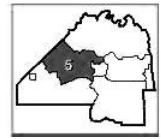


Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 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
Cherokee Cove: Bill Anthony
Better Living: Elaine Billups
Grand Park: Jacqueline Harrington
Timber Oaks HOA: Velma Rounsville
Sherwood Forest Community Network: Lillian Smith
Ribault Manor: Linda Kittles

Excused CPAC Members

Ribault Manor: Bettye Scott
North Riverside: Linda Moore
Better Living: Bertha Richardson

City Staff

Duval County Public School Board: Warren Jones
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office: Sgt. Greg Mattson
Parks, Recreation and Community Services: Daryl Joseph
Jacksonville Public Library: Sharon Kirkes
Jacksonville Public Library: Marshelle Berry
Military and Veterans Affairs: Ken Johnson
Planning and Development: Devin Scott
Municipal Code Compliance: David Roe
JTA: Cheryl Riddick
Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman

Visitors:

Murphy Nmezi: Royal Terrace*
Gwen Nmezi: Royal Terrace*
Waynetta McGraw: Jacksonville Ranch Club (2)
Glen Weiss: Trout River
Kim Perry: Lake Forrest
Terry Barnsback: Paradise Park
Gayle Barnsback: Paradise Park
Henry Scott: North Riverside

Yvonne Brockington: Simonds-Johnson Park
Tammy Martin: Paradise Park
Gary Strysick: Paradise Park
Joann Strysick: Paradise Park
Diana Richardson: Harborview
Tom Larson: Jax Metro/Self Help Credit Union
Patricia Turrentine: Moncrief park
Christian Gonzalez-Obragoso: New Florida Majority
Linda Griffin: Brentwood

*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 6:09 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Elaine Billups motioned to approve the February 14 meeting summary. Larry Solomon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 2. Elected Officials Report:** Warren Jones, Duval County Public School Board Member District 5 (jonesw2@duvalschools.org: 390-2372), reported that the consultant group Cooperative Strategies will present potential scenarios for Duval's school buildings in each separate district. The Northwest meetings are District 5 (Jones) on March 25 at 6 p.m. in Raines High School and District 4 (Willie) on March 26 at 6 p.m. in Ribault High School.
- 3. New Business:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray reported that the Office of Finance and Administration has requested input from the CPACs on Capital Improvement Projects for the district. Glen Weiss has been working on advocating for roadway improvements at the intersection of Lem Turner Road and Trout River Boulevard. Lem Turner Road is a State Road and is managed by the Florida Department of Transportation. A new street light has been added and new stripes have been painted on the roadway. However, there are many improvements that can be included in the Capitol Improvement Budget; like lighting, sidewalks, cross walks, road shoulders and landscaping on Trout River Boulevard. A section of 1st Street between Highland Avenue and Lem Turner Road should be permanently closed. A left turn lane should be added at the intersection at Trout River Boulevard and Ribault Road for turning north onto Ribault Road.
- 4. Chair's Report:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray reported that she attended a meeting held by the Florida Department Of Transportation to review their plans to lower the elevated Hart Bridge on-ramp that begins downtown, traveling east on East Monroe and East Forsyth Streets at Liberty Street North and ends downtown traveling west on East Duval and East Adams Streets

at Washington Street North. The total cost of the project is \$37 million and includes federal, state and local funding.

5. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning:** Subcommittee Chair Velma Rounsville reported that the subcommittee reviewed the following applications and recommendations.
 - **2019-005** – seeks to rezone a group of parcels totaling 6.9 acres from RR to RMD-D to allow for residential development. The committee felt that they did not have enough information to form an opinion.
 - **Trout River Boulevard and Lem Turner Road** intersection improvements proposed by Glen Weiss. The subcommittee unanimously recommends that this project is included in the list of Capital Improvement Project requests submitted by the Northwest CPAC.
 - Kim Perry volunteered to research what can be done about the “pop-up” sweepstakes gambling sites that have become pervasive in the area.
- **Transportation:** Larry Solomon reported that he received an update from Florida Department of Transportation’s ongoing project on New Kings Road/US1. At this time it is 38% complete between Edgewood Avenue and Soutel Drive. Improvements include new sidewalks, road resurfacing, new lighting, a new barrier wall and pedestrian rail at the Ribault River Bridge, and intersection cross walk upgrades. Linda Kittles and Murphy Nmezi reported that the manhole covers on Edgewood Avenue are raised and cause bad bumps in the road. Larry Solomon stated that he will report this information to FDOT.

6. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office:** Sgt. Gregg Mattson (Gregg.Mattson@jaxsheriff.org; 630-2802), reported that in the last 14 days crime has gone down in the district. The Sheriff’s office is currently hiring. There is a job fair on April 6, 2019 at the Police Academy on 4715 Capper Road from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CPAC Member Doretha Tomkins asked about cleaning up after accidents. Sgt. Mattson reported that the tow truck drivers should be cleaning the roads for debris after an accident. The police officer should remain on scene until the tow truck driver leaves.
- **Parks, Recreation and Community Service:** Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Service (DJoseph@coj.net; 255-7903), reported that the City is hiring life guards for 34 swimming pools. Lifeguard training will be held at the pool in Charles Boobie Clark Park at 8793 Sibbald Rd. For more information call 744-5557 or email bealifeguard@coj.net. A Sunday Jazz Series will be held early Sunday evenings at Lonnie Miller Park. Performers and times will be announced once the amphitheater is complete. Lonnie Miller Park now has barriers to keep individuals from driving through the park. Parks, Recreation and Community Services is also working with JSO to ensure that parks are safe and rules are being followed.
- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com; 632-5522), reported on the services available through JTA, including new services in Nassau and Clay Counties. Routes with service changes can be identified by yellow route rack cards. Several changes will be effective April 1, 2019. Seniors ages 65 and older ride free with a STAR card, which can be obtained by showing government issued identification.
- **Military and Veterans Affairs:** Ken Johnson, Senior Veterans Outreach Officer (kenjohns@coj.net; 630-7227) explained the benefits available through the Veterans Service Office. Walk in customers are welcome at the Military and Veterans Affairs office located on the first floor of City Hall, at 117 W. Duval Street.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** David Roe, Municipal Code Compliance Senior Officer (DavidR@coj.net; 255-7003), reported that a systematic inspection was performed in Robinsons Addition where a total of 725 violations were cited, which includes 23 condemned structures.

- **Jacksonville Public Library:** Sharon Kirkes, Librarian Senior (SKirkes@coj.net: 630-0922x220), reported that the schedules for library programs in the region are available to share. Tax preparation services are available at several branches. Those schedules are available on the back to the event calendars. All information is available at jaxpubliclibrary.org. Several branches are also available for early voting. The supervisor of elections webpage provides information on early voting locations.
- **Neighborhood Services Office:** Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Coordinator (aholliman@coj.net: 255-8260), reported that the St. Johns River Clean Up, sponsored by Clean It Up Green It Up will be held at several park locations throughout the city on Saturday, March 16, 2019. After the clean-up, participants are encouraged to pick up a complimentary T-shirt and hotdog or veggie wrap lunch at the Riverside Arts Market.

7. Public Comments

- Visitor Terry Barnsback, with the Paradise Cove neighborhood, complimented the City staff on their assistance and concern for their neighbors.
- CPAC member Velma Rounsville announced the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is holding a Safety Fair on April 20, 2019, beginning at 10 a.m. in Lonnie Miller Regional Park 7689 Price Lane.
- CPAC visitor Yvonne Brockington, with the Simonds Johnson Park Community, stated that this was her first meeting and that she felt very well informed and that she would be back.

8. Adjourn:

CPAC Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 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 ddurbec@coj.net.

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](#).