

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC)

February 12, 2026

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

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: NW CPAC Chair Rhonda Boyd; NW CPAC Vice Chair Vanessa Cullins Hopkins, PEBO Corp.; Sallie Barnes, Robinson's Addition Neighborhood Association; Elaine Billips, Better Living Community Association, Inc.; Victor Coleman, Central Fairfax Community Association; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Constance DeVaughn, Woodstock Neighborhood Association; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Dr. Brenda Boston Hudson, Marie Barney Boston Scholarship Foundation; Bervinda Mincey, Moncrief Springs Neighborhood Association; Pamela Strickland, North Jacksonville Trout River Manor; Shirley Thomas, North Riverside CDC; Ginny Winters, Pickettville Civic Club; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC.

Excused: Roxie McLeod, Panama Park Neighborhood Association; Cynthia Brown, Robinson's Additional Neighborhood Association.

Staff and Elected Officials: Yuri Blackburn, JPL; Shay Hill, JEA; Chris LeDew, Public Works; Lieutenant Dingle, JFRD; Lieutenant Ira White, JSO; Chad Owens, MCCD Zone 5 Supervisor; Stephen Nagbe, Planning and Development.

Guests: Ernest Smith, III, Urban Core CPAC; Travis Moss; Terence McGee, St. Paul's Catholic School; Carol Gamble, Moncrief Springs Neighborhood Association; Jeanette Coleman, Central Fairfax Community Association; Russell Jackson; Leo and Marilyn Brown, Metro Gardens; Melinda Ross, Edgewood Manor; LaShaundra Sayer, Lincoln Villa; Larry Solomon, Carver Manor; Marshry Wellington, Review Collective Community Organization; Sophorn Rhet, Developer; William Clayton, Developer; Amaris Fuller-Avellan, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church USA.

ZOOM Participants: Doretha Tompkins, Riverview; Brad Straley, Rolling Hills Neighborhood; Rochelle Gross; Dr. Brenda Boston Hudson, Marie Barney Hudson Scholarship Foundation; Lana Suggs Champion, Carver International.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call Meeting to Order/Verify Quorum:** Northwest CPAC Chair Rhonda Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Edwina Henry verified that a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

- 2. Approval of the previous meeting summary:** It was moved and properly seconded that the meeting summary be approved as written with any necessary correction.

First time visitors to the Northwest CPAC Meeting were asked to stand and identify themselves:

- Terry McGee, St. Paul Catholic Church and School
- LaSandra Sawyer, Lincoln Villa

- 3. Presenter:** None.

4. Elected Officials Report: None.

5. Chair's Report: Chair Boyd noted that there were no CIP recommendations submitted by the CPAC. CPAC Member Leroy Kelly was asked by the Chair to convene a subcommittee, if there is time, to discuss potential CIP projects. Submissions are due February 25, 2026.

6. Staff Reports:

- **JSO** – Lieutenant Ira White, on behalf of Commander Harry Massey, gave the following report:
 - Speeding complaints re: Canal and W 2nd Streets were referred to the JSO Traffic Unit and 1 citation has been issued.
 - Vice made five arrests on McDuff, between January 21 and 22. Vice will continue to monitor the area.
 - A reminder that Crime Statistics are available online at JSOSheriff.org:
 - In the last 30 days:
Zone 5 responded to 8,970 calls; 2,228 Traffic citations; 248 crimes against persons; 8 robberies with 1 arrest; 287 crimes against properties; 39 burglaries with 6 arrests and 45 motor vehicle thefts.
 - Sheriff Watch Meetings: 3/9/2026 for the Balwin Sector at the Baldwin Senior Center; and 3/10/2026 at the Schell-Sweet Community Center, 1697 Kings Rd. Both Meetings are from 6 to 7 pm

Lieutenant Ira White – JSODistrict5@JaxSheriff.org

- **MCCD** – Supervisor Chad Owens provided the following update:
 - He continues to make significant progress clearing out the black log of cases, which is down 7%.
 - He provided an update on progress with the Blight Subcommittee and suggested to those in attendance that they call 630-CITY to enter complaints in MyJAX.

Chad Owens – ChadO@coj.net

- **JPL** – Yuri Blackburn made the following announcements:
 - All public library branches will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026, in observance of the holiday.
 - February 23, 2026 – Great Decisions – U.S. Engagement of Africa, the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions program will discuss U.S. Engagement of Africa with Dr. Will Miller, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Registration is required. Event is from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Hicks Auditorium – Main Library.
 - February 24, 2026, from 3:30 to 5 pm, Drop In Crochet – classes for beginners to advanced. Bring your own crochet hooks.
 - February 26, 2026, Read for the Record Event – Join the world's largest shared reading event. Millions of readers around the world will open the same book on the same day to celebrate early literacy. This year's book is, See Marcus Grow. For times and locations, visit, jaxpubliclibrary.org or call 904-255-2665.

Yuri Blackburn – Yjewitt@coj.net

- **JFRD** – Lieutenant Kwasi Dingle discussed the importance of using fire extinguishers properly:

- Check and monitor the yellow indicator – should be in the green range
- Use the PASS Technique: **P**ull the pin; **A**im the nozzle at the base of the fire; **S**queeze the trigger; and distribute the material in a **S**weeping motion.
- Always call 9-1-1 to report a fire. The average response time is 5 to 7 minutes.
- Fire blankets will smother a fire but use caution because you need to close enough to the fire to deploy the fire blanket.
- Open fires are prohibited, especially when grass is so dry.

Lieutenant Kwasi Dingle – Kdingle@coj.net

- **Public Works** – Chris LeDew commented on the following:

- CIP Process runs from February through October. The final CIP Projects are passed in the budget, late September.
- Public Works staffers put together their list of projects and provide to the mayor and city council.
- Mr. LeDew distributed an information sheet which explains the different traffic calming techniques and noted that the speed humps are very effective.

Chris LeDew – CleDew@coj.net

- **Neighborhood Services Office** – Edwina Henry provided an update on the Neighborhood District Block Parties.

- They are being planned in district order, so the date for the Northwest CPAC Block Party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2025. The subcommittee should start deliberating where they would like the Block Party held; who they will want to invite; prospective planning partners, etc.
- The Mayor's African American Advisory Board will host their Black History Month Event on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 6 pm, at the Main Public Library. Fliers are included in your meeting agenda packets.

Edwina Henry – EHenry@coj.net

7. Old Business: None.

- 8. New Business:** Mr. Leroy Kelly was asked by Chair Boyd to pull together a subcommittee to discuss CIP recommendations, if there is sufficient time to do so. Mr. Kelly will coordinate through Ms. Henry to set up the subcommittee meeting.

9. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee** – Roxsan Currier chaired the subcommittee and reported that five applications were reviewed and no actions were taken.
- **Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of expenditures (T.R.U.E.) Commission** – Representative Rounsville was not present – no report.
- **Blight Subcommittee** – The subcommittee met at 3:30 prior to the full CPAC Meeting and reviewed open applications. The chair reminded everyone to call 630-CITY to report Blight.



10. Public Comments and Announcements (three-minute time limit):

- Jacqueline Harrington announced that Grand Park will hold a community Yard Sale on March 7, 2026, and their annual Health and Resource Fair on March 21, 2026.
- Vanessa Cullins Hopkins requested that anyone interested in becoming part of an environmental and climate coalition that Dr. Stuart Washington of Edward Waters University (EWU) is organizing, please contact her.
- Chair Rhonda Boyd stated that on February 8, 2026, there will be an AME Program at EWU at 10 am. (AME – African Methodist Episcopal Church, founded by Richard Allen). This event is part of Black Heritage Weekend and is free and open to the public.
- Sophorn Rhet and William Clayton – Real Estate Developers, stated that Mr. Rhet purchased some commercial land in the area and is interested in building an apartment building. It was pointed out to both men, that the proper venue to expressing interest in developing vacant land, would be to take their concepts to the planning department and city council, first as it is not appropriate to ask for community support of a project that is still in the conceptual stages with no written plans, etc. Both men were invited back once they have plans on paper.

11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

The Next NW CPAC Meeting is Thursday, March 12, 2026.