

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

November 30 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; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Waynatta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II; Kim Stephens-Perry, NJTRMNA; Doretha Tompkins, Riverview; Victor Coleman, Central Fairfax Community Association, Inc.; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Tim Rossetter, Marietta Senior Center; Betty Scott, Ribault Manor; Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins, Pep Enterprise Corp; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Lana Suggs, Carver International

Visitors – Jacquelyn Harris; Jeanette Mitchell, Central Fairfax Community; Daisy Hicks; Emily Simmons; Eldridge Groomes; Lynette Powell Williams, Magnolia Gardens; Gwendolyn Hamilton, Victoria Landing; Gloria Harris, Victoria Landing; Lani Ruffolo, Gateway to Gods Blessings; Linda Holmes, Potters House Christian Fellowship Inc.; Darnell Napoleon, Central Fairfax Community Association; Narlene Mclaughlin, Potters House Christian Fellowship INC.; Jermaine Jones, Potters House Community Development and Empowerment Center Inc.; Nabra Ali; Gwen Harris; Leroy Kelly

Elected Official and City Staff – Scott Adams, JPL; J. D. Stronko, JSO; Damian Bell, JFRD; Michael Pearson, Municipal Code Compliance; Caysie Cox, Planning and Development Department; Chris Ledew, Public Works; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Craig Black, Neighborhood Services Office.

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Rhonda Boyd called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary: The October 2022 NW CPAC meeting summary was approved with one modification under CPAC members to modify Pep Enterprise Corp to Pebo Enterprise Corp.

Elected Officials: none present

Chairs Report: Chair Boyd advised the 2023 NW CPAC meeting dates and times are posted and available at today's meeting.

- Kim Stephens-Perry extended an invitation to all NW CPAC members to attend the North JAX Holiday Festival, Friday December 23, 2022, at the North JAX Church of God. Chair Boyd reminded the NW CPAC that this is not a CPAC gathering, but attendees will be guests of North Jacksonville Trout River Manor Neighborhood Association.

Chair Boyd reviewed the "house rules" with the CPAC members and guests:

- Three minutes allowed for staff to speak. Please raise their hands for any questions.
- With any questions, please raise their hand to be acknowledged and addressed for their one question.

Chair Boyd suggested that the CPAC brings the fellowship gathering for the new year to a vote. The vote for a fellowship gathering for January was nay.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO): Assistant Chief J. D. Stronko advised the CPAC that he has been reassigned. He thanked the CPAC for questions and feedback and he shared his appreciation for the CPAC's time and energy. He personally thanked Chair Boyd for all she has done. He introduced Asst. Chief Barrier as his replacement.

Asst. Chief Barrier introduced himself as a 16-year Sheriff's Office employee and previous Zone 5 Watch Commander.

- Violent crime is down 4 % year-to-date, and down 14% over the last 30 days.
- Property Crime is up 3 %.
- Traffic deployments were conducted at 3500 Soutel Drive. There were forty-five citations issued. There were four other traffic deployments on 6757 Richardson Road that were successful. Assistant Chief Barrier can be reached at (904) 470-8900.

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD): Damian Bell, Fire Captain Prevention 40, reported:

- Turkey frying is still in season. Ensure 10-foot clearance from structures and do not overfill the fryer.
- Ensure fireplaces are cleaned annually, at a minimum before use. Do not leave fireplaces unattended while in use.
- Ensure carbon monoxide detectors are being utilized in homes with fireplaces as well.
- Only three lines of holiday decorative lights should be strung together for fire safety.
- If using a natural tree for Christmas decorations, ensure the tree stays watered.

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA): Jennell Milton reported: Neighbor to Neighbor Program provides funds to elderly, veterans and disabled residents who qualify for utility bill assistance. JEA partnered with United Way of Northeast Florida and Catholic Charities to provide the service.

October electric bills increased due to the cost of natural gas nationally, reaching a 15-year peak. This is impacting utility customers across the country. JEA will continue to find ways to minimize utility bills; fee-free payments, easy qualifying payment arrangements and refund deposits sooner, and when the cost of fuel goes down JEA will pass those savings along.

Septic Phase out Program update; Beverly Hills West is forecasted to be complete in the fall of 2023. Beverly Hills East has an estimated date of completion of August 2024.

- Any property owners that do not sign up for the program whose septic system fails will be charged a \$21.15 "failure to connect" monthly charge for sewer system availability.
- Project Outreach team is going door-to-door and sending certified letters to residences informing citizens of the potential to pay \$21.50 for "failure to connect".
- Contact Project Outreach at 904-665-7500 or visit jea.com/septicTank if you would like more information.

Jennell had some question-and-answer exchange with the CPAC in reference to when other neighborhoods may expect septic tank phase outs, existing septic tank issues and future neighborhoods to receive the phase out.

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL): Scott Adams reported that all FSCJ students are eligible to check out a laptop and/or a mobile hotspot, per semester. Requirements listed below.

- Current library card
- Transcript for proof of enrollment

Non-fiction children's book author, Chris Barton will be interviewed Saturday, December 3rd, at the Main Street Library.

The Neighborhood Bookfest is tentatively planned for the end of 2023.

Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD): Michael Pearson reported that MCCD completed 1,531 inspections in Zone 5. Types of inspections listed below.

- 24 commercial inspections
- 7 legal sign inspections
- 136 junk vehicle inspections
- 824 nuisance tree inspections
- 260 residential inspections
- 20 zoning-residential inspections

Mr. Pearson spoke on the **Jacksonville Assistance Relief (JAR)** program. A program that helps residents address citations issued through MCCD inspections, if qualified with some stipulations.

FL statute Chapter 125 SP 60 was covered by Mr. Pearson stating that if a citizen generates a case for MCCD to investigate or inspect, that citizen must provide name, contact information and address for follow-up.

Public Works: Chris Ledew introduced a project for Trout River Boulevard and Sibbald Road in reference to speedy drivers and vehicle crashes. The City of Jacksonville plans to install 25 speed tables between Sibbald Road and Ribault Avenue. Chair Boyd made a point of lighting conditions being an issue on Trout River Road as well as the need for speed tables.

Chair Boyd opened the topic of potholes at the intersection of Lem Turner and Trout River. Chris Ledew can be reached at cledeu@coj.net or 904-255-7559.

Unfinished Business: The Cultural Arts Council is looking for responses from community members on what they would like to see with the Art Escape project that is being planned for the Bob Hayes Sports complex.

New Business: None

Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee: CPAC LUZ Subcommittee-Chair Kim Stephens-Perry reported that the subcommittee reviewed four land use and zoning applications. The following recommendations were made:

- 2022-0538/RE# 002893 Where they are planning to go from agriculture to a PUD to allow for one hundred and eighty single-family homes. The CPAC is requesting that at least 90% of the new units should be owner-occupied.

Neighborhood Coordinator: Michelle Godwin-Ware expressed to CPAC members that attending the Planning Commissioners meeting is encouraged, but they are to be representatives of their respective neighborhoods, not the CPAC. Michelle Godwin-Ware can be reached at (904) 255-8236 or Michelllegw@coj.net.

Chair and Vice Nominating Subcommittee: Roxsan Currier announced the slate of officers for 2022-2023 to CPAC members. There were 9 votes for Rhonda Boyd to remain Chair and 9 votes for Victor Coleman to Vice-Chair. NW CPAC's 2023 Chair and Vice-chair will be Rhonda Boyd as chair and Victor Coleman as Vice-chair.

T.R.U.E Commission: No Report

Transportation: No Report

Public Comments: None to Report

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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