

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

November 14, 2019 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Tyrona Clark-Murray, Chair; Doretha Tompkins, Vice Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Bettye Scott, Ribault Manor; Brenda Ford, New Town Success Zone; Linda Kittles, Ribault Manor; Bertha Richardson, Better Living; Waynetta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II.

Excused – Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks HOA.

Elected Official and City Staff – Warren Jones, Duval County Schools; Bryan Mosier, Neighborhoods Department; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods Department; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Office; Gloria Blake, Neighborhood Services Office; Justin Pickett, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue; Sharon Kirkes, Jacksonville Public Library; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Dana Kriznar, Duval County Public Schools; Bruce Chauncey, Municipal Code Compliance; Chris LeDew, Public Works; Berdell Knowles, JEA; Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office.

Visitors – UNF Nursing Students, Dr. Deirdre Shoemake, Jane Stanhope, Odyssa Corpuz, Mana Ericka Galindo, Danny Smith, Jordan Hopprith, Samantha Schettino, Monica Alexander, Elvira Bridges, Alyssa Clark, Jackie Trudel, Grant Gibson, Cody Maitland, Ben Can Walfen, Helissa Henderson, Malia Suchil, Justina Wamalwa, Islande Resignac, Chyanne Seel; Constance DeVaughn, Mid-Westside; Lydia Bell, Metro Gardens; Loreda Darrie, Metro Gardens; Carolyn Fields, Metro Gardens; Regina Moment, Marietta; Jeanilla Lass, Panama Park; Tyrone Merchant, Read 30 Inc.; Frenchy Bryant, District of Soul; Brenda Jordan, Candidate for School Board District #5; Wayne Young; James Breaker, Jacksonville Black Chamber of Commerce;

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Roxsan Currier motioned to approve the August 8, 2019 meeting summary. Elaine Billups seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. **New Business**
 - **The Nominating Subcommittee** Chair Waynetta McGraw presented the slate of nominees for 2020. The current chair, Tyrona Clark-Murray, was unopposed, as was current Vice Chair Doretha Tompkins. Both were unanimously re-elected.
 - **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** Velma Rounsville has volunteered to represent the Northwest CPAC on the TRUE Commission. Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray asked for a volunteer to chair the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee. Roxsan Currier volunteered and was appointed Subcommittee Chair.
 - **TRUE Commission:** The chair has recommended Velma Rounsville for appointment on the TRUE Commission. Her appointment must be processed through the City Council Office.
3. **Staff Reports**
 - **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue:** Chief Justin Pickett (JustinP@coj.net), reported that JFRD hired 40 new recruits who will spend 12 weeks in training. JFRD is still in the process of merging with the Jacksonville Beach Fire Department.
 - **Duval County Public School:** Warren Jones, Duval County Public School Board Member (jonesw2@duvalschools.org; 390-2372), reported that DCPS is waiting for a judges

decision to determine whether DCPS has the right to hire outside legal counsel to reverse the decision not to include the 1/2 cent sales tax referendum on the ballot during the next election cycle. For more on DCPS visit their website at dcps.duvalschools.org.

- **Jacksonville Public Libraries:** Sharon Kirkes, Dallas Graham Branch Manager (skirkes@coj.net: 630-0922 X 220), reported that Kanopy, an online movie portal, and Lynda, an online training portal, are the latest additions to the library's online services. For more information about the library, go to jaxpubliclibrary.org.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Bruce Chauncey, Municipal Code Compliance Officer Senior (BruceC@coj.net: 255-7035), reported that since the last meeting in October there have been 1,663 inspections in the district. The latest systematic inspection was in Royal Terrace and resulted in 179 new cases. Contact 630-CITY to report issues in your neighborhood. Please remember to have the address of the location of the issue.
- **Public Works:** Chris LeDew, Chief of Traffic Engineering (cle Dew@coj.net: 255-7533), reported that the Soutel Road diet is moving forward. A designer is being hired and construction is planned to begin in 2021. The Right of Way and Storm Water Maintenance Department works with CSX to maintain crossings on city streets. A CPAC member commented that drainage continues to be an issue in the New Town Area on Beaver Street between Tyler and Acorn streets. The neighborhood requested that a representative from Public Works attend their meeting but no one has been present yet. Chris LeDew took her contact information and will follow up. A visitor reported that the concrete on the sidewalk on Old Plank Road from Bulls Bay Highway to Marietta Circle needs repaired. Another visitor reported that flooding in front of 1010 W. 17th St. often prevents the residents from entering their apartments. A visitor stated that at Jammes Road, between Wilson Road and 103rd Street, the sidewalk drops off and needs to be repaired. Another visitor asked about the completion date of the bridge work on Ribault Scenic Drive. Chris LeDew will look into these issues and report back to the CPAC.
- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com: 632-5522), reported that new schedules and fares took effect November 30. New schedules are highlighted in yellow. Additional information on all JTA services is available at jtafla.com.
- **JEA:** Berdell Knowles, Director of Government Relations (knowb@jea.com: 665-4524), reported that November is the last month of Hurricane Season and JEA remains storm ready. The recommended thermostat setting for maximum conservation during the winter season is 68 degrees. JTA board meetings are live streamed on its website at jea.com. For information on the proposed JEA sale visit whatsnextjax.com.

4. **Adjourn:** Roxsan Currier motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jacqueline Harrington seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 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](#).