

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 10, 2020 Meeting Summary

Via Zoom Conferencing, 6 p.m.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Tyrona Clark-Murray, Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association, Inc., Roxan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks; Larry Solomon, Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates; Doretha Tompkins, Riverview; Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks HOA; Bertha Richardson, Better Living Community Association, Inc.

Excused –

Visitors – Dr. Shoemake, UNF; Rafael Mejia, UNF Nursing Student; Marcus Lovaglio, UNF Nursing Student; Kaylee Datz, UNF Nursing Student; Hannah Burkholder, UNF Nursing Student; Handerle Pierre, UNF Nursing Student; Grace Gumble, UNF Nursing Student; Shannon Kelly, UNF Nursing Student; Curtis Judd, UNF Nursing Student; Nancy Wood, Arquan Joseph, Christian Gozales-Orbegoso

Elected Official and City Staff – Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant to CM Ronald Salem; Kendra Mervin, Coordinator of the Community Based Crime Reduction Program; Dr. Diana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent; Paula Renfro, DCPS; Keith Meyerl, Chief of Recreation and Community Programming; Hon. Warren Jones, Duval County School Board Chair; Donna Carroll, JPL; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Office.

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Michelle Godwin-Ware confirmed that a quorum was present. Velma Rounsville motioned to approve August 13, 2020 meeting summary and Doretha Tompkins seconded the motion. Chair, Tyrona Clark-Murray noted that on page 2, section 6 Land Use and Zoning, that the staff member present was Arimus Wells and not Kaysie Cox. A motion to approve August 13, 2020 summary with the correction of Planning and Development staff member from Kaysie Cox to Arimus Wells being present was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Presentation:

- Kendra Mervin, Community Based Crime Reduction Program Coordinator, presented information about the Mayor's new Community Based Crime Reduction Program (CBCR). The CBCR program is a comprehensive approach to helping the focused neighborhoods of Grand Park, New Town, Durkeeville and LaVilla address crime and safety issues. The program's goal is to reduce crime, improve community safety, and increase mutual trust between law enforcement and the community. The CBCR program will rely on community engagement and feedback. For more information, contact Ms. Mervin at (904) 255-5026 or kmervin@coj.net.

3. Elected Official:

- Nicole Evans, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ronald Salem, reported that Councilman Salem is chair of the Special Committee on Opioid Epidemic, Vaping & Mental Health Resources. This special committee is formerly known as the Committee on The Opioid Epidemic. Councilman Salem has introduced a new bill that would address the process of renaming public buildings and parks. Ms. Evans offered to relay any questions or concerns to Council Member Salem.

- Honorable Warren Jones, Chair DCPS Board, reported that hybrid classes will fade out beginning September 14th to live class five days a week. On September 14th, sixth graders will return to campus Monday through Friday. Seventh grade students will return full-time September 21st, and high schoolers will return full-time on September 28th. On November 3rd, voters will have the opportunity to vote on the half cent sales tax. Many Duval schools are over 44 years old and are greatly in need of upgrades. Studies show that students learn better in a safe, modernized, conducive learning environment. To learn more visit <http://duvalcbs.com>. Yard signs are available for pick up at the Fire fighters Union, or you can call Mr. Jones at 904-318-5688, to arrange for pickup or delivery of a sign. Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent added that the hybrid classes were not permanent. Ms. Kriznar announced that open house will be held virtually. Open house dates may be found on the DCPS website. The COVID-19 case dashboard may also be reviewed on the DCPS website. The Duval County School Board voted to add three more schools to the list of those being considered for renaming. The renaming process will include alumni, faculty, staff, and residents in the school's attendance zone. Chair Clark Murray asked what will be done with a school once it is closed. Mr. Jones said that there are no plans yet. However, demolition cost is part of the half cent referenda.

4. New Business: Chair Clark Murray announced that the election of a new CPAC Chair and Vice Chair will take place in November and that she needs to select the nominating subcommittee and is taking volunteers. Member Roxane Currier volunteered to be part of the nominating subcommittee. Chair Clark Murray appointed Ms. Currier as the nominating subcommittee chair. Members Larry Solomon and Jacqueline Harrington volunteered to be on the nominating subcommittee. Chair Clark Murray asked Ms. Godwin-Ware if the CPAC will be able to hold November's annual holiday feast this year. Ms. Godwin-Ware said she was not sure how CPAC meetings will resume in November. The Holiday Feast decision was tabled until the next meeting.

5. Unfinished Business: None

6. Chair Report: Chair Clark Murray reported that she received a letter from Council Member Matt Carlucci dated 8.25.20, which elaborated on the Capital Improvement Plan and CPAC's involvement. Ordinance 2020-417-E will codify CPAC involvement. Chair Clark Murray will send the letter to Ms. Godwin-Ware to forward to Northwest CPAC members for their review.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** City Planner Kaysie Cox reviewed several land use and zoning applications with CPAC and LUZ Subcommittee members. Members agreed that the applications reviewed did not require CPAC action.
- **TRUE Commission:** Member Velma Rounsville reported that the TRUE Commission met September 3, 2020. Unfortunately, the Commission does not have a full committee. TRUE Commission is working with the Mayor's Office to assist with reaching out to the Mayor to find out if he has plans to continue making appointee recommendations. The Auditor had 14 reports to review and discuss with the TRUE Commission. The reports consist of audits by the Tax Collector's Office, as well as several quarterly summaries which needed to be reviewed and are related to general government, the independent agency and for the budget. The Commission will receive a follow up on the Property Appraiser's Office, Risk Management, Workers Compensation and Benefits, and JEA Payroll audits. The Commission had a guest speaker, Council Member Garrett Dennis, who is proposing

Ordinance 2020-529 and Resolution 2020-529 regarding a temporary early retirement window for City employees. It passed all committees but now needs to go before City Council for review. The Legislative Tracking Committee met on Wednesday, September 9th and hopes to have an update for the CPAC at the next meeting. Ms. Rounsville advised that the TRUE Commission has set up regular Zoom meetings and hopes to be able to get caught up. The TRUE Commission is preparing the annual report and will have bullet points from the report to go over with the CPAC in October. Ms. Rounsville will reach out to the President of the TRUE Commission to see if he will be willing to speak with the CPAC and provide an overview of what the TRUE Commission is about.

- **Transportation:** Mr. Solomon had no report.

8. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Lt. James Paris (904-384-8028) reported that there were 36 homicides, 2 abductions, 9 home robberies, 100 robberies to individuals and that petty theft is up 31 percent and auto burglaries are up 11 percent.
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Donna Carroll (dcarroll@coj.net; 765-5402 Ext. 245) reported that all libraries will be open soon for inside service as well as curbside pickup. CPAC members may check the library's reopening schedule by visiting WWW.jaxpubliclibrary.org. Early voting will take place at the Bradham and Brooks Branch, Webb Westconnett, and West Branch Libraries beginning Monday, October 19, 2020 through Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., CPAC members may visit www.duvalelections.com for a list of all election sites.
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA):** Cheryl Riddick, Director of Customer Engagement (criddick@jtafla.com; 632-5522), reported that it is mandatory for all JTA customers, visitors and employees on board any JTA transit service and at all JTA facilities to wear masks. Service changes will take place on October 5, 2020. Most routes will increase their daytime frequency by one hour and run more frequently during the day. A list of the routes which will be affected by the service change may be found by visiting JTA's website www.JTAFLA.com
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor (bclayton@coj.net; 255-7038), reported that the MCCD is placing more MCC Officers in large zones such as zone 5. Mr. Clayton also announced that MCCD is part of Mayor Curry's new task force team that will partner with JFRD and JSO to monitor and identify businesses that may be in violation of the reopening requirements.
- **Parks and Recreation:** Keith Meyerl, Chief of Recreation & Community Programming (kmeyerl@coj.net; 255-7936), reported that the Legends Center is still being used as a COVID-19 test site. A portion of the facility will be open and used as an early voting site. The gym will be used for elections and the front of the facility will be used for testing. After school programs will be available at Lewis Cobb Community Center, Grand Park, and Clanzel T. Brown park. Pools will be closed, except those that operate for use for swim clubs and school swim teams. The Parks Department will be increasing security at Lonnie Miller Park from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. and adding maintenance from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also, a Sunday Market will be implemented at Lonnie Miller Park. The Senior Center remain closed with no date to open until possibly the end of the year.
- **Neighborhoods Services Office:** Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator (michellelegw@coj.net; 255-8236), No report.

9. Public Comments

- Dr. Shoemake introduced the new University of North Florida Nursing students.
- Velma Rounsville stated that you can visit duvalelections.com for a list of all the election sites.
- Chair Clark Murray stated that if CPAC members knew anyone who may need help getting their voting rights restored, they can apply for help for paying fees at www.floridarrc.com/fines/assistance through Morgan & Morgan as a match by Lebron James.

10. Adjourn: Velma Rounsville motioned to adjourn the meeting. Larry Solomon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2020 via Zoom at 6 p.m. A Zoom meeting invitation will be posted no later than 48 hours before a scheduled meeting.

A copy of the audio recording of this 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](#).