

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 9, 2019 Meeting Summary

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



Attendance

CPAC Members

Chair – Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Vice Chair – M & M Dairy, Inc. – Teresa Moore
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Copper Hill HOA – Rev. Joseph Tate
Council Appointee District 7- Tommy Ruffin
Amelia View HOA – Jane Love
Amelia View HOA – Dotty Boland
Duval County Council PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Eagle Bend – Jim Mazur
Heckscher Drive CC – Jim Sumara
Lydia Estates – Michael Wozniak
Lydia Estates – Shelley Wozniak
Northlake HOA – Josephine Fiveash - Porter

Visitors

Nancy Burnett – Oceanway Manor

Donald Drake
Deborah Fonzelle – Victoria Lakes Dr.
Don Green – Captiva Bluff
Kathy McFatter
Donna Philbrick – San Mateo
Sharise Riley
Al Shaffer
Carson Tranquille – City Council Candidate District 2
Lynn Vandenhoy – San Mateo
William Willard – Spaulding Road

Staff and Officials

Council Member District 7 – Reggie Gaffney
Council Member District 8 – Ju'Coby Pittman
Council Member at Large District 5 – Samuel Newby
Council of Elder Affairs – Carrence Bass
Duval County Public School Board – Darryl Willie
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Asst. Chief G. Burton
Jacksonville Public Library – Michael Sullivan
Jacksonville Transportation Authority – Cheryl Riddick
Neighborhood Services Office – Michelle Godwin
Neighborhoods Municipal Code Compliance – Elaine Lancaster
Planning and Development – Sam Walker
Parks, Recreation & Community Development – Keith Meyerl
Republic Services - Bill Brinkley

Excused

Marshwinds – Matt Stone
Victoria Preserve – Ingrid Montgomery
Wingate Estates – Paul Fenning
Wingate Estates – Kiz Fenning
Cooper Hill HOA – Bessie Williams
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Charter Member – Dick Berry

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Mike Getchell called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Michelle Godwin verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** CPAC member Joseph Tate motioned to approve November's summary. CPAC member Teresa Moore seconded. The motion unanimously passed.
- 3. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin announced that the Neighborhood Services Office is taking registrations for the CommUniverCity training. The classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning February 5, 2019. Graduation is scheduled for February 28, 2019. Ms. Godwin also reminded CPAC members that it is required that all CPAC members take ethics training at least every four years. She informed them that the Ethics Department provides free ethics training every other month from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall. Ms. Godwin also informed members that it is very important that they notify her when they are not able to attend meetings, because it is a requirement of the bylaws for the CPAC. Michelle Godwin may be contacted at (904) 255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net.
- 4. Presentation:** Bill Brinkley, General Manager said the Republic Service's facility center off of Imeson Road processes all of the recycling material in Duval County, St. Johns County, Beaches and Nassau County, and every once in a while, Clay County. The Imeson Road center processes about 350 tons of recyclable material. Mr. Brinkley advised there has been a change in how recycling is processed and sold. Republic Recycling is trying to get back to basics and will only process items that are not contaminated. The goal is to get the contaminated recycling material rate down from

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the 26.6 percent to 10 percent. Mr. Brinkley encouraged everyone to visit Republic Services website, RecyclingSimplified.com to learn more about recycling. Mr. Brinkley offered these recycling tips: don't leave the lids or tops on cans, bottles and plastic jugs if they are wet; don't bag your recyclables they get caught in the single stream recycling systems; soiled paper is considered greasy or wet paper; don't recycle motor oil containers, aerosol cans, or propane tanks. Mr. Brinkley advised Republic will take shredded paper but without the plastic bag. Mr. Brinkley announced that the new schedule will be available by the end of the month and will be color coded like last years schedule.

Mr. Brinkley may be contacted at bbrinkley@republicservices.com.

- 5. Elected Officials:** The Chair welcomed and thanked the elected officials for attending the meeting
- Reggie Gaffney, City Council Member District 7, announced that he has been working with small businesses to insure they are established and able to take part in the \$45 billion dollar that will to be invested in Jacksonville, in the next five to 10 years. He also announced that thanks to the commitment of the current administration Mayor Curry, and Sam Mousa, and chief of staff Brian Huff. The City was able to hire 22 young men on the spot. Councilmember Gaffney announced that the Task Force on Safety and Crime Reduction was approved on January 8, 2019 and will assist in the efforts to reduce crime. Council Member Gaffney reviewed several projects with CPAC members, such as the widening of Hard Road Bridge and improving sidewalks. Council Member Gaffney asked that if there is a need or problem in the community, to please call him. Council Member Reggie Gaffney may be contacted at (904) 630-1384 or rgaffney@coj.net
 - Samuel Newby, City Council Member at Large District 5, announced that an extra \$1 million dollars was added to the public safety and crime prevention program with the help of Council Members Gaffney and Ju'Coby Pittman. Council Member Newby announced as part of the quality of life program, they received an extra \$1.8 million dollars to be allocated to parks and maintenance and \$712,000 for affordable housing and home assistance. Council Member Newby also announced that the Urban Rest Stop, located on the main campus of the Sulzbacher Center, has opened. It is a place where the homeless have access to hot showers, meals and are able to wash their clothes and have a library. Council Member Newby also announced that an additional \$3 million was allocated to bring grocery stores to areas that are considered food deserts, and an additional \$15 million from JEA for septic tanks. Council Member Samuel Newby may be contacted at (904) 630-1387 or SNewby@coj.net
 - Ju'Coby Pittman, City Council Member District 8, announced that she is getting out and listening to her constituents, youth, businesses and churches, in order to find out what Jacksonville needs. Council Member Pittman announced she will be hosting a town hall meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019 beginning at 5 p.m. at the A. Philip Randolph Career Academy, 1157 Golfair Blvd. Council Member Pittman said she would like to start an initiative to have ambassadors in the various neighborhoods in District 8, charged with reporting issues to her so they can be resolved in a timely manner. Council Member Pittman has handled 400 C.A.R.E issues that have occurred while in office. Councilmember Pittman would like to have a Saturday Town Hall meeting twice a month for those who are not able to make meetings during the week. Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman may be contacted at (904)630-1385 or JPittman@coj.net
 - CPAC Chair Mike Getchell opened the floor for questions and comments. Mr. Ruffin commented that the Clara White Mission is a great cause, and that he and his wife have supported it for years. Mr. Ruffin also thanked council Members Gaffney, Pittman and Newby for attending the North CPAC meeting. Mr. Ruffin also asked council members in Planning District 6 to consider implementing a rotation schedule of the council members who attend the CPAC meetings. Council members agreed. Ms. McFatter thanked council members for their support. CPAC Vice Chair Teresa Moore reminded everyone how important it is to rally together and make it down to City Hall when you have an issue. Ms. Riley asked Council Member Gaffney whether the jobs provided for the 22 young men were permanent, and will there be money in the budget for these jobs next year. Council Member Gaffney said the jobs are permanent, and will be in the budget next year.
 - Council Member Gaffney asked CPAC members approval for the use an estimated \$2.5 million of

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the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) funds to place a "Welcome to Jacksonville" sign on Cole Road. Council Member Gaffney explained the money used for the project will include road and sidewalk improvement, from Duval Road, east and west of the bridge and along Cole Road. The plan has not been finalized as of yet. CPAC Chair, Mike Getchell asked for a motion to obtain tentative approval of Council Member Gaffney's proposed road improvement. Mr. Ruffin moved to give Council Member Gaffney tentative approval for the new "Welcome to Jacksonville" sign. Ms. Mathias seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

6. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Zone 6 Assistant Chief Gregory Burton announced that crime is down by 1 percent in Duval County. Violent crime is down 1 percent, property crime is down 4 percent. In Zone 6 violent crimes are down 5.05 percent and property crime is down 7.78 percent. Chief Burton announced that JSO launched a new website on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. The enhanced version of the Sheriff's Office website, www.jaxsheriff.org has been designed to provide quick access to features you need to use. The site includes feeds from official JSO social media accounts and includes resources that keep you informed about AMBER alerts, completed calls for dispatched service, and crime maps. Chief Burton brought everyone's attention to the "Open Data and Transparency" site where you can find the latest available data on officer-involved shootings, Jacksonville homicides, info sheets and open data report briefs. He advised that this is Sheriff Mike William's attempt at providing the transparency citizens requested. Assistant Chief Gregory Burton may be contacted at (904) 696-4335.
- **Council of Elder Affairs (COEA)** – Carrence Bass, Executive Director COEA, announced that the Council on Elder Affairs is looking for members to advocate and get out in the community to listen to the concerns and interests of seniors, then bring them back to council members and the Mayor. There are 19 member and 14 are appointed by councilmembers. The other five are appointed at large by the Mayor. Ms. Bass announced that COEA is currently seeking new members for Council District 7. Members must be 55 or older, not employed with the City of Jacksonville, an organization that receives funding, whether it's State, local, or federal for senior items or senior services. If you have questions or interested about the application, please visit the COEA website, www.bit.ly/COEA-COJ. Councilmember Newby asked if he could appoint someone. Ms. Bass said that the Mayor appoints the COEA at large members but, will take recommendations. Carrence Bass may be contacted at (904) 630-4670 or Cbass@coj.net
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Michael Sullivan, East Region Manager, advised that Mr. Rogers is still working with the real estate division of public works and reviewing available parcels for the New Oceanway Branch Library. Mr. Sullivan announced that the Friends of the Jacksonville Library will hold its book sale, at the University Park Branch Library starting Thursday, January 17, 2019 through Saturday, January 19, 2019. You can buy one bag of books and get two bags free. Mr. Sullivan also announced that the 30th annual unveiling of the Jacksonville Black History Calendar for 2019 is scheduled at the Main Library at 4 p.m. located in the Hicks Auditorium, Thursday, January 17, 2019. Mr. Sullivan announced that "Mapping our Past" celebrating the Lewis Ansbacher Map Collection is scheduled all day Saturday, January 26, 2019. Mr. Sullivan announced that the Jacksonville Public Libraries will be closed, Monday, January 21, 2019, in observation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Mr. Sullivan also announced that the Jax Book Fest is scheduled at the Main Library on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. R.L. Stine, author of the Goosebumps series, will be the guest author for the Jax Book Fest. Michael Sullivan may be contacted at (904) 248-1703 or michaels@coj.net
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager, announced that construction of the Jacksonville Region Transportation Center LaVilla is out of the ground and progress is being made. The center will open the first quarter of 2020. Ms. Riddick spoke briefly about the JTA Transit Development Plan for fiscal year 2019-2029. She provided information that outlines how the plan is developed. For more information about the project, contact Ms. Riddick or Michelle at 904-255-8236. Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 444-1234 or criddick@jtafla.com
- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD)** – Elaine Lancaster announced that MCCD has been working

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in the Riverview area and the 45th Street and Moncrief Avenue area. Ms. Lancaster informed CPAC members that if they place a C.A.R.E ticket and have not seen any action on it, to please call 630-City and get an update on the issue. If it hasn't been updated, please call or email Ms. Lancaster and she will follow-up on the C.A.R.E. item. Ms. Lancaster announced that MCCD did a follow up inspection at Polly Town and progress has been made. Jim Sumara, thanked Ms. Lancaster for responding to his email while on vacation. Ms. Lancaster informed CPAC members that the dump trucks traveling along Black Hammock Island are state dump trucks and are legal.

Elaine Lancaster may be contacted at (904) 255-7007 or elainel@coj.net

- **Duval County Public School (DCPS)** – Darryl Willie, School Board member, District 4, introduced himself to CPAC members. Mr. Willie announced that Duval County Public Schools is working on a few big things, such as safety, resources and getting the budget in order. CPAC Vice Chair Teresa Moore asked what is going to be done about the overcrowding of New Berlin Elementary and changing the way overcrowding is calculated in the Duval County School System. He said that several methods are used to calculate overcrowding of schools. Mr. Willie said that Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) needs to figure out how to build more schools, but that is hard to do without funding. Mr. Willie also said that if DCPS creates programs in other areas based on the choice model, it would alleviate some of the crowding.
Darryl Willie may be contacted at 904-390-2347 or willied@duvalschools.org
- **Parks, Recreation and Community Development** – Keith Meyerl, Chief, DC Recreation and Community Programming, announced that construction is under way for the Jim King Boat Ramp project. They will be moving the docks water ward off of the bank. Phase 1 of the Palm Fish Camp dock improvements will beginning January 21, 2019. The boat ramp will be closed during construction. A new beach road is currently under construction for Huguenot Park. The road will go through the middle of the park and will be the new main access road for the park. Additional camp sites that will be accessible by the new road will be added and the old roads that were closer to the shore will become a pedestrian and bike path. The San Mateo Little League drainage project is currently going out to bid and is expected to start sometime during the summer. The Joe Carlucci project is currently out to bid. The boat ramp has been closed since Hurricane Irma. They will be expanding the docks. The project is estimated to be completed in six months. Jim Mazur asked if Half Moon Island is going to receive a boat ramp. Mr. Meyerl answered that it is still in the works. Mr. Mazur asked if Parks and Recreation request for repairs were primarily through 630-City. Mr. Meyerl affirmed that the main way Parks, Recreation and Community Development find out about needed repairs. Is through 630-CITY. The maintenance supervisors check the 630-City report daily. Brian Ragin informed Mr. Meyerl that some of the dock cleats have not been repaired on the fishing dock at Burt Maxwell. Mr. Meyerl said he will speak with the supervisor of that project to address the broken cleats. Mr. Ragin also advised that it is impossible to get out during low tide at the Burt Maxwell boating dock. Mr. Meyerl said he will bring it up to the Chief of waterfronts.
Keith Meyerl may be contacted at (904) 255-7936 or kmeyerl@coj.net
- **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
 - **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development**–Teresa Moore and Samuel Walker, City Planner I
The Governmental Affairs Committee made the following motions:
 - Old Business**
 - **2018-0668: Deferred** - A town hall meeting will be scheduled to solicit input from the community. The notice will be provided once the meeting is scheduled.
 - **2018-0761: Deferred** - Councilmember Al Ferraro ordered the developers of this application to hold another community meeting to insure all interested parties have an opportunity to meet with the developers and voice their concerns or opinions.
 - New Business**
 - **E-18-98 - Exception: 0 Lem Turner Road, between Pace Road and Terrell Road** – This application seeks to allow the establishment of a yard waste mulching/recycling station on property owned by the Jacksonville Aviation Authority. Tommy Ruffin made a motion not to oppose this exception with the following conditions: 1) Relocated the facility as far as possible from residential units. 2) Consider installing a soundproof barrier. 3) Establish firm hours of operation

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that are resident friendly. The motion was seconded by Dot Mathis. CPAC members unanimously approved.

- **2018-0863 – Planned Unit Development (PUD): 0 Newcomb Road, east of the Flamingo Lake RV Park** – This application will change an existing industrial PUD to add a solar farm as an allowed use on the property with access via Newcomb Road from Lem Turner Road. Tommy Ruffin made a motion to approve with comment. The description of the visual screening is vague as the developer could put up any type of material that is at least 6 feet high with 85 percent opacity to satisfy criteria. CPAC would like a more definitive specification provided regarding the visual screening (fence). Reverend Joseph Tate seconded the motion. CPAC members unanimously approved.
- **2019-0003 – Conventional Rezoning: 0 Dunn Creek Road, just north of New Berlin Road** – This rezoning proposes a commercial development near the intersection of Dunn Creek and New Berlin Roads on a 6 acre undeveloped parcel. Dot Mathis made a motion to oppose this bill. Tommy Ruffin seconded. The CPAC feels commercial development of this parcel would encroach into the existing residential community. Also, infrastructure around the location is substandard. CPAC members unanimously approved.

Samuel Walker, City Planner I, may be contacted at (904) 255-7823 or Walkers@coj.net

- **Membership** - Sharon Bivins, Absent, No Report
 - **Transportation** – Dick Berry: Absent, No Report
 - **Ad-Hoc-** Taxation, Revenue, Utilization and Expenditures (T.R.U.E) – Jim Mazur announced that a meeting was held today to discuss Parks and Recreation. The T.R.U.E Commission is doing a study on the parks in order to create a checklist which will be used to assess all of the parks problems and the maintenance needs at each park. Mr. Mazur announced that he has not been appointed to the T.R.U.E Commission. His appointment has been deferred by the Rules Committee.
7. **Chair's Report** – Mike Getchell discussed the deferment of Jim Mazur's appointment to the T.R.U.E Commission and read the letter written to the Rules Committees on behalf of the North CPAC in support of Mr. Mazur. Several CPAC members voiced their support of Mr. Mazur to the T.R.U.E Committee.
8. **Unfinished Business** – None
9. **New Business** – None.
- **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** Carson Tranquille introduced himself to CPAC members and announced he will be running for the Council District 2 seat.
 - **Motion to Adjourn:** Chair Mike Getchell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: Thursday, February 7, 2019, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center 12215 Sago Ave. W.

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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: <http://www.coj.net/departments/public-affairs/public-records-request.aspx>