

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee October 10, 2019 Meeting Summary

The Legend's Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Drive, 6 p.m.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Tyrona Clark-Murray, Chair; Doretha Tompkins, Vice Chair; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Waynetta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II; Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Larry Solomon, Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates; Linda Kittles, Ribault Manor.

Excused – Elaine Billups, Better Living; Bertha Richardson, Better Living; Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks HOA; Brenda Ford, New Town Success Zone.

City Staff – Gerrie Ford Hardin, Executive Council Assistant for At Large Group 1; Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant for At Large Group 2; Lt. James Paris, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Zone 5; Derek Dixon Florida Department of Transportation; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Dana Kriznar, Duval County Public Schools; Bryan Mosier, Neighborhoods Department; Bruce Chauncey, Municipal Code Compliance; Michael Pearson, Municipal Code Compliance; Donna Carroll, Jacksonville Public Library; Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office; Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Office.

Visitors – Frank Lyons; Nabaa Ali; Justine Wamalwa, UNF Nursing; Mia Hobdy, New Town Success Zone; Diana Richardson; Kim Perry; Regina Moment, Marietta; Rosemary Thornton, Renewed Community Initiatives.

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Waynetta McGraw motioned to approve the August 8, 2019 meeting summary. Larry Solomon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 2. Elected Officials Reports**
 - Gerrie Ford Hardin, Executive Council Assistant for at Large Group 1 (Gerrief@coj.net: 255-5179), reported that construction will begin in January 2020 on the Moncrief Teen Center, located at on the corner of Moncrief Road and Dunmire Avenue. The Center should be in operation by 2021. Programs will be managed by the I'm a Star Foundation and 100 Black Men of Jacksonville, Inc.
 - Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant for at Large Group 2 (NEvans@coj.net: 630-3409), reported that Council Member Salem serves on the Committee on the Opioid Epidemic. Its mission is to offer therapeutic and clinical treatment for addiction in addition to medical treatment for an overdose.
- 3. Unfinished Business:** Amy Holliman (aholliman@coj.net; 255-8260) reported on the action items from the September 12, 2019 meeting. Bruce Chauncy will address Municipal Code Compliance issues during his report. Last month, Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray asked Bruce

Chauncey to bring the data on the closed adult arcades pursuant to 2018-0680 to this meeting. City Ordinance 2019-0644, passed earlier this week, states that internet cafes must immediately remove their simulated gambling devices or close their doors. Cease and desist orders have been filed. Carlotta McIntosh asked about upgrades needed at Carvill Park at 1302 Carvill Ave. Keith Meyerl, Chief of Recreation and Community Programming, confirmed that work has begun on the basketball court and that additional upgrades are forthcoming.

4. New Business

- **The Nominating Subcommittee** Chair Waynetta McGraw presented the slate of nominees for 2020. Tyrone Clark-Murry was nominated to continue as Chair and Doretha Thompkins was nominated to continue as Vice Chair.
- **The November Social:** Waynetta McGraw asked that everyone sign-up to bring an item to the social that will be held after the November 14, 2019 CPAC Meeting. The sign-up sheet was circulated to members, visitors and staff.
- **TRUE Commission:** The Northwest CPAC delegate to the TRUE Commission has resigned. This is a City Council appointment to the Taxation Revenue Utilization and Expenditure Commission. The commission reviews fiscal processes and transactions for compliance and transparency. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please contact Amy Holliman at aholliman@coj.net or 255-8260.

5. **Transportation Subcommittee:** Larry Solomon reported that the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) focuses on long-range planning and is working on the 2045 plan. The current issue being studied by the TPO is the widening of I-95 and the effect that will have on arterial roads. Traffic on the interstate will become backed up if the arterial roads cannot handle the additional traffic from the additional lanes on the interstate.

6. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** Lt. James Paris (James.Paris@jaxsheriff.org), reported that Assistant Chief Delores O'Neal has been promoted to Chief. Ellis Burns will be the new Zone Commander for District 5. Homicides have increased 55% this year. The Sheriff's Office is working on identifying and prosecuting repeat offenders. Burglaries to residences are down 17% for the year. Petty theft has increased 13%. Linda Kittles shared that individuals continue celebrating long after the football games at Raines High School. Lt. Paris said that they support the DCPS police during those events and would look to them for event times and locations. Any event that disturbs the peace, should be reported to JSO. A visitor asked if the police should be called for a down power line. Lt. Paris replied that for live wires, an officer can preserve the area and keep it safe until a repair crew is on scene. Telephone and television cables are not "live wires." But when in doubt call the police non-emergency number 630-0500.
- **Florida Department of Transportation:** Derek Dixon, Transportation Systems Coordinator (derek.dixon@dot.state.fl.us; 360-5653), announced that the New Kings Road resurfacing project is 82% complete. The I-295 resurfacing from Trout River to Biscayne Boulevard is

90% complete; guard rail installation and paving of entrance and exit ramps are all that remain on the project.

- **Duval County Public School:** Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent (kriznard@duvalschools.org; 390-2046), reported that to encourage mindfulness and stop bullying, wear orange for Unity Day on October 23, 2019 to increase awareness. Weather make up days will begin this month. October 21, 2019 is the first make up day. Please check the updated DCPS calendar available online at dcps.duvalschools.org. The Raines Ribault Football Classic is this weekend in Ribault Stadium. The game kicks off at 2 p.m. and will be televised on WJCT Channel 4. DCPS is proud to host The National Art School Network Annual Conference on October 22-25, 2019 at the Downtown Hyatt. Through a settlement with Sprint, senior students can receive a free hotspot. More information is available on the DCPS website dcps.duvalschools.org.
- **Jacksonville Public Libraries:** Donna Carroll, Bradham Brooks Library Manager (Dcarroll@coj.net; 765-5402 x 245), reported that the library is beginning an evening story time for preschoolers called Pajama Pals. Children can come in their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal on October 22, 2019 at 6 p.m. and once a month afterward. There are seven apps that allow access to podcasts, books and movies through the Jacksonville Public Library with your library card. Go to jaxpubliclibrary.org.
- **Neighborhoods Department:** Bryan Mosier, Neighborhoods Director (bmosier@coj.net; 255-8260), reported which divisions and offices are included in the Neighborhoods Department, which includes Environmental Quality Division (EQD), Housing and Community Development, Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD, more commonly known as Code Enforcement). If you don't have a pet, Animal Care and Protective Services can find one for you at the 2020 Forest St. He said that Mosquito Control has reported that mosquito counts have increased. Mosquito Control recommends to "Tip and Toss" to prevent mosquitos. Tip over any items that contain standing water and throw away (or toss) any unneeded items that cause water retention. Standing water in gutters continue to be an issue. Check and clean gutters often during mosquito season. If you would like your area treated for mosquitos call 630-CITY. Neighborhood Services with Clean It Up, Green it Up, the Office of Consumer Affairs, and the 630-CITY Call Center are divisions and offices within the Neighborhoods Department. Matching Grant Program applications are now available. Organizations can contact Shaun Rycroft at srycroft@coj.net or 255-8272 for more information and to receive a grant application.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Bruce Chauncey, Municipal Code Compliance Officer Senior (BruceC@coj.net; 255-7035), reported that since the September 12, 2019 CPAC meeting MCCD has performed 50 commercial inspections, inspected 90 junk vehicles, had 1,001 nuisance inspections, performed 60 nuisance board-ups, had 267 residential inspections, there were 172 unsafe structures, performed 99 zoning inspections, and

various others, totaling 1,082 inspections for District 5. Ten adult arcades have been shut down. Direction on how to handle the closing of the remaining business is expected later in the week. Bruce Chauncey introduced Michael Pearson, a new inspector for the area. The illegally parked bus reported by Carlotta McIntosh last month at Smyrna and Helena Streets was not there at the time of the first inspections, but MCCD will continue to check the location. MCCD cited several tow trucks without tags parked across from the Gate Station at 45th Street and Moncrief Road that were reported during the previous meeting. Last month, a visitor reported that two semi-trucks are parked on Bristol Avenue in the Sherwood Forest neighborhood. Inspectors questioned the owner and he said he was visiting. MCCD will add this location to check on a Saturday. Dana Kriznar with Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) stated that if you see an illegally parked school bus, please report the contactor name and the bus number to DCPS. Velma Rounsville reported a junk vehicle at 3137 Garden Brook Rd. Bruce Chauncey will check into it.

- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com: 632-5522), reported that the Game Day Xpress is the easiest way to get to and from the TIAA Stadium for games. New fares took effect September 30, 2019. ReadIRide is a curb to curb on-call service is available in many areas throughout Jacksonville. JTA will begin having public meetings showing the proposed re-routing of buses from Rosa Parks Station to the new Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center. Meeting information will be shared as soon as dates are announced. The Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C) continues to collect information on Jacksonville's transportation needs. A U2C survey and information on all JTA services is available at jtafla.com.
 - **State Attorney's Office:** Brian Jefferson, Community Prosecution Coordinator (BrianJ@coj.net), shared fliers of information on Operation Green Light that waives the 40% service charge if you are able to pay the fines related to a suspended driver's license. The program concludes this week, so please share this information right away.
7. **Public Comments:** Chair Tyrone Clark-Murray thanked those who attended her mother's funeral last week. It meant so much to see everyone there.
 8. **Adjourn:** Larry Solomon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Velma Rounsville seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2019, 6 p.m. at
the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr., Community Room**

To receive supplies for your neighborhood clean-up, please contact Dan Durbec with the City of Jacksonville Clean It Up, Green It Up program at 255-8276 or ddurbec@coj.net.

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