

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC)

September 10, 2026

Hybrid Meeting: Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, 32208 and via ZOOM Webinar.

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Sallie Barnes, Robinson's Addition Neighborhood Association; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association, Inc.; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Constance DeVaughn, Rochelle Gross, Woodstock Neighborhood Association; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Velma Rounselle, Timber Oaks HOA; Pamela Strickland, North Jacksonville Trout River Manor; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Rhonda Boyd, NW CPAC Chair & Timber Oaks HOA; Carol Gamble, Moncrief Springs Neighborhood Association; Amaris Fuller-Avellan, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church.

Excused CPAC Members: Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins, NW CPAC Vice-Chair and Pebo Corp.; Bervinda Mincey, Moncrief Springs Neighborhood Association; Brenda Boston-Hudson, Marie Barney Boston Scholarship Foundation; Ginny Winters, Pickettville Civic Club; Lana Suggs-Champion, Carver International; Cynthia Brown, Robinson's Addition Neighborhood Association; LaShaundra Sawyer, Lincoln Villa Community Association Northwest Inc.

Staff and Elected Officials: Tyrona Clark-Murray, City Councilmember District 9; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Yuri Blackburn, JPL; Commander Harry Massey, JSO; Dana Kriznar, KHA; Chad Owens, MCCD; Valarie Reid, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Vanessa Jefferson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator.

Guests: Ernest Smith, Urban Core CPAC; Russell Jackson, Lincoln Villa; Dr. Antonia Bryant, Lake Park; Lou Myers, Mary Myers, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church; Leo and Marilyn Brown, Metro Gardens; Larry Solomon, Sherry Cason, Carver Manor; Pamela Godwin, Magnolia Garden; Patricia Presley, Mr. and Mrs. Moore

CPAC Members via ZOOM: Doretha Tompkins, Riverview Neighborhood Association; Brad Straley, Rolling Hills Neighborhood; Fuller Avellan Jr., NW CPAC Youth Ambassador.

Zoom Participants: Erika Gant, Gloria Walton, Ann Graham, Melody, Samsung SM-T227U

Meeting Summary:

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** The Northwest CPAC Chair, Rhonda Boyd, called the September 10, 2026, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Vanesa Jefferson verified that a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Summary:** Summary from August 13, 2026, NW CPAC meeting was reviewed and approved with correction to CPAC member Roxsan's last name being Currier and representing Jefferson Civic Center Club.
3. **Presenter:** None scheduled.

4. Elected Officials Report: District 9 City Councilmember, Tyrone Clark-Murray provided updates on four active projects in District 9:

- The former West Jacksonville Elementary School building is being converted into a Community Center serving the Robinson's Addition Neighborhood.
- In response to rising juvenile crime, the Wallace Small Community Center launched a youth program that has contributed to a reduction in youth related offenses within its first year.
- Funding has been secured for upgrades to the public track at Lackawanna Park, with renovations scheduled to begin soon.
- Edgewood Park has seen improvements including a new walking trail and dog park, with additional enhancements planned.

Councilmember Clark-Murray provided an overview of two measures on the November 2026 election ballot. She encouraged residents to review each carefully:

- **Duval County's Teacher Pay Referendum**, noting Florida currently ranks 50th in teacher compensation.
- **Amendment 3 Property Taxes**, highlighting potential impacts for not only Duval County residents but also other counties statewide.

Tyrone Clark-Murray- tclarkmurray@coj.net or (904) 255-5209

5. Chair's Report: Chair Rhonda Boyd -reminded CPAC members that elections for the 2027 Chair and Vice-Chairs positions will be held in November. She introduced the Nomination Sub-committee members: Velma Rounselle, Leroy Kelley and Jacqueline Harrison and noted that the subcommittee will meet on Thursday September 17, at 1:00 p.m. at the Highlands Regional Library, 1826 Dunn Avenue. She also encouraged any CPAC members who have not yet done so to complete the required Ethics Training. Ms. Boyd shared several upcoming events and invited members to participate as they are able.

- Jacksonville Senior Games-September 12 -18, 2026
- Fall (September -November) Seasonal Line-up of Activities for community Centers and Gyms.
- The Legends Center Seasonal Fall Line-up.

Additional information event times and locations can be found on the JaxParks website.

[Jacksonville.gov - Events](https://jacksonville.gov/Events)

6. Staff Reports: (Three-minute time limit)

JTA: Cheryl Riddick- reported that JTA is in the second phase of Skyway Informational meetings. She reported that more than two thousand community comments were received through the Skyway Survey, leading to the addition of a new option for public review. She noted that several meetings remain and encouraged continued participation. Meeting details are available on the JTA website [JTAFLA - Home](#).

Ms. Riddick also reminded members that JTA offers free transportation for seniors 65 and older. A Star Card is no longer required; seniors may use a driver's license or Florida ID. She highlighted the Gameday Xpress services to the Jacksonville Jaguars games. Ms. Riddick also announced there will be changes to service areas scheduled to take place beginning in October. Additional information will be posted online, and Community Outreach Specialists will be available to assist riders in understanding how the changes may affect them. Ms. Boyd asked whether CPAC members could be scheduled to have

a JTA Bus tour around the city. Ms. Reddick requested that CPAC members submit a formal request outlining the details, and she would follow up accordingly.

Cheryl Riddick criddick@jtafla.com or (904) 568-4869

JSO- Commander Harry Massey – reported on crime statistics for District 5. Information can also be found on Jacksonville’s Sheriff’s Office website. www.jaxsheriff.org - [Jacksonville Sheriff's Office \(JSO\) Homepage](http://www.jaxsheriff.org)

Crime Statistics	Last 30 Days	Previous Month
Total Service Calls	9,596	9,898
Citations Issued	1,770	1757
Crimes against Persons * year to date up 3.19%	219	233
Robberies	11	10
Crimes against Property *year to date up 5.1%	314	308
Auto Thefts	35	31

Commander Massey reported recent crime trends, including break-ins at vape shops and vandalism of AT&T cell towers involving copper wiring theft. He announced the next District 5 Sheriff’s Watch meeting on September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Schell Sweet Community Center 1697 Kings Road.

www.jaxsheriff.org - [Sheriff's Watch](http://www.jaxsheriff.org) He also invited families to the JSO Annual Trunk-a-Treat Event on October 29, 2026, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the District Police Sub-station 1767 Kings Road. Lastly, he noted that District 1 will open a new Police Headquarters at the Florida Blue Building, 532 Riverside Avenue, which will be fully operational beginning October 2026. Commander Massey encouraged residents to continue to report complaints and his officers will follow-up.

Commander Harry Massey- massey@jaxsheriff.org or (904) 470-8900

JPL: Yuri Blackburn - reported two key events for September:

- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Library cards are free with proof of Duval County residency. And parents or legal guardians must complete the process for minors under 18.
- The library will host its Annual Book Fest on September 19, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 North Laura Street. The event will feature more than 120 local authors and three New York Times bestselling authors, along with activities suitable for all ages.

Yuri Blackburn- yjewitt@coj.net or (904) 255-66407

JFRD- No representative present.

MVA- No representative present.

KHA- Dr. Dana Kriznar- reported she will continue serving as interim CEO for Kids Hope Alliance for one additional week, until incoming CEO Penelope Zuber assumes her role. She noted that the afterschool programs have begun and are open for enrollment. Dr. Kriznar also outlined potential revenue losses and reduced local autonomy for Kids Hope Alliance if Amendment 3 passes in November, reminding residents that KHA programs are funded entirely by the City of Jacksonville and could face significant budget cuts if Amendment 3 were to pass in November. [KHA - Welcome](#)

Dana Kriznar- DKriznat@coj.net or (904) 255-4400.

Parks and Recreation, and Community Services: Valerie Reed- reported on the success of the Community Appreciation Day held at The Legends Center on August 29, 2026. The event drew strong participation, resulting in 142 families and 374 individuals signing up for additional services and activities offered at the Legends Center. The event offered a variety of activities including health screenings, food giveaways, sports physicals for youth, facility tours and much more. She shared that new partnerships were formed with Feeding Northeast Florida and UF Health. Ms. Reid also highlighted other services available at the center to include building rentals for parties, weddings etc. and available for local sports tournaments and after-school activities with additional weekend activities through memberships packets. [Jacksonville.gov - Parks, Recreation and Community Services](#)

Valerie Reed VReid@coj.net or (904) 255-7921

MCCD: Chad Owens- Supervisor Owens reported that his team has completed more than 1,600 inspections since the last meeting, primarily addressing nuisance violations such as overgrown grass and accumulated debris. He reminded residents to remain vigilant and report issues especially during hurricane season. CPAC members noted several ongoing concerns that have not yet been addressed. Supervisor Owens acknowledged those items, committed to following up, and offered to speak with members individually. He encouraged residents to continue using the MyJax system or contact Customer Service at (904) 630-City (2489 [Support Home Page](#))

Chad Owens- ChadO@coj.net or (904) 255-7168

Neighborhood Services Office (NSO): Vanessa Jefferson)- informed CPAC members of the two remaining dates to complete their required Ethics Training:

- Thursday, September 17, 12:00–1:00 p.m. (in person)
- Thursday, November 19, 2026, 12:00–1:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

She also reminded CPAC members of the upcoming Block Party on October 10, 2026, and to forward the name and contact information of any potential vendors who would like to participate in the Block Party.

Vanessa Jefferson -Vjefferson@coj.net or (904) 255-7834

7. Old Business- None.

8. New Business- None

9. Subcommittee and Liaisons Reports- Chair Rhonda Boyd made the decision to table the following sub-committee reports due to time constraints:

- **Land Use and Zoning**
- **Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (T.R.U.E.)**
- **Blight Subcommittee:**

Public Comments and Announcements:

Ms. Dawn "Tyga" Simmons provided an overview of "TyGa's Den which is a non-profit organization that offers a safe, supportive environment where girls ages 8-18 to build confidence, develop strengths, and pursue brighter futures. She advised that the organization is seeking partners, mentors, volunteers and in-kind support.

Dawn Simmon- tygasden@gmail.com. or (904) 228-4486

Dr, Amaris Fuller-Avellan with the Monarch Academy announced an upcoming virtual parenting meeting on October 13 and 20, 2026. Ms. Fuller-Avellan advised that she would forward flyer to the Neighborhood Coordinator as well and bring flyers to the October 8, 2026 CPAC Meeting.

Dr. Amaris Fuller-Avellan- Amaris.fulleravellam@monarchndacademy.com or (949) 232-9513

10. Adjourn: It was properly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 6 p.m. The Legends Center at 5130 Soutel Drive.