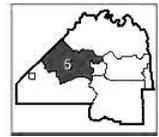


# Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## January 11, 2018 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: Linda Kittles  
Cherokee Cove: Anthony Williams  
Better Living: Elaine Billups  
Marietta Senior Center: Roxane Currier  
North Riverside CDC: Linda Moore  
Moncrief Springs: Carlotta McIntosh  
Timber Oaks HOA: Velma Rounsville  
Riverview: Doretha Tompkins  
Timber Oaks HOA: Rhonda Boyd  
Ribault Manor: Linda Kittles  
Moncrief Springs: Yvonne Ward

#### City Staff:

City Council Member: Garrett Dennis  
JSO: Lt James Paris  
Code Compliance: Dariel Conneil and Clayton Bradley  
Public Works: John Kolczynski  
JEA: Berdell Knowles  
JTA: Cheryl Riddick  
Florida Department of Transportation: Derek Dixon  
Public Library: Marshall Berry  
Veterans Services:  
Planning and Development: Devin Scott  
Neighborhood Services Office: Rosemary Wesolowski

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#### Visitors:

Darrell Burgess	Tameka Gaines Holly - TCCDC
Roosevelt Williams – Pickett Cove	Sioths Jacks
Tameta Woods-Candeday	Angie Nixon -
Dr. J. B. Bryant - Manger	Rosemary Thornton
Dianne Mollica – Pickett Cove	Jeneen Sanders – At Large Group 1

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- 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Verify Quorum:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murry called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. staff confirmed the quorum.
- 2. Presentation:** Parks and Neighborhoods, Council President Anna Brosche followed up on a communication via a letter she sent to all six (6) CPACs's. In July, she formed two committees: 1. Accessing all of the Parks in the entire city and 2. Working on making sure all our neighborhoods are safe and healthy. We have over 400 Parks and recreation centers in our communities. We are taking a strategic look to see if there are some things we can do as a City to improve our parks and to integrate parks in the way we engage and develop our youth. Council Person Brosche asked for concerns, ideas and suggestions that she could forward to these committees as it relates to maintenance, access and the kinds of facilities we would typically like,
  - Larry Solomon (Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates Association) – stated the lights stay on too long in the evening hours at Bobbie Clark Park. He noticed the same problem at other parks, light on way past 9 p.m. with no activity in the park.
  - Linda Kittles (Ribault Manor) – stated that their neighborhood has a city pool and within a mile is another pool at Raines High School; that is within five miles of another pool at Harbor View. She suggested we monitor attendance at these pools to see if all need to stay open during the summer.
  - John Pittman (Pickettville Civic Association) – asked if Council President Boyer and Councilman Guilford were working to abolish the CPACs. Council President replied, that they are meeting but she has not heard anything about abolishing the CPAC's.
  - Doretha Thompkins (Riverview) – stated that she is concerned that several pine trees were cut down but the stumps remain at Riverview Neighborhood Park. Also some of the palm trees that were planted at the river's edge are dying and the play area needs to be sand instead of mulch. Regarding the neighborhood, the ditches have not been maintained and graded since 2013. She also noted that the dips on Clyde Drive need repaired.
  - Velma Rounsville (Timber Oaks HOA) – stated the lighting needs to be improved in all area of the Legend's Center.
  - Carlotta McIntosh (Moncrief Springs) – stated that someone is leasing Carvell Park and they don't let anyone else use it. She heard the lease is up in 2018 and wanted to verify if that was correct. The neighborhood wants its park back. Council member Brosche stated she will check into Ms. McIntosh's request.

- Mr. Roosevelt Williams – stated that they have a neighborhood park and need help maintaining it. It was noted that this was a private park. Council President Brosche recommended he should get with his council representative to see what can be done to help in case there is available funding.

The Chair asked if there were any more questions; seeing none, the Council President thanked everyone for the opportunity to come to the meeting. She also stated if anyone has questions, or suggestions please forward them to her or someone on the CPAC committee. There is also information on the City's website that may be helpful.

### 3. Elected Officials Reports:

- District 9 Council Member Garrett Dennis – Recognized the Council President Brosche as one of the best Council Presidents. She took a leap of courage appointing four Northwest Council Members to the Finance Committee. He also acknowledged, Linda Moore, and stated that she is truly dedicated to the community. He thanked those who spoke out and stated they would work on getting some things done. The Chair asked if there were any upcoming projects in District 9. Council Member Dennis stated his district is one of the most diverse districts. The needs are vastly different. The northwest needs to make sure all areas are being served. Ms. Kittles asked Council Member Dennis if he has face-to-face meetings with the police regarding crime in the neighborhood? He stated that the Sheriff has attended the last six or more meetings.
- District 10 Council Member Reggie Brown stated there is a meeting on February 1, 2018 at City Hall, 6 p.m. with the Mayor and the Sheriff to address crime issues and to hear from the community on how to make changes in their neighborhoods. Two specific areas need to be addressed, law enforcement reform and social reform. Please come with your suggestions. He stated that Morris Manner at Clyde Drive will be getting the flashing lights. The Amphitheatre and Splash Pad at Lonnie Miller Park should be ready May, 2018. Lonnie Miller Park clean-up is in process along the fence area all the way to the river; the river will be visible from Soutel Drive. Consensus is needed regarding road diet on Soutel Drive. Skate City was in litigation for violating a gentleman's rights. We were told the gentleman has now agreed to clean up Skate city.

### 4. Staff Reports (3-minute time limit)

- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Lt. James Parris – reported that year-to-date violent crime in January has increased. JSO is partnering with Edward Waters College and John Jay College to identify offenders in the community to offer services that would help them turn their life around. Drug turf war in Zone 5 area that we are dealing with now Moving from a Community Affairs Division to Community Involvement Division. JSO is currently testing body cameras. There are 90 day test phases for each camera. Hopefully by end of this year, all of the patrol officers will have body cameras. Starting two zone task forces to address violent crime and the new "shot spotter" program that tracks shots fired. There is also a new program that will analyze shell casings and that will provide information that may link them to other crimes. In addition to Sheriffs walks, JSO has Lieutenant Walks also. Linda Kittles expressed that there appears to be a communication problem between the officers. It seems like information does not get passed on to the people who are coming on duty. The process is that the officer on watch sends and e-mail to the oncoming officer outlines open issues.
- Municipal Code Compliance – Ernest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance Officer Senior reported that Code Compliance completed over 9600 inspections in this zone for the year. Systematic Inspections in the Ribault area resulted in 182 property citations. The next scheduled systematic sweep will be in the Lackwana area. Rhonda Boyd asked how enforcement in a HOA neighborhood is handled. Code Compliance will only enforce what is in the code. Citizens have 15 days to complete or file that they disagree. If not in completed in the 15 days, the issue gets sent to abatement and the city will address.
- Public Works – John Kolczynski, Traffic Studies Associate Engineer, stated that if the grass is overgrown and trash is in the ditches, please call 630-CITY and it will be addressed. Edgewood Drive being closed at the railroad tracks. There are cul-de-sacs on both ends of Edgewood Drive (just north of Edgewood Avenue by the rail road tracks). As part of that same project there is now an operating signal at Soutel west of New Kings Road and Old Kings Road so trucks can now turn left on Soutel and get up on I-295. Trying to keep

Bulls Bay Highway and Commonwealth Avenue two way stop. It isn't fixing the issue so in a few months we plan to put an all way stop at that intersection. Introduced Jennifer Rhonden, she will most likely be coming in my spot. Both of us work in the office on McDuff – We both work in this district, but she actually lives in the district.

- Jacksonville Transportation Authority – Cheryl Riddick – was not present but did send a report with Ms. Rosemary Wesolowski. She stated copies are available in the back. The U2C program which stands for 'Ultimate Urban Circulator' are the driverless vehicles being tested through February 2018. Please visit their website for details.
- Florida Department of Transportation – Derrick Dixon reported on new construction projects starting this month, from Lem Turner Road from I95 to Soutel Drive. That includes paving, pedestrian signal upgrades, new curb ramp (ADA and sidewalk repairs where necessary) that should be completed by fall of 2018. The cost is \$3.1 million. Beginning this month there will be lane closures 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday; no lane closures on Sundays.
- Neighborhood Services - Rosemary Wesolowski updated the committee on Ms. Holliman's condition and thanked the Chair and Vice-Chair for attending the CPAC Chair and Vice Chair training.

#### 5. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- Land Use and Zoning – Devin Scott, City Planner I stated that the monthly report available at the back table for your review. December and January are light months for Planning, only three LUZ items. The Soutel Drive Road Diet is in the process of a road re-configuration feasibility study. The results will be brought to the CPAC as well as other committees.
- Transportation – Larry Solomon attended FDOT's five year plan for development in December. Ribault River water came up over New Kings Road Bridge during the storm and that is an evacuation route. Larry Solomon wrote a letter of concern dated January 11, 2018 requesting the CPAC's endorsement to have construction improvements made to the bridge over the Ribault River. There was a motion to approve and forward the letter of concern written by Mr. Solomon on behalf of the CPAC. Motion was properly seconded. The chair tabled the motion and stated it would be addressed at the next CPAC meeting. It was suggest to get the minutes form the NFTPO meeting to assist in the final formulation of the letter.
- T.R.U.E. Commission – John Pittman stated he had not attended the meetings due to health issues and has no report at this time.

#### 6. Chair's Report – Tyrone Clark Murray expressed her thanks to everyone for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the committee. In reflecting on a recent training regarding ethics, she proposed two questions to the group: Who are we and what do we bring to the meetings? My goal as the Chair of this committee is to make sure that you are heard, make sure you are respected and that the meeting are conducted in a respectable way. Your tax dollars pay for these meeting and we will operate in a way to make you proud.

#### 7. Unfinished Business - None

#### 8. New Business - None

#### 9. Public Comments and Announcements (3-minute time limit)

- Ms. Hollyle representing Transforming Communities - located at 3738 Winton Drive inside the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. We currently have resources available for rent assistance, utility assistance as well as replacement of appliances and furniture as a result of the hurricane. Specifically for the 32208 and 32209 zip code. Especially, if you did not have renters insurance. 904.768.7112. email: [transformingcommunitiesjax@gmail.com](mailto:transformingcommunitiesjax@gmail.com) website: [transformingcommunitiesjax.com](http://transformingcommunitiesjax.com)

#### 10. Motion to Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** Thursday, February 8, 2018, 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](#).