

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC)
June 11, 2026

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Sallie Barnes, Cynthia Brown, Robinsons Addition Neighborhood Association; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association, Inc.; Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins, NW CPAC, Vice Chair and Pebo Corp.; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Constance DeVaughn, Woodstock Neighborhood Association; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Bervinda Mincey, Moncrief Springs Neighborhood Association; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Doretha Tompkins, Riverview Neighborhood Association; Ginny Winters, Pickettville Civic Club; Rochelle Gross, Woodstock Neighborhood Association; Roxie McLeod, Panama Park Neighborhood; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Rhonda Boyd, NW CPAC Chair & Timber Oaks HOA; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC.

Excused: Pamela Strickland, North Jax Trout River Manor; Bettye Scott, Ribault Manor; Amaris Fuller-Avellan, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church.

Staff and Elected Officials: Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Lieutenant Scott Holechek, JFRD; Lisa Buggs, JPL; Sergeant Charles Wall, JSO; Paula Renfro, DCPS; Deborah Sibley, KHA; Chad Owens, MCCD; Tyrone Dantzer, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Vanessa Jefferson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator.

Guests: Ernest Smith, Urban Core CPAC; Carol Gamble, Moncrief Springs Neighborhood Association; Yvonne Day, Riverside Collective Community Organization (RCCO); Worley Richards, The PACE Place; LaShaundra Sawyer, Lincoln Villa; Dr. Antonia Bryant, Lake Park; Manuela Roberts, Robinsons Addition Neighborhood Association; Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Springs Neighborhood Association; Lou Myers, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church; Marsha Jackson, COEA; Gwendolyn Harris, Timber Oaks; Robert Stafford, NAACP; Mary Hardwick-Stafford, Martinique Glover, Rosalyn Clark.

ZOOM: Brad Straley, Rolling Hills Neighborhood; Lana Champion, Carver International; Chip Harper, Military and Veteran Affairs.

Meeting Summary:

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** The Northwest CPAC Chair, Rhonda Boyd, called the June 11, 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:** Summaries from April 9, 2026, and May 14, 2026, NW CPAC meetings were reviewed for approved.
- 3. Presenter:** Ms. Worley Richards of The PACE Place provided an overview of the organization and its services. She explained that The PACE Place is a comprehensive, all-inclusive care program designed for underserved older adults who are Medicaid eligible and age 55 or older. The program supports individuals with chronic illnesses and helps reduce caregiver stress by offering coordinated services

that improve quality of life. Services include medical care from physicians and nurses; occupational, speech, and physical therapy; medication management; transportation; in-home care; meals; and respite care. For qualifying participants, all services are provided at no cost. Ms. Richards invited anyone interested to contact her for additional information or a scheduled tour of the facilities.

Worley Richards wrichards@thepaceplace.org or (904) 410-6881.

4. Elected Officials Report: None present.

5. Staff Reports:

JTA: Cheryl Riddick- of JTA reported that the agency conducts service adjustments approximately every three months to ensure routes remain safe, timely, and effective for the communities they serve. She provided brochures outlining the current schedules and routes affected by the June 15, 2026, service adjustments. Ms. Riddick encouraged residents to contact the JTA's Call Center at (904) 630-3100 for additional details or concerns regarding any of the changes. She also shared and invited citizens to explore other JTA services, such as riding the St. Johns River Ferry or taking transit to the beach which can be an enjoyable and cost-effective way to spend the day while also saving time and fuel.

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

Chip Harper: Military and Veteran Affairs –, reported that the 9th Annual Military Spouses Night, held on June 9, 2026, was highly successful, serving more than 1,000 spouses of active-duty and retired military personnel. In addition, he provided updates on upcoming services and events:

- **Food Farmacy:** June, July, and August on the first and third Thursdays, 9:00–11:00 a.m., at 5391 Collins Rd. Free food distribution for active-duty personnel.
- **Veteran Service Officers:** Available to assist veterans at Charles Webb Library (second Thursdays) and Pablo Creek Library (third Wednesdays), 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- **Legal Assistance:** Offered twice monthly at 117 Duval St., Suite 175. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (904) 255-5550.
- **July 3, 2026, Concert:** Held at Friendship Fountain 1015 Museum Circle from 5:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m. featuring three musical performers. The first 1,000 attendees will receive a complimentary apple pie.

Chip Harper clarenceH@coj.net or (904) 255-5537

JPL: Lisa Buggs- reported upcoming library activities, events and closures: Bradham and Brooks Library will hold a book sale on Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Throughout the summer, multiple library locations will host a variety of science-focused activities and programs. For details, visit website. [Jacksonville Public Library](https://www.jacksonvillepubliclibrary.org) | Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has partnered with the public libraries this summer to offer additional programming and opportunities that includes five dollars off zoo admission for guests that present a library card. All library locations will be closed on Friday, June 19, 2026, in observance of Juneteenth, and on Friday, July 3, 2026, in observance of Independence Day.

Lisa Buggs- lbuggs@coj.net or (904) 255-6364

KHA: Deborah Sibley- Ms. Sibley reported that KHA summer programs have begun, with more than 100 camps operating across the city, including one currently hosted on-site at the Legends Center. The camps offer a wide range of educational and recreational activities. She also shared that KHA is launching a new Book Mobile this summer, which will travel to various neighborhoods engaging in the community and will also offer free books. In addition, Ms. Sibley provided certificates for a free two-week Golf Camp at Brentwood Golf Course, offered by First Tee of North Florida.

Deborah Sibley- sibleyd@coj.net or (904) 255-4449

JSO: Sergeant Charles Wall – reported on crime statistics for District 5. Information can also be found on Jacksonville’s Sheriff’s Office website. Sergeant Wall informed residents of the Sheriff’s Town Hall meetings. District 5 Town Hall meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2026, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church Hammond Campus located at 800 Hammond Boulevard.

www.jaxsheriff.org - JSO News: 2026 Town Hall Meeting Schedule

Sergeant Charles Wall- jsodistrict5@jaxsheriff.org or (904) 384-8028

Crime Statistics	Last 30 Days	Previous Month
Total Service Calls	9,554	9,456
Citations Issued	1,760	1,947
Crimes against Persons * year to date up 4.8%	233	270
Murders/ Manslaughter	3	0
Robberies	11	7
Kidnappings	5	4
Crimes against Property *year to date up 8.5%	329	308
Burglary	48	43
Thefts	215	194
Auto Thefts	39	34

Parks and Recreation: Tyrone Dantzler- reported that summer camps opened last week and are being offered at various locations throughout the city. These camps provide a wide range of fun activities while ensuring youth have safe, supervised environments. Camps are available for children ages 6–12. Older youth, ages 13–18, may participate in the Hoop2Nite program, which offers basketball, video games and a variety of recreational activities. He also announced that city pools are now open, with 30 pools available across Jacksonville. Additionally, a variety of summer sports leagues are being offered.

Tyrone Dantzler tdantzler1@coj.net (904) 255-4050

MCCD: Chad Owens- Supervisor Owens reported that his team has completed more than 1,400 inspections since the last meeting, primarily addressing nuisance violations such as overgrown grass and accumulated debris. He shared that he attended the Riverview Neighborhood Association meeting and that he was able to provide pertinent information to residents. Advised that he's available to meet with other neighborhood groups to help educate residents on MCCD responsibilities and available support.

In response to a concern about an increase in squatters occupying abandoned homes, Supervisor Owens advised his office has been very proactive within the last thirty days and have condemned such properties ridding the property of unlawful occupancy. CPAC members expressed their gratitude for how quickly and diligently MCCD has been in addressing reported issues and concerns.

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

JFRD: Lieutenant Scott Holechek- Lieutenant Scott Holechek provided summer safety reminders, emphasizing proper outdoor grilling practices, safe charcoal disposal, and increased vigilance due to ongoing dry conditions. Although the fireworks ban has been lifted, he urged residents to exercise caution during the July 4, 2026, holiday.

He also reported a concerning rise in pediatric drownings, with 44 incidents recorded statewide since January—placing Florida on track to exceed last year's total of 120. Many cases have involved children with autism, who are often drawn to water. He noted that the Florida Department of Health offers swimming lesson vouchers for families of children with autism, and the Autism Society of Florida provides funding for home safety enhancements such as door alarms, child gates, and swimming lessons.

Lieutenant Scott Holechek – ScottBH@coj.net or (904) 630-0434

DCPS: Paula Renfro- shared that the referendum proposing a Teacher Funding Tax to be utilized for investing in teachers was not approved by the City Council and therefore will appear on the November ballot. She advised that she would attend a future CPAC meeting to provide detailed information regarding the referendum so that residents can make an informed decision when voting.

Paula Renfro- renfro@duvalschools.org or (904) 390-2000

Neighborhood Services Office: Vanessa Jefferson – reported attending the Visit Jacksonville virtual meeting on May 27, 2026, and noted that a request has been submitted for a Visit Jacksonville representative to present at the October 8, 2026, CPAC meeting. She also reminded members of the District 3 Block Party on June 27 at Cuba Hunter Park (4380 Emerson Street) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., noting it as a great opportunity to gather ideas for their Northwest block party.

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

6. Old Business: None.

7. New Business: None

8. Subcommittee and Liaisons Reports:

- **Land Use and Zoning-** Chair Roxsan Currier reported that four applications were reviewed. Three had no actions taken and the fourth received an opposition recommendation.
- **Conventional Rezoning 2026-0423 located at 0 Kings Rd-** no action taken.
- **Conventional Rezoning 2026-0427 located at 2505 Imerson Road-** no action taken.
- **Planned Unit Development 2026-0429 located at 426 McDuff Avenue-** no action taken.
- **Planned Unit Development 2026- 0425 located at 5710 Pickettville Road.** The application proposes rezoning 4.41 acres from RLD-60 to PUD to align with its current use as an off-street parking area. The subcommittee moved to oppose the request due to a restricted roadway segment and concerns that the rezoning could increase truck access and traffic involving large or overweight-limited vehicles. The CPAC, in a unanimous vote, opposed 2026-0429.

Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (T.R.U.E.) Commission: Representative Velma Rounsville announced she will be submitting a new nomination to assume her role as Chair of the TRUE Commission. Mr. Leroy Kelly has agreed to represent the Northwest CPAC and will submit the required documentation to the Neighborhood Services Office. She reported that the TRUE Commission will focus on the City's spending structure and has invited CFO Anna Brosche to its June meeting, with the Jacksonville Aviation Authority and Jacksonville Port Authority scheduled for August and September.

Blight Subcommittee: The subcommittee did not meet due to the lack of a quorum.

Public Comments and Announcements:

- CPAC Co-Chair Vanessa Cullens-Hopkins announced an upcoming community meeting on June 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1620 Helena St. The event will address historical environmental contaminants in underserved neighborhoods, related health concerns, and strategies for organizing, seeking answers, and supporting recovery from exposure.
- Roxy McLeod invited residents to visit the Panama Park Neighborhood Association's Common Ground Garden at 6912 Buffalo Avenue. She noted that all are welcome to participate, with opportunities to volunteer and receive fresh vegetables. The garden is open on the second and fourth Saturdays and the first Sunday of each month.

10. Adjourn: It was properly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6 p.m. the Legends Center at 5130 Soutel Drive.