# Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## February 14, 2019 Meeting Summary

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



## Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members:** 

CPAC Chair: Tyrona Clark-Murray CPAC Vice Chair: Doretha Tompkins

Better Living: Elaine Billups Better Living: Bertha Richardson Moncrief Springs: Carlotta McIntosh Moncrief Springs: Yvonne Ward Ribault Manor: Linda Kittles

Excused:

Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates: Larry Solomon

Cherokee Cove: William Anthony Grand Park: Jacqueline Harrington New Town Success Zone: George Maxey New Town Success Zone: Brenda Ford

North Riverside: Linda Moore

Timber Oaks HOA: Velma Rounsville

TRUE Commission Representative: Camilla Collins

City Staff:

Duval County Public School Board: Warren Jones

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office: Lt. Greg Terrell Jacksonville Fire and Rescue: Chief Chip Drysdale

Jacksonville Public Library: Sharon Kirkes

JEA: Berdell Knowles

Planning and Development: Devin Scott Municipal Code Compliance: Ernest Murphy Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman

State Attorney's Office: Brian Jefferson

Visitors:

Murphy Nmezi: Royal Terrace (2) Gwen Nmezi: Royal Terrace\*

Rosemary Thornton; Council on Elder Affairs (2) Waynetta McGraw: Jacksonville Ranch Club

Katrina Hall
Darrell Burgess

\*have met three meeting CPAC membership requirement (2) have attended two consecutive meetings

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which staff reported that six CPAC members are required for a quorum, but only five members were present. The meeting will continue but only be informational.
- 2. Elected Officials Report: Warren Jones, Duval County Public School Board Member District 5 (jonesw2@duvalschools.org: 390-2372), reported that Duval County Public Schools has not had a significant enough increase in funding from the state of Florida to accommodate the influx of new residents. Duval County Public Schools is currently conducting a series of meetings throughout Jacksonville to discuss a plan for maintaining the district's aging school buildings. The meeting for the Urban Core area schools is Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Andrew Jackson High School, 3816 Main St. N.
- 3. Chair's Report: Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray reported that the New Allen Chapel AME Church at 1529 Swan St. has been approved for Landmark Designation by the City's Historic Preservation Commission. On Thursday, January 24, 2019 Tyrona Clark-Murray attended the "Getting There in Jacksonville" panel discussion hosted by WJCT's "The Jaxon" at the WJCT Studios. This was a discussion on the impact of Jacksonville's changing demographics on current and future transportation initiatives. The Citizens Advisory Committee of the North Florida TPO met at 10 a.m. on February 6, 2019 to discuss the Bay Street Innovation Corridor, which will provide the testing location for transportation innovation. On Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6 p.m. Tyrona Clark-Murray attended the facilities meeting at Paxon School for Advanced Studies. This public meeting was to discuss the aging school infrastructure throughout the county.

#### 4. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

• Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee: Devin Scott, City Planner (<a href="mailto:devinsco@coj.net">devinsco@coj.net</a>: 255-7808), explained that achieving Landmark Designation helps preserve the City's identity. The City's Historic Planning Department follows the federal guidelines for Landmark Designation. This designation, which was recently granted to The New Allen Chapel AME Church at 1529 Swan St., will protect the structure from encroachment, demolition and significant alterations.

### 5. Staff Reports

- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office: Lt. Greg Terrell, Midnight Watch Commander (Gregory.Terrell @jaxsheriff.org), reported that there were 16 homicides citywide in January 2019. However, incidents of other crimes have decreased since the same time in 2018. Lt. Terrell asked members to remind friends and neighbors to set an alarm for 9 p.m. every night as a part of JSO's 9PMRoutine initiative as a reminder to remove valuables from your car and lock your doors.
- Jacksonville Fire and Rescue: Chief Chip Drysdale (<a href="mailto:drysdale@coj.net">drysdale@coj.net</a>: 630-0861), reported on JFRD process issues. For example, when you are on the phone with a 911 Emergency Operator, a second operator is listening and reporting the situation to the crew that has been dispatched to the scene. Water trucks are dispatched to every report of a fire to ensure there is a sufficient water supply available. An ambulance will take you to the hospital of your choice unless, the severity of the situation necessitates otherwise.
- **JEA**: Berdell Knowles, Director of Government Relations (<a href="knowlegge: 665-4524">knowlegge: 665-4524</a>), reported that a marketing promotion video called "The Fatburgs" is available online. The video details what can and what can't be flushed in the toilet and put down the drain. The video is located online at <a href="https://youtu.be/VDmBma\_ITKI">https://youtu.be/VDmBma\_ITKI</a>. This video produced by JEA may become a nationwide campaign with the assistance of Kimberly-Clark World Wide. Berdell Knowles also reported that several incidents of people being scammed have been reported. JEA will never call you and ask you for your information over the phone.
- Municipal Code Compliance: Earnest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance Senior Officer (EMurphy@coj.net: 255-7096), reported that there has not been a systematic inspection since the previous Northwest CPAC Meeting. A new process has been developed to expedite demolitions. Several companies have been contracted to perform demolitions geographically by planning district.
- Jacksonville Public Library: Sharon Kerkis, Librarian Senior (<a href="SKirkes@coj.net">SKirkes@coj.net</a>: 630-0922x220), reported that Goosebumps author R.L. Stein will be the featured guest on February 22, 2019 at the Main Library. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., with story time afterward beginning at 6:45 p.m. She also reported on the newly extended library hours. Flyers listing the new dates and times are available and on line at <a href="www.jaxpubliclibrary.org/locations">www.jaxpubliclibrary.org/locations</a>. The new days and hours will begin March 4, 2019.

### 6. Public Comments

- CPAC guest Rosemary Thornton announced that the Mayor's Summer Jobs program is scheduled for June 10, July 19, 2019 and includes career assessment, employment readiness training and 20-hour work weeks. Apply online at <a href="coj.net/departments/summer-jobs">coj.net/departments/summer-jobs</a> from March 1 to 31, 2019. On Saturday, February 16, 2019, a tree planting will take place in park space behind Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary at 8801 Lake Placid Dr. E. Please contact Rosemary Thornton for more information.
- 7. Adjourn: CPAC Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.
- **Next CPAC Meeting:** Thursday, March 14, 2019, 6 p.m. at the Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Dr.
- To receive supplies for your neighborhood clean-up, please contact Dan Durbec with the City of Jacksonville Clean It Up, Green It Up program at 255-8276 or <a href="mailto:ddurbec@coi.net">ddurbec@coi.net</a>.
- 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.