

## North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

### October 13, 2021, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W.

Zoom Meeting ID: 971 7788 2377 Passcode: 115030

#### Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members:** Dr. Don Green, Chair; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Reverend Joseph Tate, Copper Hill HOA; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island HOA; Jamie Lacy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Matt Stone, Marshwinds HOA; Jane Love, Amelia Island HOA; Marion Burke, Council Appointee, District 8, Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA; Michael & Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA.

**Zoom:** Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club; Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA; Josephine Fiveash-Poter, Northlake HOA.

**Visitors:** Mary Sperow; Gay Septon, Amelia View HOA; Mitch Crystal, Gray's Landing HOA; Dan Weiss, Gray's Landing HOA; Janet Lawyer, Marshwindss HOA; Wayne Clark, Sheriff's Candidate; Mike Keeling, Gray's Landing; Althea Mikell, Victoria Preserve Phase 2; Paul Forte, North Florida Business Leaders.

**Zoom:** Janet James, Donna Philbrick, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc., Earnestine Johnson; Mario Chatman.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** **Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to St. Rep. Angie Nixon;** Lt. Joe Van Delinder, JSO; Tracy Barrows, JFRD; Dawn Gilman, Changing Homelessness; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Tiffany Morales, Military Veterans Affairs; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; 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:** CPAC approved September's summary.
- 3. Elected Officials:**
  - Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative Angie Nixon, reported that this week representative Nixon is in Tallahassee for sessions. Ms. Worley also announced that Rep Nixon has meet with City Council about the trash issues, blight, code enforcement issues, as well as the drainage and odor issues in the district. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact the office.  
Representative Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
- 4. Chairs Report:** None
- 5. Presentation/Speaker:** Dawn Gilman, CEO Changing Homelessness, reported that Changing Homelessness is the lead agency on homelessness in Duval, Clay and Nassau County. Ms. Gilman provided an update on how Changing Homelessness has been responding to citizens who are without a home during the pandemic. Citizens have become more aware of the lack of housing, and how it is a health issue. This was made obvious when the shelter in place order came out in 2020 and a great number of calls came in with concerns for those who had no home to carry out the shelter in place requirement. Change Homelessness was provided Cares Act funding, which allowed them to work with 40 different partnering agencies in three counties that provide direct services for persons who are without a home. Many homeless persons have been moved off the streets and to a hotel or motel, and ultimately into an apartment. Ms. Gilman reported that they have been working to get funding and zoning approved for a homeless emergency shelter in Nassau County. Unfortunately, the zoning has proven to be much more complicated than any other part of getting the shelter started.  
Dawn Gilman may be reached at 904-354-1100 or [dgilman@eshcnet.org](mailto:dgilman@eshcnet.org)

## 6. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Joel Van Delinder, asked CPAC members to view their cameras to see if they have any valuable footage. If you have any valuable footage, call JSO's non-emergency number (904) 630-0500. They will come and retrieve the footage and place it in an evidence look through for all the officers to review. The footage can help the officers help citizens. Officers are also driving through neighborhoods looking for cameras so they are better aware of the number of cameras in a community that may be of assistance on a case. Lt. Van Delinder also reported that half of the post about attempted car theft or home burglaries on Nextdoor and Facebook do not get reported to the police. He asked CPAC members to encourage their neighbors to call the police. Lt. Van Delinder reported that burglaries are up a bit but nothing to be alarmed about. Over the past 30 days, auto theft and burglaries have gone down. Lt. Van Delinder attributes the decrease in car crimes to everyone in Zone 6 spreading the word about locking their car doors. Lt. Van Delinder also reported that he has been walking through a different community, business complex, or strip mall at least once a week for 20 minutes talking to and getting to know the people in the community. Lt. Joel Van Delinder may be reached at (904) 696-4335
- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Trace reported that the drop of COVID-19 numbers in the county has allowed the fire department to start reinstating some services, such as community blood pressure checks, community visits to the fire station, ride along for students on the rescue units, and the bay doors at most of the stations are open again.
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported that they are wrapping up Hispanic Heritage month. The full month of October is LGBTQ history month, learning disabilities awareness month, bullying prevention month, and national pizza month. Ms. Spiritas advised that the library has a large collection of print and digital resources that may be of interest to anyone. Ms. Spiritas reported that the Friends of the Library will be holding two book sales. Both will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021. One located at the Beach Branch Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the other at the Mandarin branch library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ms. Spiritas reminded CPAC members that the Main library is still closed while being used as a Regeneron treatment site. The Regeneron treatments take place in the Conference Center off the Main Street entrance. If there are any questions regarding Regeneron treatments, CPAC members may call the support line (850) 344-9637. Jackie Spiritas may be contacted at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or [spiritas@coj.net](mailto:spiritas@coj.net)
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Director Customer Engagement, reported that JTA will be hosting a bus operator job fair on Friday, October 15, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center, 100 LaVilla Center Drive in the second floor lobby. You must a high school diploma or the equivalent, be 21 years of age, have no more than three driving violations in the last five years, and have a CDL A or B license. For those that are interested go to the JTA website [www.jta.com](http://www.jta.com) to view the listing of the various openings. Ms. Riddick announced that on September 27, 2021 JTA made a service change and launched the final corridor of the First Coast Flyer, the Orange Line. The Orange line runs from the regional transportation center and travels down Blanding Boulevard ending at Orange Park Mall. Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or [Criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:Criddick@jtafla.com)
- **Military Veterans Affairs (MVA)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported that on October 28, 2021, at 10 a.m. the mayor will be giving a press conference to talk about the Celebration of Valor, as well as some of the different events that will be taking place. Ms. Morales announced that the Veteran's Day Parade is scheduled for November 11, 2021, at 11 a.m., starting Downtown to honor our veterans and active-duty military. Also the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jacksonville Vetepreneur Summit will take place Friday, December 3, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year the summit will be virtual, but you may register in advance by visiting the Military of Veterans Affairs website <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs>. Military Veteran's Affairs will host their Homeless Veterans Stand Down on January 28 and 29 at the Jacksonville Fair Grounds, as well as the Military Spouses Night Out on January 3, 2022. Tiffany Morales may be reached at (904) 255-5524 or [tmorales@coj.net](mailto:tmorales@coj.net)
- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, reported that a total of 919 inspections were completed in the month of September. Year to date a total of 15,600

inspections have been completed for all districts. MCCD has disposed of a total of 4629 snipe signs year to date. The next systematic inspection will take place in the Highland neighborhood. Mr. Benson advised that the MCCD will continue to monitor the Marathon Gas Station, Walgreens, and CVS along Dunn Avenue in hopes that they maintain the cleanliness of their properties.

Charles Benson may be contacted at (904)255-7299 or [Cbenson@coj.net](mailto:Cbenson@coj.net)

- **Parks, Recreation and Community Programming** – Jill Enz, Chief of Natural and Marine Resources announced that the Parks department is in the middle of planning the expansion for a few flex fields to be installed at Sheffield Park. The project is estimated to begin next summer. Ms. Enz announced that Parks has met three times with the Parks and Quality of Life Special Committee and have decided to allocate the first \$20 million to improve or make some of Jacksonville's park restrooms, playgrounds, and courts compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. The parks in the North Planning District (PD) 6 that will be renovated include Oceanway Community Center, Park & Pool, Eartha H. Napoleon Park, Garden City Park, and Long Branch Park. Ms. Enz announced. A total of 45 parks throughout Jacksonville are scheduled for remodels. All the projects are schedule to be completed within two years.

Jill Enz may be reached at (904) 255- 7941 or [jenz@coj.net](mailto:jenz@coj.net)

#### 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – CPAC member Mike Getchell and Erin Abney, City Planner I:

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed eight Land Use and Zoning applications, and two recommendations were made:

##### **New Business**

- **21-54 Administrative Deviation (AD): 15767 Northside Drive East:** This application seeks to reduce the required rear yard setback from 10 feet to 4.5 feet to construct an addition onto the home. The CPAC opposed the project because of the distance of the setback.
- **2021-0734 – Planned Unit Development (PUD) – Owens Road:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 131.20 acres from Industrial Light to Planned Unit Development to develop the property with a mix of single-family dwellings, townhome, and multi-family dwellings not to exceed a total of 750 units. The CPAC oppose the project due to proposed 40-foot lots.

Erin Abney may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or [Fabney@coj.net](mailto:Fabney@coj.net)

- **Nominating Subcommittee** – Mike Getchell announced the nominating subcommittees recommendation to reelect Dr. Don Green as chair and the nomination of Jamie Lacy to serve as vice chair. Voting and nominations from the floor will take place at November's meeting.

#### 8. New Business: None

- 9. **Neighborhood Coordinators Report:** Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin-Ware explained how those who have been attending the meetings and are not CPAC members may become members by attending three consecutive meetings, registering their organization, business, or group with the Neighborhood Service's Office in the Neighborhood Directory, fill out the nomination/membership form, have it signed by a representative from their association or group, and then return the form to Mrs. Godwin-Ware for approval and appointed as a CPAC member. Mrs. Godwin-Ware also announced that the Paper Collection and Tree Giveaway event will take place Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at TIAA Bank Field Lot E. Participants may only drop off two bags of paper documents. Ms. Godwin-Ware advised that there will not be a shredding truck on site. Ms. Godwin-Ware also announced that the Matching Grant application is available, and that everyone should have received an email copy of the application. If not, please notify Mr. Eslinger at [EEslinger@coj.net](mailto:EEslinger@coj.net) and he will send you a copy. Applications are due no later than December 13, at 5 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or [Michellelegw@coj.net](mailto:Michellelegw@coj.net)

#### 10. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- Paul Forte expressed his concerns about developers located out of state, the quantity and speed of development happening in Planning District 6, and the lack of infrastructure in place to keep up with and handle all the new families that will be on the roads.

- Aletha Mikell also expressed her concerns with the development and lack of infrastructure in Planning District 6.
- Jim Sumara invited CPAC members to attend Heckscher Drive Community Center's unveiling of their fire pit, which was constructed with the help of the Matching Grant Funds. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021.

**11. Adjourn:** Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Hybrid – Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W., 32218 and Zoom

**Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting:** **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**, starting at 4:30 p.m. Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W. 32218 and Zoom

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