

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 9, 2017 Meeting Summary

Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W., Jacksonville FL 32218



Attendance

CPAC Members

Chair – Florida Open Beaches – Robert (Bobby) Taylor
Vice Chair - Copper Hill HOA – Rev Joseph Tate
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Bluegrass/Northwood – Sharon Bivens
Charter Member - Dot Mathias
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Copper Hill Owners Association – Bessie Williams
Duval County Council PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Eagle Bend Island – Tracey Anderson
Eagle Bend Island – Jim Mazur
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Heckscher Drive CC – Jim Sumara
Lydia Estates – Michael Wozniak
Lydia Estates – Shelley Wozniak
Marshwinds – Matt Stone

Excused

Council Appointee District 11- Tommy Ruffin
Johnson Comm. Civic Association – James Shronce
Northlake HOA – Josephine Fiveash-Porter

Visitors

Amanda LeBron
John Latshaw- New Leaf Construction
Lee Arsenault – New Leaf Construction
Karen Bruner
Barbara Grubbin
Glenn Fowler – Northside Business Leader
Ingrid Montgomery – Victoria Preserve HOA
P. Turrentre
Mike Getchell – Eagle Bend

Staff and Officials

FDOT – Jim Green
Council Member at Large 5 – Samuel Newby
School Board Member – Chair- Paula Wright
Jacksonville Public Library – Marshelle Berry
Jacksonville Public Library – Jennifer Giltrop
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Zone 6 Sargent Ben Shaw
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Municipal Code Compliance – Thomas Register
Neighborhood Services Office – Michelle Godwin
Neighborhood Services Office – Shaun Rycroft
Neighborhood Services Office – Dan Durbec
Parks, Recreation and Community Svc – Jackson Gray
Planning and Development – Connie Patterson
Planning and Development – Sam Walker
Public Works – Jud Miller

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Robert (Bobby) Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** Dick Berry motioned to approve June summary. Danny Ferreira seconded and the motion unanimously passed.
3. **Elected Officials:** Council Member Samuel Newby, At-Large Group 5 addressed the North CPAC's concern in regard to the need for a library in Oceanway. He suggested more community members attend the council meetings were their voices can be heard. Council Member Newby informed CPAC members that Council Member Anna Lopez Brosche, is the new City Council President, there are also new committees. Council Member Dennis Garrett is now Finance Committee Chair and Council Member Samuel Newby, At-Large Group 5 is now the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health & Safety Chair. Council member Newby also informed members that budget talks start Thursday, August 10. He also announced the new afterschool program that Mayor Lenny Curry has initiated will provide nine additional afterschool sites for the 2017-18 school year, serving an additional 740 children.
- **Presentation:** Barbara Gubbin, former director of Jacksonville Public Library and Jennifer Giltrop, Interim Director of Jacksonville Public Library, discussed the need for a library in Oceanway. Ms. Gubbin and Ms. Giltrop reviewed the cost of building and operating the library, as well as the size and best location that would accommodate Oceanway residents. Ms. Gubbin and Ms. Giltrop asked that each CPAC member and neighborhood representative reach out to their councilmembers and attend City Council meetings to express their desire for an easily accessible library in Oceanway. Dick Berry motioned the CPAC support the acquisition of a library for

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Oceanway. The motion was seconded by Dot Mathias. The CPAC members unanimously approved the motion. Jennifer Giltrop may be contacted at JGiltrop@coj.net.

- Paula Wright, Chairman of the Duval County School Board, announced The School Board is also in support of a new library for the Oceanway area. She announced that the School Board is working with the "Council of Great City Schools" to assist them with the search for a new superintendent. She informed the CPAC members that there is a new Professional Development program entitled "Ready Set Teach." This program will help enhance and nurture teachers by giving first year teachers additional training and support as well as providing professional development for the teachers with experience.
- Lee Arsenault, President of New Leaf Communities and John H. Latshaw, Jr., Esquire and founding member of New Leaf Communities, asked for the North CPAC's support of their proposed 35 Unit Multi-Family Townhomes. The homes would be located at New Berlin Road, between Camden Road and Starratt Road. Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Latshaw displayed the site conceptual drawings and floor plans for viewing and offered to answer any questions.

4. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** –Zone 6 Sergeant, Ben Shaw, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, announced crime is down in Zone 6. He advised that if you suspect there is drug activity taking place, to contact JSO via the non-emergency number (904) 630-0500 and ask to speak to the Narcotics Division. Sgt. Shaw also advised if you voluntarily give someone the key to your car and they do not return the vehicle or are late returning the vehicle, it is not an auto theft. Sgt. Shaw can be contacted at 696-4335.
- **Public Works** – Jud Miller announced Public Works has begun landscaping the medians and mulching libraries and parks. Recent inclement weather has caused delays in the mowing. Mr. Miller advised that if anyone has an issue or sees a problem, to submit a service request with 630-City. Public Works staff may be contacted at 255-4306 or jjmiller@coj.net.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green announced landscaping at I-295 and Alta Drive will begin next week if the weather permits. The estimated completion date for the project is mid-September 2017. Resurfacing of Airport Road from International Boulevard just west of I-95 is 90 percent complete with an estimated completion date of late September 2017. The Heckscher Drive resurfacing project from Blount Island to the Mayport Ferry is estimated to be completed next month. The Timuquana multipurpose trail adjacent to A1A from Fort George River to Little Talbot Island had its final inspection on July 17. The resurfacing project from Lee Street to Main Street is estimated to be completed this month. The resurfacing project on Dunn Avenue to Biscayne Boulevard will start in January 2018. CPAC Member Sharon Bivins thanked Mr. Green for the placement of lights along Dunn's Avenue from Bonnelly Drive to Regency Drive. Jim Green may be contacted at 360-5684 or james.green@dot.state.fl.us.
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick announced JTA is launching a St. Johns River Ferry ticket exchange program. Effective October 1, 2017, only JTA issued tickets will be accepted. All other tickets must be used before September 30, 2017. JTA will have staff on site to exchange tickets at the Mayport Landing. Dates and times for exchange can be found by logging on to <http://ferry.jtafla.com>. On Monday August 7, 2017 the second service change of the year; New Route 82 Amazon Shuttle, took place. This route will provide direct service between Armsdale Park-n-Ride and the Amazon facility on Pecan Park Road. Ms. Riddick also announced JTA's Gameday Xpress has started running and will operate through December 17, 2017. A new Gameday Xpress parking lot is now located at the Armsdale Park-n-Ride. However, the Marbon Gameday Xpress lot will be closed. Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com
- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCC)** - Thomas Register, Code Compliance Supervisor, introduced himself and announced he will be the new Zone 6 CPAC representative. Mr. Register reported that

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an area wide inspection was conducted in Riverview that resulted in 202 inspections.

Thomas Register may be contacted at 255-7290 or tregister@coj.net.

- **Parks, Recreation & Community Services** – Jackson Gray provided JaxParks Directory & Activities Guides for the CPAC members and announced that new directories will be available soon. Mr. Gray announced that afterschool programs, such as Club Rec, Rec N' Roll Jax and Teen Warehouse will resume this school year at various parks. There is no charge for these programs; however, registration is required. There will be onsite registration available at each location. A list of participating locations can be found on line at www.jaxparks.com. CPAC Chair Bobby Taylor asked for a report on the status of the repairs at Huguenot Park. Mr. Taylor inquired why there is still no camping allowed at the park. He also asked about the timeline for the start of the repairs. Mr. Gray said he would try to get some information regarding the repairs for Mr. Taylor.

Jackson Gray may be contacted at 255-7921 or Jacksong@coj.net

- **Public Libraries** – Marshelle Berry had nothing to report. Marshelle Berry may be contacted at Mberry@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Connie Patterson: The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee made the following motions:
 - Tommy Ruffin made a motion to recommend denial to Application for Exception E-17-65 and companion Waiver of Liquor Distance WLD-17-21. Application for Exception E-17-65 seeks approval for the retail sale and service of all alcoholic beverages. The companion Waiver of Liquor Distance WLD-17-12 seeks to reduce the required minimum distance between an existing restaurant (Xtreme Wings) located at 11565 Main Street North and Cedar Bay Baptist Church (11553 Main Street North), from 500 feet to 26 feet. The motion was seconded by Harry Wagner. The motion passed by a four to one vote. CPAC members approved the motion with one dissent.
 - Harry Wagner motioned to approve Application for Exception E-17-69. This application is for an exception to allow for online car and truck sales in a Planned Unit Development (PUD). The site is already developed with several warehouse bay units used for similar uses. The exception would allow for the addition of another bay. The motion was seconded by Danny Ferreria. The motion passed by a five to zero vote.
 - Danny Ferreria motioned to recommend denial for ORD #2017-0488 and ORD #2017-0499. ORD #2017-0488 is an application for a Land Use Amendment (LUA) for 1.52 acres from Community/General Commercial (CGC) to Residential-Professional Institutional (RPI) land use. The applicant is requesting to allow multifamily units. ORD #2017-0489 seeks rezoning from PUD to PUD for 6.15 acres. The current PUD is for a mix of office space and restaurant uses (Commercial). The proposed PUD would allow for residential uses. The application is proposing 35 multifamily townhomes. The motion was seconded by Harry Wagner and passed by a four to one vote. CPAC members approved the motion with three opposing.
 - Danny Ferreria motioned to recommend approval for ORD #2017-0490 and ORD #2017-0491. ORD #2017-0490 is an application for a LUA of 0.58 acres from LDR to CGC. The property is currently has split land use and zoning categories. The applicant wants to make the property contiguous so that it can be used for commercial use throughout. ORD #2017-0491 is an application seeking rezoning from CCG-1 and RL-120 to PUD. The PUD would allow the existing commercial use along Main Street to continue and extend to the back of the property. The motion was seconded by Harry Wagner and passed by a five to zero vote, with a condition that the barrier has some sound-proofing quality. CPAC members approved the motion.
 - Danny Ferreria motioned to recommend approval of ORD # 2017-0420. This application seeks to rezone 35.09 acres of property from PUD to PUD. The proposed PUD will not change the use on the property, but will revise the existing site plan and eliminate an access point. The motion was seconded by Tommy Ruffin and passed by a five to zero vote. CPAC members approved the motion.
 - Danny Ferreria motioned to recommend approval of ORD #2017-0416. This application is for

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rezoning of 8.28 acres of land from RR-Acre to RLD-60. The application is proposing 34 60-foot wide Single Family lots. No land use amendment is required. Dot Mathias seconded the motion and the motion passed by a five to zero vote. CPAC members approved the motion.

- Danny Ferreria motioned to recommend approval of ORD #2017-0417. This application seeks to rezone 7.46 acres of property from AGR to PUD to allow for one single family dwelling. This is a request for transfer of development rights from a lot of record within a flood zone to highlands owned by a single owner. The owner has no intentions of subdividing the property. Dot Mathias seconded the motion and the motion passed five to zero. CPAC members approved the motion. Connie Patterson may be contacted at 255-7822 or ConstanceP@coj.net
- **Membership** – Ms. Sharon Bivens had nothing to report. CPAC Member Danny Ferreira suggested perhaps reaching out to the North Jax monthly to see if they would advertise the North CPAC's meeting dates and location.
- **Transportation** – Dick Berry had nothing to report.
- **Ad-Hoc- Taxation, Revenue, Utilization and Expenditures (T.R.U.E)** – Mr. Danny Ferreira informed the CPAC members that they could live stream the budget hearings and decisions by going to the COJ website <http://www.coj.net/city-council/standing-committees/finance>. Council will meet every Thursday and Friday of the month of August with an exception of Wednesday August 23, 2017, when Council will focus on the Capital Improvement Plan.
- **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Neighborhoods Coordinator Ms. Michelle Godwin informed CPAC members that the Matching Grant application is now available and application workshops will take place September 19, 2017 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and September 28, 2017, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. She also informed CPAC members of upcoming programs, such as CommUniverCity. Michelle introduced Shaun Rycroft, City Planner I, who invited the North CPAC members to the International Coastal Cleanup taking place Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Jim King Park and Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek, 8303 Heckscher Drive.
- 7. **Chair's Report** – Chair Bobby Taylor motioned to reappoint Danny Ferreria as AD HOC- Taxation, Revenue Utilization and Expenditures (TRUE) representative for the North CPAC. Vicki Drake seconded the motion. The CPAC members unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Taylor announced that there are 11 turtle nests located at Huguenot Park and that two have hatched. He reminded everyone to stay away from the orange fences as it is a federal offence and you can be fined up to \$5000 or be arrested. He also reminded CPAC members not to place Gopher Turtles in the ocean as they do not swim and will drown. Mr. Taylor announced, that although it has been an honor to serve as CPAC Chair, he will not be chair next year.
- 8. **Unfinished Business** – None
- 9. **New Business** – Mr. Taylor formed a nominating subcommittee. CPAC members Danny Ferreria, Dot Mathias and Mike Getchell will serve on the nominating subcommittee.
 - **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** The North CPAC members are concerned with the lack of accessibility to a public library in the Oceanway area. The CPAC members are hopeful that an Oceanway library will be funded before 2022. Members agree that the former Food Lion building at New Berlin and Pulaski Roads would be a perfect location. This site would serve the six schools located within in a two mile radius, and would accommodate the population growth in the area.
 - CPAC Member Vicki Drake expressed concern with whether or not a food truck located on Main Street and Pecan Park Road is really selling food. Additionally she said the surrounding area has become overgrown with weeds and grass. Ms. Drake also expressed concern that Noah's Ark Thrift Store, located at 15431 N. Main St. has items that have been left out in the front of the store for a long length of time. A citizen complained that Duval Station Road south of the CVS drug store has become a dump site. Mr. Register said he would send someone out to take a look at these locations.

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- CPAC Chair Bobby Taylor expressed his concern with the lack of repairs being done to Huguenot Park. He would like to know when the park will be fully operational.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Robert (Bobby) Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: September 13, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: September 7, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center 12215 Sago Ave. W.

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