretta Haywood
Positive Riverside Optimal Urban Development (P.R.O.U.D.) – (Charter Member) Elaine Burnett	
Ribault Manor – Bettye Scott	
Ribault Hills Community Association – Oliver Muldrow	
Ribault Hills Community Association – Edward Hall	
Sherwood Forest Community Network Inc. – Mildred Jennings	
Walgreens – Russell Jackson	
	Visitors:
	Jacksonville Planning & Development- Stephanie Zarkis
	Cultural Council- Christie Holechek
	Housing & Community Development- Dayatra Coles
	Housing & Community Development-Travis Jeffrey
	Housing & Community Development- Carolyn Herring
Excused:	
Marietta Senior Center – Roxsan Currier	COJ Parks & Recreation- Dannette Frazier
Marietta Senior Center –Tim Rossetter	NSO- Paul Forehand Sr.
	Neighborhood Services Office- Lisa Ransom
Absent:	Sherwood Forest Community Network Inc.- Lillian Smith
Carver International –Leroy Kelly	Rosemary Thornton
Carver Pines Neighborhood – Joe Bailey	
Carver Pines Neighborhood –Patsy Bailey	UNF School of Nursing Instructor-Deirdre Shoemake
Charter Member –Barney Roberts	UNF School of Nursing Students:
Cherokee Cove –Lisa Anthony	Dritan Likollari
Kinlock Civic Association –James Gloster	Madison Frazier
Lake Forest –Paulette Turner	Emily Nong
02nd Mile Ministries - Becca Dingler	Bailey Armitage
Magnolia Gardens North – Ella Watson	Autumn Jaworski
Moncrief Springs –Yvonne Ward	Gloria Eisen
NCNW – Reed Ed Campus- Raye Gary	Caitlyn Symonette
North Riverside CDC –Diane Kerr	Scarlett Vicerot
North Riverside CDC –Linda Moore	
Old Floradale – Lucille Grant	
Old Floradale –Ruth Roberts	Cassidy Clinger
Ribault Manor –Linda Kittles	
Riverview- Doretha Tompkins	
Robinson's Addition – Erma L. Cole	
Robinson's Addition –Roberta Wilson	
Sherwood Forest Community Network Inc. –Lillian Smith	
Timber Oaks HOA – Velma Rounsville	
Timber Oaks HOA – Rhonda Boyd	
Washington Heights- Janay Walker	

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Larry Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm; it was established that a quorum was present and everyone was welcomed.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** August minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Presentations:**
 - I. **Christie Holechek**, presented the three major functions of the non-profit organization; The Culture Council of Greater Jacksonville, Inc.
 - a) Administers the cultural service grants for the City of Jacksonville Arts and Cultural Organizations. Some of the art work is already seen throughout the Urban Core District, including the Owl Statue at the Main Library. The Culture Council of Greater Jacksonville has plans to establish more art in the Urban Core District in the near future.
 - b) Administers art in public places- The City of Jacksonville's Art in Public Places Program, together with the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, acquires, maintains, and performs responsible stewardship of public art throughout the City.
 - c) The Culture Council of Greater Jacksonville also creates opportunities for artists locally and afar to create and showcase some of their art here in Jacksonville. If an artist is interested learning more about this opportunity they are asked to visit <http://www.culturalcouncil.org/opportunities/artist-registry/> for more information.
 - II. **Ms. Deirdre Shoemaker**, Instructor, School of Nursing, Brooks College of Health University of North Florida, is a program to get their nursing students involved with the public. When the students learn about the local population, they learn about the patients they will serve in their career, at local hospitals and other facilities. The nursing students enrolled in the Home Base program will be out in the community volunteering their time and interacting with the residents within that neighborhood. Examples of completed projects under this program include: creation of a vegetable garden, fitness center which includes offering fitness classes, creating a library center, and volunteering at local clinics.
4. **Elected Officials' Reports:** Councilwoman Katrina Brown stated that a budget has been established for septic tank replacement for citizens living in Council District 8 and 10. A minimum of 70% of the community has to support the switch from septic to city sewer. There will be a six month community outreach plan to gain the required support for this service. In addition, a budget has been set aside for the installation of new sidewalks and improvements on existing sidewalks within the Planning District.

Councilman Reggie Brown mentioned that funds will be available for remediation of Lonnie Miller Park. The idea is to construct the basketball and tennis courts over the contaminated soil areas to reduce the cost of cleanup efforts. New playground equipment, an amphitheater and other amenities will also be constructed at park.

Councilman Reggie Brown also urged citizens to use the 630-CITY to report issues within their community.

5. Staff Reports:

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO): Lt. John Gay- JSO plans to hire over 500 new officers within the next five years. Anybody who may be interested in joining JSO is encouraged to go to www.joiniso.com. The requirements recently changed removing the mandatory four year degree. In addition, former military individuals receive additional credit towards the hiring process.

As of September 8th, the overall violent crimes within the city have decreased except for homicides; the city is up eight homicides cases this year from last year. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is planning on implementing a violent crime initiative that the City of Boston, Massachusetts launched.

Community Service Officers are back patrolling the neighborhoods and are currently working on minor traffic crashes and calls that are low priority. The benefit of having the Community Services Officers is that it allows sworn officers to respond to high priority emergencies much faster and safely.

Jacksonville Fire & Rescue (JFRD): Chief Johnson – Jacksonville Fire & Rescue host an Open House at the Fire Headquarters, located on Julia Street on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30p.m. The Fire Department is experiencing high turnover; a contributing factor is that fire personal are retiring. Jacksonville Fire & Rescue also plans on hiring hundreds of new fire fighters over the next few years.

JFRD's Explorer Post 29 Program is designed for young adults, 15 to 21, male or female, who are interested in learning about a career in the fire service. Youths that are enrolled in the program; once they graduate high school they will have the opportunity to become a Fire Apprentice. This program pays for the fire training and the two required certificates to become a fire fighter and those courses are: Fire Fighter Minimum Standards & Emergency Medical Technician.

Community Canvassing is a program that the Fire Department and the councilmen team up together and scout out blight locations, over grown properties and going door to door assisting residents in installing new smoke detectors, replace batteries in existing detectors and passing out flyers about storm awareness. As of year to date, there have been four Community Canvassing events in the city and if a resident would like their neighborhood to be canvassed they are asked to contact their local fire department or council member.

Neighborhoods - Municipal Code Compliance: Roderick Potter reported since September 8th, they completed 26,795 inspections. Lackawanna Neighborhood Systematic on-going completed; 802 properties cited. Murry Hill Neighborhood Systematic is still on-going, at this time over 400 properties cited.

Public Works: John Kolczynski – The Public Work Department dispatched contractors to pick up storm debris the Saturday and Sunday following the tropical storm; all vegetation debris has been collected.

Florida Department of Transportation: Jim Green- FDOT was also working on tropical storm clean up the weekend following the tropical storm.

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA): Berdell Knowles provided a storm safety link for the community and asked everyone to ensure JEA has your correct telephone number in case of emergency. https://www.jea.com/Outage_Center/Storm_Safety/ or 904-665-6000 for customer service. At the peak of the storm JEA had 30,000 outages, longest outage was 25 hours. JEA recently exchanged their vendor to process credit card payments to decrease fees associated with credit cards transactions.

Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA): Cheryl Riddick, announced and handed out the Jaguars Game Day Express bus information.

The Rosa Parks Main Bus Terminal will have a produce market on Fridays from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m., all proceeds go to I'm a Star Foundation.

Military Affairs and Veterans: Ken Johnson – Over \$25 million dollars of earned benefits were dispersed to Veterans and their families during the fiscal year 2014-2015 in Duval County alone. Veterans and their families are encouraged to meet with the VA to inquire about eligibility for benefits. Veteran Service Officers are available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday in the City Hall Building Suite 175.

Jacksonville Public Library: Willow Branch Library is hosting a Batman Day on September 17th open to all ages. Murry Hill Library centennial block party will be September 17th from 5pm. to 10p.m. The Bradham and Brooks Library has an e-classroom that offers computer classes; Duval County Public School and the Jacksonville Public Library have formed a partnership so that Grades K-12 can use their Student ID number to check out books regardless of previous unpaid fines and use the computers.

6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- a) LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/ Governmental Affairs – Roxsan Currier – nothing to report.
- b) Transportation - Larry Solomon, Tyrone Clark-Murray has agreed to represent the CPAC at the North Florida Transportation and Planning Organization meetings.
- c) Membership - Larry Solomon encouraged everyone to seek new members for the CPAC.
- d) Taxation Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) – John Pittman- nothing to report.

7. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report: Stacey Burch announced that this was his last CPAC meeting and introduced Shaun Rycroft as his temporary replacement. If a CPAC member has any questions or concerns they may email Shaun Rycroft directly at srycroft@coj.net, call 904-255-8263 or 904-255-8250.

8. Chair's Report: CommUniverCity will conduct a class in the future on Land Use and Zoning; a date and time will be announced later.

9. Unfinished Business: None

10. New Business:

- UNF Nursing (Home Base) Program and a nomination subcommittee was created for the 2017. Nominations are: Roxsan Currier, Elaine Burnett and Robert Ledwick.

11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- A concerned citizen inquired about the cost and ridership with the Riverside Trolley system; asked if there is a plan to entice people to use the system.
- A concerned citizen asked about getting her neighborhood registered as a HOA. The Neighborhood Services Office has a form to register your neighborhood. Residents are asked to call 940-255-8250 to inquire about this document.

12. **Motion to Adjourn:** *A motion was made to adjourn and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.*

Next CPAC Meeting: October 13th, 2016, 6:00 p.m. The Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208