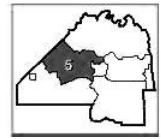


# Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## October 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  
Vice Chair: Linda Kittles  
Better Living: Elaine Billups  
Moncrief Springs: Carlotta McIntosh  
Timber Oaks HOA: Velma Rounsville  
Ribault Manor: Bettye Scott  
Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates: Larry Solomon  
Riverview: Doretha Tompkins  
Timber Oaks: Rhonda Boyd  
New Town Success Zone: Brenda Ford  
Yvonne Ward: Moncrief Springs

#### City Staff:

At Large Group 5 Council Member: Samuel Newby  
At Large Group 2 Council Member: John Crescimbeni  
Duval County Public Schools Bard Member: Warren Jones  
Planning and Development: Devin Scott  
JFRD: Chief Chip Drysdale  
Public Works: John Kolczynski  
Code Compliance: Ernest Murphy  
Neighborhoods: Robert Owenby  
Florida Department of Transportation: Derrick Dixon  
Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman  
JTA: Cheryl Riddick  
State Attorney's Office: Brian Jefferson  
Parks, Recreation and Community Service: Jackson Gray

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#### Visitors:

Jaqueline Harrington: Grand Park  
Roosevelt Williams: Picket Cove  
Roxie McLeod: Panama Park Association  
Valerie Gurierrez: IBEW 2358  
Shavali Lunsford: Panama Park Association  
Diana Richardson

Christian Gonzalez-Orbegoso: The New Florida Majority  
Leroy Kelly  
Glenn Weiss: Trout River  
Gwendolyn Harris: Trout River  
Tameka Gaines Holly: Transforming Communities  
Thomas Parrish: Harborview

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which staff confirmed that a quorum is present.
  - 2. Approval of the Summary:** Velma Rounsville made a motion to approve the summary of the September 2018 CPAC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Elaine Billups and was unanimously approved.
  - 3. Elected Officials Report:**
    - Samuel Newby, At Large District 5 Council Member ([snewby@coj.net](mailto:snewby@coj.net): 630-1387), reported that a task force is forming to find ways to reduce crime in Jacksonville. Anyone interested should contact their City Council Member. There are grants available for neighborhood organizations, local non-profits and faith-based organizations that help reduce crime in Jacksonville neighborhoods. Organizations are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000. The deadline is Friday October 19, 2018.
    - John Crescimbeni, At Large District 2 Council Member ([JRC@coj.net](mailto:JRC@coj.net): 630-1381), reported that trees are available for planting through the tree mitigation fund. Any organization in Jacksonville that would like to plant trees on city property can apply. Also, a straw ballot on November 6, 2018, is asking if voters should be allowed to decide on the sale of municipal utility JEA. Voting yes means you would like to have the opportunity to vote on the sale. If you are in favor of allowing the City Council to make the decision then vote no. The final report from the Special Committee on JEA can be found online at [Final Report on JEA July 25 2018](#).
  - 4. Chair's Report:** Chair Tyrona Clark Murray reported that she attended the unveiling of the mural commemorating Axe Handle Saturday painted on the exterior wall of The Eastside Brotherhood building at 915 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. Rodney Hurst recounted the events from Saturday, August 27, 1960. Tyrona Clark-Murray also attended the meeting on the Soutel Road Diet hosted by Council Member Terrance Freeman. Transportation and Urban Planners were there to meet with community members. Community input consisted of four requests, which included the resurfacing of Soutel Road, additional street lighting, repairing and clearing sidewalks of overgrowth, and adding a traffic light Victoria Lane.

## 5. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Nominating Committee:** Elaine Billups asked Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray if she would accept the nomination as Chair for 2019. Tyrona Clark-Murray accepted the nomination. Elaine Billups asked Vice Chair Linda Kittles if she would accept the nomination as Vice Chair for 2019. Linda Kittles declined the nomination. A CPAC Member then nominated Doretha Tompkins for Vice Chair. Doretha Tompkins accepted the nomination.
- **November Holiday Dinner Committee:** The Northwest CPAC Holiday Dinner is scheduled immediately following the November CPAC meeting. Elaine Billups asked those planning to attend to please indicate on the sign-up sheet what dish or item they plan to contribute.
- **Land Use and Zoning Committee:** Devin Scott reported that there were no new applications in the district this month. The book of applications is delivered via email to the CPAC and neighborhoods about twice a month, according to the Land Use and Zoning Committee meeting schedule.

## 6. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue:** Chief Chip Drysdale (drysdale@coj.net: 630-0861), reported that 42 Fire and Rescue staff members have been deployed to Pensacola to assist with Hurricane Michael rescue efforts. Teams include Urban Search and Rescue, Swift Water Rescue and Medical Strike Forces. To assist with local storm clean up, JFRD Station 24 put together an emergency access team. This team removes trees and storm debris that has fallen into the roadway to keep the streets clear in case of an emergency.
- **Public Works:** John Kolczynski, Traffic Studies Associate Engineer (JohnFK@coj.net: 255-8580), reminded everyone to stay prepared because there are still seven weeks left in hurricane season. He also reported that Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) crossing signals will be installed on Soutel Road at Gibson Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue at Lafayette Drive, and Moncrief Road at Voorhies Road. John Kolczynski will email the list of roads scheduled for resurfacing for dissemination to the CPAC and neighborhoods in the district. CPAC visitor Glenn Weiss asked John Kolczynski how to request a road study. He would like for the city to consider the possible reconfiguration at the eastern end of Trout River Boulevard at Lem Turner Road. John Kolczynski will share this with traffic engineering and get in contact with Glenn Weiss.
- **Florida Department of Transportation:** Derek Dixon, Transportation Specialist (Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us: 360-5653) provided the web address for the list of current FDOT road projects, [nflroads.com](http://nflroads.com). He asked CPCAC visitor Glen Weiss to email the request and reasons for the Trout River Boulevard reconfiguration and he will forward the request to FDOT Traffic Engineering and Operations department for consideration. Derek Dixon shared information cards regarding the White Cane Law. This law allows for the safe street crossing of blind and visually impaired persons. More information can also be found on the City's website here: [coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/disabled-services/resources/white-cane-law](http://coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/disabled-services/resources/white-cane-law). Velma Rounsville asked about the completion of the sidewalk project on the Ribault River Bridge at Lem Turner. It appears the work has stopped and has remained unfinished for several months. Derrick Dixon will check on this project and report back.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Earnest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance Senior Officer (EMurphy@coj.net: 255-7096), reported that Ken Knight Drive area is currently being cleaned up by the city. Last month's systematic inspection in the Lackawanna Neighborhood. Yards can be cited when the growth is over 15 inches and owners are given 15 days to comply. Code Compliance staff cannot enter yards without the owner's permission. However, neighbors can allow Code Compliance to enter their yards to view violations to adjacent properties. Tire dumping along the right of way is an issue throughout the district, which is handled by Public Works. Please call 630-CITY. Anytime you report an issue it will be routed to the proper department.
- **Neighborhoods:** Robert Ownby, Housing Property Administrator ([rownby@coj.net](mailto:rownby@coj.net)), reported that the Neighborhood Matching Grant application is available online at

[coj.net/nmgp](http://coj.net/nmgp). The application deadline is December 3, 2018. Application assistance will be available at the next grant training, October 16, 2018 at the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street at 6 p.m.

- **Duval County Public Schools:** Warren Jones, District 5 School Board Member ([jonessw2@duvalschools.org](mailto:jonessw2@duvalschools.org); 390-2372), reported that new superintendent Dr. Diana Greene is doing an outstanding job. Tax dollars are being diverted to private schools through the voucher program, but despite this, the graduation rate in the county continues to rise. DCPS is in the process of hiring 105 Public Safety Assistants to work in all elementary schools, as mandated by the state. School Resource Officers are already in place at middle and high schools throughout Duval County. The National Assessment of Educational Progress announced that Duval County ranked first and second in the nation in several categories. A CPAC member asked about parental involvement in neighborhood schools. Although all schools have a PTSA, in some areas it is difficult to get parents to attend since many of their children attend schools out of their community.
- **Neighborhood Services Office:** Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Coordinator ([aholliman@coj.net](mailto:aholliman@coj.net); 255-8260) reported that a 25th Anniversary Celebration of CPACs will be held on October 23, 2018 in the Lynnwood Roberts Room at City Hall. There will be a reception at 4 p.m. and a proclamation will be read during the City Council Meeting at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. The reception is for CPAC members (plus one), but all are welcome and encouraged to attend the proclamation ceremony. The Neighborhood Services Office is hosting a training on becoming a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit. The training is on November 15, 2018 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building. The cost of the training is \$10. Please register early since the training is limited to 40 participants. Gloria Blake was present to accept checks and money orders for registration. NOTE: This class reached capacity two weeks after the meeting.
- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager ([CRiddick@jtafla.com](mailto:CRiddick@jtafla.com); 632-5522), provided information and brochures on the Game Day Shuttle and the Bikes on Busses program. The East Corridor/Red Line will begin running on December 3, 2018. The East Corridor will provide service from downtown along Arlington Expressway, Southside Boulevard and Beach Boulevard. More information about the Red Line and other services changes will be review at the November 8, 2018 CPAC meeting.

#### 7. Public Comments

- Christian Gonzalez-Orbegoso with The New Florida Majority stated that the organization has worked hard to have Amendment 4 included in the November ballot. Amendment 4 restores voting rights to felons who have served their time. He encouraged all in attendance to vote in November.
  - Tameka Gaines-Holly announced that Transforming Communities CDC provides employability training through neighborhood organizations. They will provide staff and materials for the training. Transforming Communities will also assist with organizing neighborhood clean-ups. Please contact Tameka Gaines-Holly for more information.
8. **Adjourn:** CPAC Member Velma Rounsville motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Elaine Billups seconded and all members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** Thursday, November 8, 2018, 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's Clean It Up, Green It Up program at 255-8276 or [ddurbec@coj.net](mailto: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](#).