

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 8, 2022, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

Zoom Meeting ID: 898 3595 6669 Passcode: 464317

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Dr. Donald Green, Chair; Jamie Lacy, Vice-Chair; Vicki Drake, DCPS PTA/PTS Assoc.; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Jane Love, Amelia View; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA; Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club; Ingrid Montgomery; Rev. Joseph Tate, Cooper Hill 4 HOA.

Zoom: Matt Stone, Marshwinds HOA; Vicki Drake, DCC of PTS/PTA Assoc.

Visitors: Paul Forte, Eden Group; Larry Henderson; Victoria Preserve HOA; Mary Sperow; Mario Chatman; Dotty Boland, Amelia View; Eve Hunter; Brittnee Williams; Janice Williams; Nahshon Nicks.

Zoom: Donna Philbrick, San Mateo NA; Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo NA; Christa Salas; Pat Medley; Mary Sperow.

Staff and Elected Officials: Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ron Salem; Michelle Worley, District Aide to State Representative Angie Nixon; Shannon Hartley, JSO; Brian Smith; JFRD; Dave McDaniel, Public Works; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Don Tuten, JEA; Tiffany Morales, MAV; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Victoria Schultz, DCPS; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Charles Benson, MCCD.

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The May 11, 2022, summary was approved by the CPAC.
3. **Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ron Salem, reported that the Mental Health Offenders Program (MHOP) has been highly successful and is now a permanent program. A total of 14 participants have graduated from the program. All graduates have received treatment and live independently in partnership with Sulzbacher to ensure they continue to receive the support they need. The program is so successful that the State of Florida is looking to apply it to every municipality that may require the program. Ms. Evans also reported that Council Member Salem was elected City Council Vice President. Ms. Evans said she prepares a report after attending each CPAC meeting for Council Member Salem's review. *Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255 – 5146 or nevans@coj.net.*
 - Michelle Worley, District Aide to State Representative Angie Nixon, reported that Rep. Nixon would be mailing a legislative update to residents soon. Ms. Worley announced that they have relocated their office and are now located at 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Rep. Nixon will be happy to assist constituents having issues with unemployment. Please feel free to call the office. *Rep. Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.*
4. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Shannon Hartley reported:
 - Crime statistics in Zone 6 look good. Year to date, homicides, aggravated batteries and burglaries of businesses have risen only slightly.
 - The Co-Responder program is fully activated. Each Zone now has a Co-Responder who goes out with a Mental Health Counselor to assist with mental health calls and suicide attempts.
 - Bike units can now be seen in Zone 6. The Zone is assigned four bike officers to patrol various

neighborhoods during the week.

- JSO is responsible for and involved in programs such as Police Athletic League (PAL) and Summer Night Lights. These programs provide a safe place for children to hang out.
- JSO is working to partner with Duval County Public Schools to build relationships with the students by engaging more with them.
- Citizens with traffic complaints can report them by going to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office website <https://www.jaxsheriff.org/Bizforms/Traffic-Complaints.aspx>.
- JSO has more than 70 communication vacancies and is working hard to create a solution that will ensure the non-emergency number is answered promptly.
- The assistant chief or a lieutenant from Zone 6 would be happy to come to take a walk in your neighborhood to check on and talk with the residents.
Lt. Shannon Hartley may be reached at (904) 696-4335.

5. **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Lt. Jamar Smith reminded CPAC members that hurricane season has started. Everyone should prepare their emergency kits and familiarize themselves with their evacuation zones and nearest shelter. Citizens may register for AlertJax Notifications by visiting <https://www.jaxready.com/Alerts.aspx>. Lt. Jamar Smith may be reached at jamars@coj.net.

6. **Capital Improvement Plan/Chairs Report:** Chair Green suggested three recommendations for the Capital Improvement project to the North CPAC for submission approval.
- Install sidewalks throughout the North Lake Community.
 - Widen the road on Pecan Park Road between I-95 and North Main Street near the railroad crossing to four lanes.
 - Build a community resource center at Sheffield Park.

The CPAC approved the three CIP suggestions provided by various members and community leaders within the North CPAC Planning District 6. The suggestions will be submitted to Capital Improvement Plan Administrator Teresa Eichner no later than Friday, June 17, 2022.

7. **Presentation:** Victoria Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource Services, presented information and answered questions regarding the referendum to increase the millage rate in order to increase teachers' salaries and fund educational programs.
Victoria Shultz may be reached at SchultzV@duvalschools.org.

8. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Don Tuten, Government Relations Specialist, reported:
 - JEA provides free energy efficiency assessments for homes. A technician will show residents how to make their homes more energy efficient. To register for a visit, please visit the JEA website www.JEA.com
 - JEA provides residential rebates for items such as attic insulation, energy-efficient dishwashers, lighting, heating, cooling systems, and toilet replacements. For the complete list of appliances eligible for a rebate, please visit https://www.jea.com/Residential_Customer_Rebate.
 - JEA is currently preparing for a safe and reliable hurricane season. Mr. Tuten encouraged the CPAC members to become familiar with the JEA website and review the Storm Center and Outage Center links. For more information and to view the sites visit www.JEA.com
Don Tuten may be reached at (904) 255-3283.
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported:
 - The Summer Learning program takes place from June 1 to July 30 at all Jacksonville libraries. Children up to 18 years of age may participate. Prizes and books can be earned based on each child's reading time. For details, please visit <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/summer-learning>.
 - On Saturday, June 11, 2022, the Jacksonville Main Library will host a Jacksonville Bicentennial Street Festival beginning at James Weldon Johnson Park and ending at the Riverfront Park. The event will start at noon in James Weldon Johnson Park. At 4:15 p.m., the celebration will move to Riverfront Park via parade, where live music and fireworks can be enjoyed beginning at 10:15 p.m.

- The Jacksonville Public Library Foundation has organized the Give \$12 for 12 fundraiser. The funds are used to keep children reading, ensuring youth have access to books, programs, and resources throughout the summer. A one-time gift can be made by visiting www.jploffoundation.org.
- The Highlands Branch Library will be holding Life Lit classes in June, July, and August. The classes are a partnership with the Duval County Extension Office and Jacksonville Library. Courses about gardening, beekeeping, and choosing the right plants and trees for your yard will be available. For details, please visit <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org>.
- The last Friday of the month is the Museum of Contemporary Arts MOCA free Friday. Residents can get into the museum free when presenting their Jacksonville Public library card. Jackie Spiritas may be reached at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or spiritas@coj.net.
- **Military Affairs Veterans (MAV)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported that the Military Affairs Department held its first in-person Memorial Day observation ceremony since the - pandemic. More than 1,000 people were in attendance. The Northeast Florida Women of Veterans started its Women Veterans Week of Recognition, which will run from June 4, 2022, thru June 11, 2022. Visit <https://www.forwomenvets.org/about-week-of-recognition/> for the schedule of events. Tiffany Morales may be reached at (904) 255-5524 or tmorales@coj.net.
- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 425 inspections were completed in May. Mr. Benson provided the following updates:
 - A citation has been issued to McDonald's at 909 Dunn Ave. for its fence. The repairs will be completed next month.
 - MCC has requested the Solid Waste Division clean the ditch behind McDonald's at 909 Dunn Ave. MCC will monitor the progress.
 - MCC Officers are still monitoring 1234 Glenn Dr.
 - MCC Officers will be going back out to check on the progress of the Yellow Bluff area.
 Charles Benson may be reached at (904) 255-7299 or Cbenson@coj.net.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Jamie Lacy, Governmental Affairs Chair, and Erin Abney, City Planner II, reported that the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed 12 Land Use and Zoning applications with the CPAC, and five recommendations were made.

New Business

- **Opposed AD-22-43 – Administrative Deviation: 11691 Industry Dr.:** This application seeks to reduce the required off-street parking spaces required for the use of outdoor storage of boats/RVs from 33 spaces required to 5 spaces.
- **Opposed 2022-0392 – Administrative Deviation: 953 New Berlin Rd.:** This application seeks to reduce the required off-street parking spaces for multi-family development from 436 required spaces to 376 spaces, companion to Conventional Rezoning application Ordinance #2022-0392.
- **Opposed 2022-0391 – Conventional Rezoning: 953 New Berlin Rd.:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 14.22 +/- acres from CCG-1/CN/PUD to Commercial Residential Office (CRD) to develop the property into a multi-family residential community with approximately 216 units. Companion to Administrative Deviation application AS-22-42 Ordinance #2022-0392.
- **Opposed 2022-0395 – Planned Unit Development: 0 Bertha St. (RE:044153-0000):** This application seeks to rezone approximately 3.18 +/- acres from RLD -90 to PUD to develop the property with 17 single-family dwellings with 15 of the lots being a minimum 50 feet width and 5,000 square feet and the remaining two lots being a minimum of 70 feet in width and 7,000 square feet.
- **Opposed 2022-0387 - Planned Unit Development: 4742 Parete Rd. S.):** This application seeks to rezone approximately 497.52 +/- acres from PUD to PUD to be developed as a residential community consisting of up to 1,000 single-family dwellings with a minimum lot width of 40 feet and a lot area of 5,000 square feet. Current approved PUD Ordinance #2009-0155 allows for 499 acres of industrial use.

All motions to approve the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee recommendations were seconded and approved by the CPAC members.

Erin Abney may be reached at (904) 255-7849 or eabney@coj.net.

- **10. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware reported that applications for the COJ

2022 CommUniverCity Training are now available. All CPAC members should have received an application via email. If you have any questions, please call the Neighborhood Services office at (904) 255- 8250.

Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at (904) 255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net.

11. New Business – None

12. Old Business - None

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

Sharon Bivins asked CPAC members and community leaders to continue to be diligent about reporting issues to 630-City relating to the businesses and the maintenance of their properties, particularly the businesses along Dunn Avenue.

14. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, August 10, 2022**, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid – physical location to be determined.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, August 10, 2022**, 4:30 p.m. Hybrid – physical location to be determined.

Summary prepared by Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Coordinator, Neighborhood Services Office, (904) 255-8236 or MichelleGW@coj.net.

A copy of the audio recording of this North 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: [COJ Public Records Request](#).