

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 10, 2026, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

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Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Charles Barr, Chair; James Matchett, Co-Chair; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 8; Herlena Washington, Greater Works Church, Inc.; Sylvester Wilkins, Alta Lakes CDD; Jane Love, Angel Lakes Estate HOA; Stephanie Oglesby, Community Association of Harts Estates; Vicki Drake, Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Association; Chrysta Bowman, Tree of Life Outreach Mission, Inc.; Larry Henderson, Victoria Preserve HOA; Aletha Mikell, Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA Phase 2; Catherine Del Re, Cape Community Association; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA.

CPAC Zoom Participants: Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Donna Philbrick, Renee Goode, JEA; Roberta Walley, Community Association of Harts Estates; Kelvin Postell, Greater Works Church, Inc.; Sharon Johnson, Jacobs Way HOA; Ernest Smith, Urban CPAC Chair; L. Cunningham, Ms. J., MESperows, iPhone754-523, iPhone 904-924-7357.

Excused Members: Michael Wozniak, Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates.

Visitors: M'Liss Stewart, Heckscher Drive Community; Mashell Morrow, Northlake HOA; Marvette Perry, Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo; Alicia Monroe, Warren, Marshall Morrow, Northlake HOA; Lori White, Warren Watkins, Anakin Watkins, Oceanway Services, LLC, LaShonda Holloway, Brenda McLendon.

Staff and Elected Officials: Florida House of Representatives, District 15, Dean Black; Reggie Gaffney Jr., Councilman District 8; Kwasi Dingle, JFRD; Dylan Ragsdale, JPL; Rodger Belcher, Kids Hope Alliance; Commander Scott Lundquist, JSO; Dave McDaniel; Public Works, Vanessa Jefferson, Neighborhood Services Office; Alec Barnes, MCCD; Connor Corrigan Planning, and Development.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Charles Barr called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was verified by Vanessa Jefferson.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** A motion was made and seconded to approve and accept the meeting summary from May 13, 2026.
- 3. Guest Presentation: District 15 Florida Representative, Dean Black** provided an overview of his role in government explaining the legislative process and sharing regarding initiatives that he had helped to sponsor. Representative Black addressed questions regarding the upcoming Ad Valorem tax proposal, which will appear on the November ballot and require 60 percent voter approval. He encouraged residents to consider all viewpoints when deciding. Finally, he shared that there is a Prison of War (POW) Museum located at Cecil Field

<https://powmiamemorial.org> and encouraged citizens to stay informed about upcoming Alzheimer's Brain study initiatives and mental health initiatives. He shared his contact information and invited citizens to reach out with any additional questions they may have. He can be reached at one of two local offices; 12400 Yellow Bluff Rd (904) 717-9750 or 76347 Veteran's Way, Yulee, Florida (904) 530-9730.

Representative Dean Black- (904) 813-3016 or dean.black@flhouse.gov

4. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)-Commander Scott Lundquist** reported that overall crime in District 6 has decreased, except for two areas: vehicle break-ins, largely due to unlocked cars, and murder/manslaughter, mostly due to domestic violence. He shared updates on both nuisance issues and the business break-in mentioned during May's CPAC meeting. Commander Lundquist noted recent enforcement efforts targeting nuisance businesses, including one on Broward Road that was shut down for loud music, with another location on Lem Turner Road currently under review for similar issues.

Residents raised concerns about solicitation occurring in Homeowner Associations (HOA) communities and about slow response times when calls are made for an officer to come out to enforce a violation. He encouraged residents to post individual "No Soliciting" notices at their homes to support enforcement and discourage solicitation. Commander Lundquist explained that response times vary due to call-priority protocols, dispatch workload, and officer availability. However, he shared that he would take the concern about slow response times back to his officers.

Commander Scott Lunquist- (904) 696-4335 or jsodistrict6@jaxsheriff.org

5. **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) – Lieutenant Kwasi Dingle** shared summer safety tips, emphasizing precautions for outdoor cooking. He advised residents to avoid grilling inside garages, to dispose of charcoal properly, and to remain cautious due to ongoing dry conditions that increase fire risk. He noted that although the Fire Marshal recently lifted the fireworks ban, residents should use extra caution during the upcoming July 4, 2026, holiday.

Lieutenant Kwasi Dingle -(904) 763-0170 or KDingle@coj.net

6. **Staff Reports: Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) - Dylan Ragsdale**, Manager for Library Outreach, reported on upcoming events and activities at the Highlands Regional Library:
- June 11, 2026, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.- Dance through Life: Native Pride Production
 - June 11, 2026 5 p.m.- 6 p.m.-Tech Support
 - June 12, 2026, 3 p.m.- 4 p.m. -Teentastic Fridays
 - June 18, 2026- 11 a.m. -12 p.m.- ScienceSIS: Dino Detectives.

- June 23, 2026 – 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.- Dog Therapy: Books with Bill, a unique experience to read and pet Billy the pound dog.

Dylan Ragsdale-(904) 255-6088 or dragsdale@coj.net

- **Municipal Code Compliance- (MCCD)** – Alec Barnes, MCCD Supervisor, provided an update on the Sunoco gas station near Publix on Dunn Avenue. He reported that a fence has been installed around the property and that demolition permits have been approved, with the structure scheduled for removal soon. It remains unclear what will replace the building.

Barnes also noted that MCCD is working with JSO to address ongoing noise complaints and other reported issues in the area. He encouraged residents experiencing difficulties with lawn maintenance or general property upkeep to contact his office for assistance in bringing their properties into compliance.

Alec Barnes - (904) 903-0001 or Abarnes@coj.net

- **Public Works- (PW)**- Dave McDaniel, Division Chief of Mowing and Landscape, reported that his team has been actively addressing mowing needs throughout District 6. Residents raised two concerns: reporting that only the righthand side of Duval Road has been mowed, and that City-planted trees along Harts Road between Harts Estate and Cedar North subdivisions are overgrown. Chief McDaniel stated he will follow up on both issues and ensure staff address them.

Dave McDaniel – (904) 255-4327 or McDaniel@coj.net

7. **Elected Officials Report- Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., District 8**, shared that his Summer Youth Employment Initiative hired fifty teens employed by businesses throughout District 8. He also reported that there will be a Sheriff's walk in District 8 on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 10 a.m. Sherriff T. K. Waters will walk the neighborhood along Harts Road. Councilman Gaffney Jr. answered questions regarding a status update on proposed sites for a new jail. He advised that he and other councilpersons have hired an architectural firm to identify sites throughout the city. They will bring a report back to the council at the first of the year in 2027. He advised that citizens will be kept up to date throughout the process and that he will host a public meeting to discuss findings. Councilman Gaffney Jr. shared regarding the sale and closure of the Pecan Park Flea market after forty years. He advised that he will reach out to the new owners and invite them to the CPAC to possibly discuss what will replace the flea market.

Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr.- (904) 255-5208 or RGaffneyJr@coj.net

Staff Reports continued.

- **Kids Hope Alliance (KHA)**- **Rodger Belcher** reported that more than 6,000 children are registered for summer camps in the city for June and July, with limited slots still available

at select locations. He highlighted upcoming activities, including Hoop2Nite for teens ages 13–18, featuring basketball, dance, video games, and other recreational activities, offered June 11–August 7, 2026, from 6–9 p.m. at designated community centers. Mr. Belcher encouraged individuals interested in offering camps or activities next year to apply for KHA mini-grants when the 2027 grant cycle opens. Additional information is available on the KHA website, regarding the construction of new community centers in neighborhoods, citizens were encouraged to reach out to appropriate council persons. <https://kidshopealliance.org>

Rodger Belcher- (904) 301-3803 or rbelcher@coj.net

- **Jacksonville Electric Authority JEA- Renee Goode, Director of Government Relations** — Renee Goode, Director of Government Relations, provided an update on hurricane preparedness, reminding residents of JEA's three-phase power restoration process during storm events: Phase 1 focuses on restoring the backbone of the system, Phase 2 restores service to neighborhoods, and Phase 3 addresses individual homes. She also noted that fuel costs have decreased, which will result in lower customer rates for June 2026 electric bills.
Renee Goode- (904)665-5348 or goodrr@jea.com

8. Subcommittee/ Liaison Reports: Governmental Affairs (GA) and Planning & Development

- James Matchett, Chair of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee, and Conner Corrigan City Planner Supervisor reported reviewing five applications.
- **Ordinance 2026-0431 Conventional rezoning at 505 Starrett Road-** A motion was made and seconded for approval of the application. The full CPAC passed the motion unanimously.
- **Ordinance 2026-0433 Planned Unit Development located at 6670 Barth Road-** A motion was made and seconded with no objections. The Full CPAC passed the motion unanimously
- **Ordinance 2026-0436- Planned Unit Development located at 0 Old Kings Road-** A motion was made and seconded to oppose the application. The full CPAC passed the motion unanimously.
- **Ordinance 2026-0438 Planned Unit Development located at 116 Kirk Road.** A motion was made and seconded to accept the application. The full CPAC passed the motion unanimously.

- **Taxation, Revenue, usage Expenditure (TRUE) Commission- Stephanie Oglesby-** reported that the TRUE Commission met on May 7, 2026, and discussed the city's overall financial process. Ms. Anna Brosche, CFO, Director of Finance, was invited to their next meeting as well as representatives from Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) and Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT) for their August and September meeting.

9. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report-** Vanessa Jefferson reminded the CPAC to continue to discussing plans for the District 6 Block Party scheduled for December 12, 2026. She encouraged CPAC members to attend the District 3 Block Party, being held on June 27, 2026, at Cuba Hunter Park, 4380 Emerson Street, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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

10. **Unfinished Business:** None.

11. **New Business:** None

12. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:**

Warren Watkins introduced himself and his company, Oceanway Services LLC, noting that the company provides HVAC, well and irrigation pump services, pressure washing, and general handyman work. Chair Charles Barr welcomed him to the North CPAC and encouraged continued participation.

LaShonda "L.J." Holloway informed the group about the Hurricane Readiness Packets. She advised they are available from JFRD. It provides guidance on emergency kits, evacuation zones, planning, and staying informed. She asked Representative Dean Black whether the sales tax exemption for hurricane-related items remains in effect. He stated that he believes it is a permanent exemption but will confirm with his office and report back to the CPAC.

13. **Meeting Adjourned:** Chair Charles Barr adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

There is no CPAC meeting for July.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 5:30 p.m.** In-person ONLY - **Oceanway Senior Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 4:30 p.m.** In-person ONLY- **Oceanway Senior Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W. 32218

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