

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 12, 2021 Meeting Summary

Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd., 6 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 945 4736 3670 Passcode: 583430

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Rhonda Boyd, Chair; Tyrona Clark-Murray, Vice-Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Lana Suggs, Carver International; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Shirley Thomas, North Riverside CDC; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC; Leroy Kelly, Carver International

Visitors –Nabaa Ali; Antonia Bryant; Kim Stephens-Perry; Ros Snowsmith; Victor Coleman; Thomas Parrish; Lynette Williams; Dewayne Sparks Sr.; Gwen; Lisa King; Shantrel Brown; Earl Jones; Mildred Jennings; Keba Roberson

Elected Official and City Staff – Michelle Worley, District Secretary to Florida State Representative Angie Nixon, District 14; Warren Jones, Duval County School Board Member, District 5; Dorian Bush, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member, Garrett Dennis, District 9; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Paula Renfro, DCPS; Lt. James Paris, JSO; Stephanie Miller, JPL; Berdell Knowles, JEA; Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Chris LeDew, Public Works; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development Department; Jessica Denson, NSO

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Jessica Denson confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Elected Officials:

- Michelle Worley, District Secretary to Florida State Representative Angie Nixon, District 14, informed the CPAC members that Representative Nixon is preparing for another legislative session that will start at the end of September 2021. In the meantime, Representative Nixon is working in the community. On Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 11 a.m., Representative Nixon partnered with FarmShare to host a food distribution located at Johnson Family YMCA, 5700 Cleveland Road. Ms. Worley invited the CPAC members to volunteer at the event.

Michelle Worley may be reached at (904) 924-1500.

- Dorian Bush, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member, Garrett Dennis, District 9, announced Council Member Dennis introduced a new legislation to the City Council Members to add additional COVID Testing sites at the following locations:
 - Clanzel T. Brown Community Center, 4545 Moncrief Road
 - Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road
 - Emmitt Reed Community Center, 1093 West 6th Street
 - Cuba Hunter Community Center, 4380 Bedford Road
 - Beaches Location (Former Kmart Shopping Center), 540 Atlantic Blvd

The City Council approved the legislative; Council Member Dennis is currently advocating to get more test sites accessible.

Dorian Bush may be reached at DJBush@coj.net.

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary: The CPAC approved the June 2021 meeting summary.

4. Unfinished Business: None

5. New Business:

- CPAC member Elaine Billups inquired about the status of a sculpture project introduced to the NW CPAC in 2020. The Cultural Council Public Art Program was seeking community engagement for a Public Art Project that would be located in between St Paul Missionary Baptist Church and Ribault High School on Winton Drive. Chair Boyd informed Ms. Billups that due to the pandemic the project was postponed, and the project should resume in 60-90 days.

- CPAC Member Roxsan Currier reminded the CPAC members that the CPAC election season is approaching and made a motion to establish a nomination committee. The motion was seconded and approved by the CPAC. CPAC Members, Roxsan Currier, Velma Rounsville, and Lana Suggs volunteered to be on the committee.

6. Chairs Report: Chair Boyd congratulated Kim Perry for forming a neighborhood association in her community and invited the association to join the NW CPAC. The new neighborhood organization name is North Jacksonville Trout River Manor Neighborhood Association. Chair Boyd announced three new NW CPAC members (Shirly Thomas and Henry Scott representing North Riverside CDC; Leroy Kelly representing Carver International Homeowners Association) and presented their appointment letters on behalf of Mayor Lenny Curry.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** CPAC member Roxsan Currier reported that the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed five new Land Use and Zoning applications, and no motions were recommended.
- **TRUE Commission:** CPAC Member Velma Rounsville reported that the TRUE Commission met on Thursday, August 5, 2021 and reviewed five audit reports presented by the Auditor's Office. The Commission would like to investigate the Federal CARES Act and American Rescue Plan (ARP) fundings. The Commission Chair will meet with City Council President Samuel Newby to discuss the City Council expectations from the TRUE Commission and vacancies. The next TRUE Commission meeting will be Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 4 p.m.
- **Transportation:** Vice-Chair Tyrone Clark- Murray reported, the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) CAC met on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, and provided a brief overview of three NFTP projects that will affect the Northwest District in the next five years. Vice-Chair Tyrone Clark- Murray updated the CPAC members that she is working to get a survey conducted to determine the need to elevate the bridge near US-1 and Richardson Road. CPAC member Larry Solomon reported this concern to the NFTP CAC at a previous meeting.

8. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Lt. James Paris provided the CPAC members an overview of Zone 5 year-to-date crimes. This past year, JSO launched the One Congregation One Precinct (OneCOP) Program. The purpose of the program is to build relationships between JSO and the community. Lt. Paris invited CPAC members to become a part of Zone 5 Sheriff's Watch. Members may obtain information from Teresa Anderson-Wright by calling the Zone 5 Sub-station at (904) 470-8900 or email Teresa.Anderson-Wright@jaxsheriff.org.

Lt. Paris may be reached at (904) 384-8028

- **JEA –** Berdell Knowles reminded the NW CPAC members that the Atlantic Hurricane Season will end in November 2021 and JEA is prepared for storms as they arise. Mr. Knowles gave a brief overview of the three phases for JEA's Restoration 1-2-3 process in the event of a storm. The phases are:
 - Phase One: Public Safety
 - Phase Two: Individual Customers
 - Phase Three: Final Repairs

More information on JEA's Restoration 1-2-3 three phases can be found at www.jea.com.

Berdell Knowles can be reached at KnowB@jea.com.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Stephanie Miller, JPL North Region Manager, reported the following:
 - JPL will continue to host online programs and will gradually start in-person programs. The Highlands Regional Library started two in-person book clubs; the Mystery Book Club will meet on Saturday, August 21, 2021, and the New Leaf Book Club starts Saturday, August 28, 2021.
 - The JPL meeting rooms are available for the public to reserve. To reserve a meeting room, visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org.
 - JPL is currently seeking new volunteers to connect with and impact the community. Please submit your resume to your local library.

- JPL is presently hiring for various positions. To apply, visit www.coj.net.
- The 21st Century Urban Branch looked at the five libraries in the Urban Core District (Bill Brinton Murray Hill Library, Brentwood, Dallas Graham, Brown Eastside Branch Library, and Westbrook) at community meetings in June 2021; the meetings were successful. JPL is waiting on the project consultants to compile the recommendations before conducting another community meeting. Ms. Miller will inform the CPAC of the meeting details.
- Starting July 1, 2021, the JPL is fine-free (no longer charging for overdue materials).

Stephanie Miller may be reached at (904) 255-6185 or sstokes@coj.net.

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD):** Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor, reported 1,500 inspections have been completed in the Northwest District. The MCCD Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) still have funds available. The JAR Program may prevent a lien from being placed on your property. Please visit the Municipal Code Compliance Departments' website for more information: www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program Mr. Clayton informed the NW CPAC that on July 16, 2021, the State of Florida passed a law that there will be no more anonymous complaints. All complaints must include the person's name and their address to file a complaint with the City of Jacksonville.

Bradley Clayton may be reached at (904) 255-7038 or BClayton@coj.net.

- **Public Works (PW):** Christopher LeDew, Chief of Traffic Engineering, provided a brief description of the Traffic Engineering Division and the programs the division offers. Chief LeDew informed the NW CPAC of the following three projects in the Northwest District:
 - New School Zone Flashing beacon lights were installed at all Northwest District elementary schools.
 - Chevron Signs (curve warning signs) were installed on Clyde Drive to help reduce the crash rate.
 - A traffic sign design for the intersection of Armsdale Road and Dunn Avenue should be completed by August 2021.

Chief LeDew can be reached at (904)255-7528 or CLeDew@coj.net.

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS):** Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent, reported the following:
 - The DCPS 2021-2022 school year begin on Tuesday, August 10, 2021
 - On September 18, 2021, DCPS will launch a new campaign called Duval Vax of Kindness. The campaign will allow DCPS employees and eligible students to obtain COVID-19 vaccinations for free. Each secondary school will host a vaccination event in partnership with the Duval County Department of Health.
 - Sisterly A.C.T.S. Inc. will host a Back-to-School Bash located at Edward White High School, 1700 Old Middleburg Road, on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 9 a.m.
 - Over 20,000 students attended the DCPS Summer Robust Program.
 - DCPS reopened John Love Elementary School (1531 Winthrop Street) as an Early Learning Center. The new center has a three-year-old Success by Six Program and a four-year-old VPK Program. Both programs are accepting students.

For more information, visit www.dcps.duvalschools.org.

Deputy Superintendent Kriznar may be reached at kriznard@duvalschools.org.

9. Public Comments: None

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 6 p.m. 7866 Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd.

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The next Land Use and Zoning Meeting: Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. 7866 Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd.

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Summary prepared by Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8260 or Jcdenson@coj.net. A copy of the audio recording of this Northwest 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: [Public Records](#).

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