

## **Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **September 9, 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; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC; Shirley Thomas, North Riverside CDC; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Waynetta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II; Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrance; Gwen Nmezi, Royal Terrance; Doretha Tompkins, Riverview

**Visitors** –Nabaa Ali; Antonia Bryant; Kim Stephens-Perry; Ros Snowsmith; Thomas Parrish; Lynette Williams; Keba Roberson; Ronnie Johnson; Andy Fink's; Beth Rothenberg; Nicholas May; Marcus Isom; Reggie Lott; Paige Hayskel; Thomas Ingram; Wayne Clark; Veronica Brown

**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; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Paula Renfro, DCPS; Stephanie Miller, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office; Brian Naples, Municipal Code Compliance; Kara Tucker, Parks; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Jessica Denson, NSO

**1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Vice-Chair Tyrona Clark- Murray called the meeting to order at 6:17 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 January 2022. The legislative committee will start meeting at the end of September 2021. Representative Nixon has formed a Citizens Advisory Board to assist her with the legislation. The board is comprised of citizens throughout her district. Representative Nixon's office is currently closed to visitors due to the surge in COVID-19, but visitors may call 904-924-1500. Michelle Worley may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
- Warren Jones, Duval County School Board Member, District 5, reported the following:
  - Starting Tuesday, September 7, 2021, all Duval County Public School (DCPS) students are required to wear a mask.
  - Duval County Public Schools had 2500 COVID-19 cases last school year; so far, over 2300 COVID-19 cases in the first month of the 2021/2022 school year due to the COVID- 19 Delta Variant. Because of the increase of COVID-19 cases, elementary school students will shift to online learning if a class has two confirmed COVID-19 cases within seven days. DCPS has a vaccination clinic available for students at all the DCPS secondary schools (parenteral consent is required).
  - In December 2020, the Duval County School Board voted to explore the opportunity to relocate the DCPS Headquarters. The board members recently issued an "Intent to Negotiate" with companies who are interested to purchase the site at the end of September 2021.
  - On Tuesday, September 7, 2021, the school board members awarded four educators as State Leaders in Economic Education at the School Board meeting. The award honors educators who have worked to bring economics, personal finance, entrepreneurship, and free enterprise education to the youth.

Board Member Warren Jones may be reached at [Jonesw2@duvalschools.org](mailto:Jonesw2@duvalschools.org) or (904)390-2372.

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

**4. Unfinished Business:** None

## 5. New Business:

- CPAC member Doretha Tompkins had the following concerns regarding Riverview Park:
  - Why was the playground equipment removed?
  - The Lem Turner entrance to the park is overgrown and needs attention.
  - Flooding in the playground area and entrance.
  - Illegal dumping at the park.Chief Kara Tucker will forward the concerns to Parks.
- CPAC Member Elaine Billups inquired about Jacksonville Sheriff Office (JSO) rules for fireworks after dark. Chair Boyd will forward Ms. Billups's question and contact information to Assistant Chief Ellis Burns at the next Sheriff Watch Meeting.

## 6. Chairs Report: None

## 7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

● **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** CPAC member Roxsan Currier reported that LUZ Subcommittee members reviewed five land use and zoning applications and suggested opposing two applications. The motions are:

- **Denial of 2021-0575 and Companion to 2021-0574 – (PUD)** - 901 Kennard Street, RE# 024111-0000. This application seeks to rezone 9.90± acres of land from PBF-1 to PUD to allow for the redevelopment of Lake Forest Elementary into multi-family dwellings. Companion Land Use Amendment from PBF to MDR. The motion was made to deny the application due to the concerns of the application not being a good fit for the neighborhood. After much discussion, an amended motion was made to table the application to allow the applicant to provide more information to the residents in the area. The amended motion was seconded and approved by the CPAC members.

Although the motion was tabled, the NW CPAC Chair Boyd reopened the discussion to amend the amended tabled motion. The amended motion was made to submit a letter to defer the Planning Commission vote on the application. The amended motion was seconded and approved by the CPAC members.

- **Denial of 2021-636 and Companion to 2021-635 – (PUD)**- 0 Adams Avenue, RE# 037381-0010. This application seeks to rezone 1.69± acres of land from RLD-60 to PUD to allow for a warehouse. Companion Land Use Amendment from LDR to BP. The CPAC members passed the motion to deny the application.

● **Transportation:** Vice-Chair Tyrone Clark- Murray reported that the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) CAC met on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. The North Florida Department of Transportation requested to amend their fiscal year for the transportation improvement program. Vice-Chair Tyrone Clark- Murray provided a brief overview of NFTPO's current projects that will affect the Northwest District. Vice-Chair Tyrone Clark- Murray gave a summary of a presentation that was provided by Marshall Atkins, Road Ranger Manager, at the NFTPO CAC meeting.

Vice-Chair Tyrone Clark- Murray informed the CPAC members that the Florida Department of Transportation responded to her email regarding getting 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 NFTPO CAC at a previous meeting. On September 1, 2021, the Florida Department of Transportation investigated the request but has not provided an update.

## 8. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA):** Cheryl Riddick reported the following:
  - JTA Gameday Xpress is available for the football season. Gameday Xpress is a transportation service for participants attending the Jacksonville Jaguars football games to park at one of JTA secure lots and ride to the game with comfort. The service is now cashless, with passes available for purchase and use through either of two free mobile apps, MyJTA or Token Transit.

- JTA launched a pilot program that allows full-time and part-time college students that are enrolled in degree-seeking programs at local Jacksonville colleges or universities to ride JTA bus services for free. This program is limited to one pass per student and is valid during the fall semester through December 31, 2021.
- JTA is currently hiring for several positions. To apply, go to [www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com).
- On September 27, 2021, JTA will have a service change that will include the launch of a brand-new service called the Orange Line. The Orange Line route will go from Downtown Jacksonville to the Orange Park Mall. Additional existing bus routes will change due to the new service route. For more information, visit [www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com).

Cheryl Riddick can be reached at (904) 632-5522 or [Criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:Criddick@jtafla.com).

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Stephanie Miller, JPL North Region Manager, reported the following:
  - The month of September is the National Library Card Sign-up Month.
  - JPL is expanding in-person programs.
  - The JPL meeting rooms are available for the public to reserve. To reserve a meeting room, visit [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org).
  - In October 2021, JPL will host community meetings to share the recommendation made by the 21st Century Urban Branch study consultants. The 21st Century Urban Branch is a study to improve five libraries in the Urban Core District (Bill Brinton Murray Hill Library, Brentwood, Dallas Graham, Brown Eastside Branch Library, and Westbrook). Ms. Miller will inform the CPAC of the meeting details.
  - JPL is presently hiring for various positions. To apply, visit [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net).

Stephanie Miller can be reached at (904) 894-9658 or [stokes@coj.net](mailto:stokes@coj.net).

- **Parks:** Kara Tucker, Chief of Disabled Services Division, informed the NW CPAC of the following three parks projects:
  - Lonnie C. Miller Sr. Regional Park, 7689 Price Lane, Phase one of park expansion will begin 2021 winter.
  - Charles Reese Memorial Park, 1200 Ken Knight Drive West, the addition of a new playground and shade structure project is in permitting phase; drainage improvements will be completed within two months.
  - Holiday Hill Elementary School Park, 6900 Altama Road, the playground is on order.

Chief Tucker can be reached at (904)255-5472 or [karat@coj.net](mailto:karat@coj.net).

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD):** Brian Naples, Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that MCCD completed 764 inspections in August 2021 and over 5000 inspections year to date 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 Department website for more information: [www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program](http://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program).

Brian Naples can be reached at (904) 255-7083 or [BNaples@coj.net](mailto:BNaples@coj.net).

## 9. Public Comments:

- Ronnie Johnson inquired in reference to MyJax request number 210315-000112 submitted to MCCD in March 2021. Brian Naples will contact Mr. Johnson regarding the request number.
- Kim Pery stated the Clanzel T Brown Park tennis courts have mold and mildew; need more wastebaskets near the courts; would like the tennis court area to look aesthetically like the Southside Tennis Complex. Chief Tucker will forward the concerns to Parks.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

**The next CPAC Meeting:** Thursday, October 14, 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, October 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. 7866 Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd.

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