

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 14, 2022 Meeting Summary

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 3681 7022 Passcode: 336356

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Rhonda Boyd, Chair; Tyrona Clark-Murray, Vice-Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Lana Suggs-Champion, Carver International; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Waynatta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II; Kim Stephens-Perry, NJTRMNA; Keba Roberson, NJTRMNA; Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrace; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Larry Solomon, Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates; Shirley Thomas, North Riverside CDC; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC

Excused- Bettye Scott, Ribault Manor; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Doretha Tompkins, Riverview

Visitors – Nabaa Ali; Vanessa Cullins Hopkins; Van Moy-Henry; Dedra Cotton; Harriette Prince; Leola Williams; Lateef Pough; Suzette Cullins; Cantrece Jones; Daisy Hicks; Y. Shabazz; Lynette Powell- Williams; Philippa McCleese; Malco; Antonia Bryant

Elected Official and City Staff – Warren Jones, DCPS School Board Member, District 5; Angie Nixon, Florida State Representative, District 14; Dorian Bush, Executive Council Assistant to City Council Member Garret Dennis, District 9; Paula Renfro, DCPS; Scott Adams, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Lt. John Gay, JSO; Jarmar Smith, JFRD; Justin Pickett, JFRD; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Bryan Mosier, Neighborhoods Department; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Thomas Register, Municipal Code Compliance; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Brittany Figueroa, Planning and Development Department; Lisa Ransom, NSO; Jessica Denson, NSO

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Rhonda Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Jessica Denson confirmed a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The CPAC approved the March 2022 meeting summary.
- 3. Presenter:** Cantrece Jones, President of Acuity Design Group, informed the CPAC members that the Acuity Design Group assists organizations with community development, planning, and stakeholder engagement. Ms. Jones provided an overview of the Acuity Design Group contract with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) to conduct a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study for the JTA Green Line Route. The goal is to examine areas within one quarter to one half mile walking distance of the Green Line Stations to produce a vision for improvement. Ms. Jones announced that the Acuity Design Group will host a community meeting in the Summer of 2022 to seek the community's needs for improvements in their neighborhood. Ms. Jones will provide Jessica Denson with a copy of the presentation to forward to the NW CPAC members.

Cantrece Jones can be reached at (904)619-8605 or cjones@adgmark.com.

4. Elected Officials:

- Angie Nixon, Florida State Representative, District 14, informed the CPAC members that the Florida Legislative members are scheduled to start a special legislative session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, to approve Florida Governor Ron DeSantis's proposed new congressional map. Representative Nixon updated the CPAC Members that she and other legislative members requested a special legislative session to address property insurance. Starting May 2022, the State of Florida will release funding to assist citizens impacted by the COVID-19 with property insurance, property taxes, mortgage, and rent.

Representative Nixon can be reached at (904) 381-6013 or Angie.Nixon@myfloridahouse.gov.

- Warren Jones, Duval County Public School Board Member, District 5, thanked the Northwest CPAC for their opposition to LUZ application WLD-22-13 (Wavier of Liquor Distance, at 5522 Soutel Drive). Board Member Jones reported the following:
 - Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School, 4346 Roanoke Blvd, groundbreaking for its new school will be Friday, May 20, 2022, at 4 p.m.
 - Carolyn Davis, Principal at Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School, was selected as the top three finalists for the 2022 Principal of the Year.
 - DCPS School Board created a seven-member Audit Advisory Committee to review DCPS audits to ensure it complies with all federal, state, and local requirements. The new committee will meet quarterly.
 - DCPS is currently accepting applications for the 2022 Summer Boost Program.
 - On Monday, April 18, 2022, the City Council Rules Committee will vote to add the one millage ad valorem tax increase to the August 2022 ballot; if approved, the full City Council will vote Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

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

School Board Member Warren Jones can be reached at jonesw2@duvalschools.org or (904) 390-2372.

- Dorian Bush, Executive Council Assistant to City Council Member Garrett Dennis, District 9, informed the CPAC members that Council Member Garrett Dennis had no updates and opened the floor for questions.

Dorian Bush may be reached at (904)255-5209 or DJBush@coj.net.

5. Chairs Report: None

6. Staff Reports

- **Neighborhoods Department:** Bryan Mosier, Director of Neighborhoods Department reported the following:
 - Earth Day Jacksonville 2022 celebration will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022, located at the James Weldon Johnson Park, 135 West Monroe Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Animal Care Protective Service Division (ACPS) will host a special free adoption fair called Reduce Reuse and Reloved Campaign starting Wednesday, April 19, 2022 – April 24, 2022.
 - On Saturday, April 23, 2022, ACPS is hosting a pet-friendly music festival called Woofstock, located at Kanine Social, 580 College Street, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
 - Residents may call (904)630-CITY or use the MyJax App to request the Mosquito Control Division to spray their community.

Director Mosier can be reached at BMosier@coj.net or (904) 255-7005.

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD):** Jarmar Smith, Fire Lieutenant Prevention 40, informed the CPAC members that hurricane season starts on June 1, 2022, and encouraged the CPAC members to download the JaxReady App to receive updates regarding their evacuation zones. Fire Lieutenant Smith reminded the CPAC members that JFRD has a free smoke detector program for homeowners. Please call (904)630- CITY(2489) to request a smoke detector.
- **Jacksonville Sheriff Office (JSO):** Police Lieutenant John Gay, Zone 5, reported that crimes in the Northwest District are currently down compared to this time last year. He 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. JSO is currently hiring for numerous positions. Visit www.JoinJSO.com to apply.

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

- **Duval County Public Schools (DPS):** Paula Renfro, Chief Academic Officer, reminded the CPAC members that on May 2, 2022, the Class of 2035 Kindergarten registration starts. Parents can register students at their preferred school.

Paula Renfro can be reached at renfrop@duvalschools.org.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Scott Adams, Highlands Regional Library Manager, announced the following:
 - The Highlands Regional Library's newly renovated children's area is open.
 - The Bill Brinton Murray Hill Branch Library, 918 Edgewood Avenue South, will host a Book Sale on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - The Beaches Branch Library, 600 3rd Street, will host a book sale from April 19, 2022, to April 23, 2022.
 - On Saturday, April 16, 2022, the JPL Main Library is hosting a Lit Chat Event with Rahman Johnson, a local author, in honor of Celebrate National Poetry Month, at 3 p.m.
 - On Saturday, April 23, 2022, The JPL Main Library will host a Writer's Lab called Ekphrastic Poetry, at 10 a.m., for National Poetry Month.

For more information, visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org.

Scott Adams can be reached at (904) 255-6407 or SAdams@coj.net.

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)-** Derek Dixon stated FDOT had no report and opened the floor for questioning. Derek Dixon will email Jessica Denson a copy of the FDOT Duval Citizens Plan for years 2022-27 to forward to the CPAC Members.

Derek Dixon can be reached at Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us or (904)360-5653.

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD):** Bradley Clayton reported that MCCD completed 2,459 inspections in Zone 5 in the last 30 days. MCCD will conduct a systematic inspection in the Avondale neighborhood in late April 2022. On March 21, 2022, MCCD conducted a systematic inspection in the Woodstock neighborhood. The MCCD Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) still has 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.

Bradley Clayton can be reached at BClayton@coj.net.

- **Neighborhood Services Office (NSO)-**Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Manager, announced that the 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 East 1st Street, from 6 -8 p.m. The theme is "Make Every Connection Count" The last day to apply for the 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program will be Friday, June 3, 2022. Call (904) 255-8250 for more information.

Lisa Ransom provided a brief overview of the NSO Cleanup Directory and announced that CPAC meetings in the future will be a pickup site for cleanup supplies (Bags and Gloves Only).

Lisa Ransom announced that the NSO is currently planning for CommUniverCity Program and provided a brief overview of the program. More information will be given later.

Lisa Ransom can be reached at (904) 255-7834 or lransom@coj.net.

7. **Unfinished Business:** None

8. **New Business:** None

9. **Subcommittee and Liaison Reports**

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** CPAC member Kim Stephens- Perry reported that the subcommittee reviewed five land use and zoning applications; no recommendations were made.
- **T.R.U.E Commission:** CPAC member Velma Rounsville provided an overview of the Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures "TRUE" Commission. CPAC Member Velma Rounsville reported that the TRUE Commission met on Thursday, April 7, 2022, and provided an overview of the meeting.
- **Transportation:** Vice-Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray provided an overview of the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) CAC and an outline of the ongoing FDOT projects in the Northwest District. Vice-Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray announced that the NF TPO CAC had the opportunity to listen to a study to install commuter rail in Duval County.

10. Public Comments:

- Harriet Prince thanked the Northwest CPAC and Sheriff Watch Zone 5 for keeping the communities informed.
- Deborah Cotton thanked the Northwest CPAC Chairs for volunteering for the community.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

The next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 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, May 12, 2022, at 5 p.m. 7866 Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd. **Zoom:** Meeting ID: 847 3681 7022 Passcode: 336356

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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