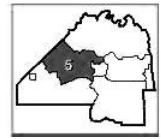


# Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## September 13, 2018 Meeting Summary

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



### Meeting Attendance

#### CPAC Members:

CPAC Chair: Tyrona Clark-Murray  
Cherokee Cove: William Anthony  
Better Living: Elaine Billups  
New Town Success Zone: George Maxey  
Moncrief Springs: Carlotta McIntosh  
Ribault Manor: Bettye Scott  
Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates: Larry Solomon  
Riverview: Doretha Tompkins  
Timber Oaks: Rhonda Boyd  
New Town Success Zone: Brenda Ford  
Better Living: Bertha Richardson

TRUE Representative: Camilla Collins

#### City Staff:

District 8 Council Member: Ju'Coby Pittman  
At Large 5 Council Member: Samuel Newby  
District 10 Council Member Assistant: Gerrie Ford Hardin  
At Large 1 Council Member Assistant: Jeneen Sanders  
At Large 5 Council Member Assistant: Tracy Lockley  
Mayor's Office: Chiquita Moore  
JSO: Chief Delores Patterson O'Neal  
JFRD: Chief Mike Bilodeau  
Public Works: Chris LeDew  
Public Works: Jennifer Rhoden  
Parks Recreation and Community Services: Keith Meyer  
Code Compliance: Ernest Murphy  
JTA: Cheryl Riddick  
Senior Services: Angie McKenzie  
Public Library: Marshelle Berry  
Public Library: Donna Carroll  
Neighborhoods: Shaun Rycroft  
Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman

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#### Visitors:

Deirdre Shoemake: UNF Nursing  
Karece Belgrove: UNF Nursing  
Savah Ciamra: UNF Nursing  
Dianna Grabic: UNF Nursing  
Korbin Kirton: UNF Nursing  
Christina Cunningham: UNF Nursing  
Haley Hurley: UNF Nursing  
Shelin Keane: UNF Nursing

Gretchen Hawkins: UNF Nursing  
Rose Belgrove  
Christian Gonzalez-Orbegoso: The New Florida Majority  
Victor Coleman  
Jaqueline Harrington: Grand Park  
Tom Larson: Self-Help Credit Union  
Larry Pope  
Jermaine Lazenberry

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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:** Elaine Billups made a motion to approve the summary of the August 2018 CPAC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Doretha Tompkins and was unanimously approved.
  - 3. Presentations:** Gloria McNair, Community Engagement Specialist with Groundwork Jacksonville gave a presentation on their work to help revitalize the historic neighborhoods of our City's Urban Core. She reviewed their plan to restore and connect streams and parks with a series of urban trails. The Emerald Necklace plans are to link Hogan's Creek in Springfield, the S-Line Rail Trail, McCoy's Creek in north Riverside and the St. Johns River Northbank Riverwalk.
  - 4. Elected Officials Report:**
    - Ju'Coby Pittman, District 8 Council Member ([jpittman@coj.net](mailto:jpittman@coj.net): 630-1385), introduced herself and reported that she has been visiting the community. Council Member Pittman invited everyone to her first Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at A. Philip Randolph Career Academies.
    - Samuel Newby, At Large District 5 Council Member ([snewby@coj.net](mailto:snewby@coj.net): 630-1387), introduced staff from the City Council Office that was in attendance at the meeting, Council Member Terrance Freeman's Assistant, Gerrie Ford Hardin, Council Member Anna Brosche's Assistant Jeneen Sanders, Council Member Samuel Newby's Assistant Tracy Lockley, and from the Mayor's Office, Chiquita Moore. Council Member Newby then

reported that the 2019 budget highlights include \$6 million for sidewalks and sidewalk repairs, \$30 million for sewers and drains, \$10 million for repairs to blighted cemeteries, and \$1.5 million for Clara White Mission. \$125 thousand has been allocated for the Homeless Center downtown, which will be run by the Sulzbacher Center.

5. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office: Zone Commander, Chief Deloris Patterson O'Neal ([JSOzone5@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSOzone5@jaxsheriff.org); 470-8900), reported that crime is down compared to last year. So far, the quick response of the Shotspotter gunfire detection system has contributed the arrests of the suspects in 11 shootings. Carlotta McIntosh commended Assistant Chief McNeal for JSO reducing the loitering Harborview Park.
6. **Unfinished Business:** The Northwest CPAC Holiday Dinner is scheduled immediately following the November CPAC meeting. All are welcome for this pot-luck dinner. A pot-luck sign-up sheet will be distributed at the October 11, 2018 CPAC meeting.
7. **New Business:** Officer elections will occur at the November CPAC meeting. Larry Solomon, Elaine Billups and George Maxey make up the Nominating Subcommittee. The current Chair and Vice Chair are both eligible to remain in their positions in 2019.
8. **Subcommittee and Liaison Reports**
  - **Transportation:** Larry Solomon reported that the North Florida TPO met last week to discuss the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The plan can be found online at: <http://northfloridatpo.com/planning-studies/lrtp/>. Larry Solomon shared that he received a letter from the City Council Office listing the boards and commissions that are in need of members. He read the letter and encouraged participation.
  - **T.R.U.E. Commission:** Camilla Collins is going through the process of appointment to the TRUE Commission to represent the Northwest CPAC. She reported that her next step is appearing before the Rules Committee on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 to receive their approval of her appointment. Camilla Collins attended the September 6, 2018 T.R.U.E. Commission meeting as a visitor and reported that there was discussion on the new Enterprise Resource System that will help the City streamline several processes, beginning with purchasing and financial systems.
9. **Staff Reports**
  - **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue:** Michael Bilodeau ([bilodeau@coj.net](mailto:bilodeau@coj.net); 642-0405), reported that fire and rescue response times are short. New fire stations are planned for West Jacksonville, the Arlington area and in South Jacksonville. The JFRD Search and Rescue Team is prepared to mobilize to assist Florida's neighboring states with the aftermath of Hurricane Florence if needed. JFRD staff has been training in conjunction with JSO on active shooter training.
  - **Public Works:** Jennifer Rhoden, Traffic Studies Associate Engineer ([JenniferR@coj.net](mailto:JenniferR@coj.net); 255-7553), reported that Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) crossing signals will be installed at Soutel Road and Gibson Avenue, New Berlin Road and Sago Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue and Lafayette Drive, Moncrief Road and Voorhies Road, and Ray Green Drive and Leonid Road. The rail crossing on Moncrief Road, north of the Clenzel Brown Park Tennis Courts, is under review to be updated.
  - **Municipal Code Compliance:** Earnest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance Senior Officer ([EMurphy@coj.net](mailto:EMurphy@coj.net); 255-7096), reported that in August 301 cases were reported during the systematic inspection in Magnolia Gardens neighborhood. There were also inspections on Ken Knight Drive and Ribault Scenic Drive in August.
  - **Parks, Recreation and Community Services:** Keith Meyerl, Chief of Community Planning, Centers and Playgrounds ([KMeyerl@coj.net](mailto:KMeyerl@coj.net); 255-7936), reported that Parks is working with JSO to control loitering issues at Lonnie Miller Park and creating a plan to restrict parking violators. The new amphitheater at Lonnie Miller Park will be completed in November 2018. The Yancy Park football field was refurbished with new turf; there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. New outdoor fitness equipment is in process of being installed at Bob Hayes Park.

- **Senior Services:** Angie McKenzie, Program Manager ([McKenzie@coj.net](mailto:McKenzie@coj.net): 630-0552), reported that they have an Emergency Home Assistance Program available for seniors who have problems paying their electric bill. They can assist twice a year to pay up to \$600 for those low income seniors who qualify. Applications begin with a call to 630-CITY.
- **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 Buses program.
- **Jacksonville Public Library:** Marshelle Berry and Donna Carroll ([dcarroll@coj.net](mailto:dcarroll@coj.net): 726-5142), reported there have been over six thousand visitors to the Bradham Brooks Library in the month of July alone. Marshelle Berry also reported that over \$300 thousand in the 2019 Public Library budget is allocated for a study of Jacksonville's Urban Core Libraries. The study will determine if the facilities are structurally able to support and upgrade 21st century services or if the libraries should be rebuilt. Marshelle Berry has accepted a new assignment and she announced that Donna Carroll, Bradham Brooks Library Manager, will report on behalf of the Library at future CPAC meetings.
- **Neighborhood Services Office:** Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Coordinator ([aholliman@coj.net](mailto:aholliman@coj.net): 255-8260) welcomed the newest CPAC members, George Maxey and Brenda Ford representing New Town Success Zone and presented them with their letters of appointment from Mayor Curry. Amy Holliman reported that a 25th Anniversary Celebration of CPACs will be held on October 23, 2018 in the Lynnwood Roberts Room at the 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 will reconvene in the Lynwood Roberts room after the proclamation ceremony. The reception is for CPAC members (plus one), but all are welcome and encouraged to attend the proclamation ceremony. Council Member Terrance Freeman is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the Legends Center 5130 Soutel Drive at 6 p.m. Council Member Ju' Coby Pittman is hosting a series of Town Hall meetings; Thursday, September 20, 2018 at the A. Philip Randolph Career Academy, 1157 Golfair Boulevard at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Dinsmore Community Center, 7126 Civic Club Drive at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 4, 2018 at the Highlands Branch Library 1826 Dunn Avenue at 6:30 p.m.
- **Neighborhoods:** Shaun Rycroft, Housing Property Analyst ([srycroft@coj.net](mailto:srycroft@coj.net): 255-8272), reported that the Neighborhood Matching Grant application is available online and will close on December 3, 2018. The application is located at [coj.net/nmgp](http://coj.net/nmgp). The first of three grant trainings is October 19, 2018 at the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street at 6 p.m. Application assistance will be available at the meeting.

#### 10. Public Comments

- Dr. Deidra Shoemake, UNF Nursing professor introduced the nine UNF Nursing program students in attendance in the meeting who are getting to know the community in which they will serve as a part of their program.
- Christian Gonzalez-Orbegoso with New Florida Majority stated that the organization has worked hard to get Amendment 4 on the November ballot, which restores the voting rights to felons who have served their time. He encouraged all in attendance to vote in November.

**11. Adjourn:** CPAC Member Larry Solomon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Elaine Billups seconded and all members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** Thursday, October 11, 2018, 6 p.m. at the Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Dr.

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](#).