

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 12, 2023, 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, Timber Oaks Homeowners Association; Victor Coleman, Vice-Chair, Central Fairfax Community Association; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Kim Stephens-Perry, NJTRMNA; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins, PEBO Enterprise Corp; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Lana Suggs, Carver International; Leroy Kelly, Carver international; Shirley Thomas, North Riverside CDC; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC

Visitors – Jacquelyn Harris, Duval Legacy Leaders; Joshua Roth; Jacqueline Stripling, Robinson's Addition; Sallie Barnes, Robinson's Addition

Elected Official and City Staff – The Honorable Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1; The Honorable Tyrona Clark-Murray, City Council District 9; Jessica Denson, Executive Council Assistant District 9; Scott Adams, JPL; J. Barrier, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Officer Nicholas Vasile, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Damian Bell, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; Brian Naples, Municipal Code Compliance Division, John Williams, Municipal Code Compliance Division; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development Department; Valerie Williams, Neighborhoods Department, Office of Consumer Affairs; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Office; 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 6:08 p.m. Craig Black confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary: The November 2022 NW CPAC meeting summary was approved by the CPAC members.

Elected Officials:

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1 shared the following information

- o She spoke on the Jacksonville Jaguar's upcoming playoff game and what actions the City of Jacksonville took to ensure safety and enjoyment.
- o Council Member Joyce Morgan announced she is attending Jacksonville University and enrolled in a Public Policy Program. Due to her school schedule, she would not have many other Thursday nights available to attend the Northwest CPAC meetings.
- o She answered questions regarding the Jacksonville Jaguars playoff game to be hosted here on January 14, 2023. She confirmed the City of Jacksonville has appropriate accommodations for visitors and did not foresee similar issues with lodging relative to the Superbowl of 2005.

Tyrona Clark-Murry, City Council District 9 shared that it was good to be home and there have been three resident calls she wanted to address.

- o One call led to informing JSO of an adult arcade in the Gateway neighborhood. The call led to \$155,000 in gambling equipment being confiscated and the gambling facility was shut down.
- o In the Woodstock area there was a report of a drug trafficking house which was forwarded to JSO. Arrests were made and guns and drugs were confiscated.
- o There was a Sheriff's Walk with Chief Barrier and Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murry, in a mid-west neighborhood. The walk resulted in some "hotspots" being identified, which led to three arrests.
- o On January 6, 2023, ordinance 2022-0871-E, (the Four Seasons Ordinance) was passed by the City Council. The ordinance provides jobs and additional tax revenue for the City of Jacksonville through the Four Seasons Hotel and Resort.

Chairs Report: Chair Boyd recognized a visiting organization/neighborhood and asked them to introduce themselves.

- o Mrs. Sallie Barnes introduced herself and stated she resided in the Robinson's Addition community; located off Beaver Street.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO): Assistant Chief J. Barrier announced the 2022 crime statistics are still being calculated and he should be able to provide those numbers at the next CPAC meeting. He did, however, share that both violent and property crimes are down year to date.

- Chief Barrier advised the Jacksonville Jaguars playoff game and stated there other major events at other major downtown venues. The concerns for public safety and traffic patterns should be considered, if traveling downtown the weekend of January 14th, 2023.
- Chief Barrier responded to a question concerning a new Blight and Abatement Unit. The purpose of the unit is to address and eliminate public nuisance concerns. To direct a complaint to the Blight and Abatement Unit you can visit coj.net or they can be reached at 904-630-2160.
- He spoke towards the Co-Responder Program and homelessness in the City of Jacksonville. The program pairs a Jacksonville police officer with a mental health professional for situations involving mental illness or substance abuse to get individuals into counseling instead of jail.
- Chief Barrier received a question from Robinson's Addition neighborhood concerning trucks and wrong-way traffic on the 2300 block of Commonwealth Avenue. Chair Boyd recommended that all complaints should be directed to 630-CITY.

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD): Damian Bell, Fire Captain Prevention 40, reported that we are still in fire season. Due to current temperatures, more heating appliances are going to be used.

- A carbon monoxide detector is recommended if you have gas and wood-burning appliances.
- The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department will provide and install a free smoke detector for any qualifying Jacksonville resident living in a single-family or two-family residence.
- Dress warmly for the upcoming Jacksonville Jaguars playoff game.
- Have a fire extinguisher on your property. Do not use on fires bigger than a pot on the stove or a trash basket. For any fire bigger than that, you should call 911 and get out of the house.
- Keep the maintenance on any fire extinguisher up to date.
- Ensure you keep fire extinguishers where they are easy to reach. Place fire extinguishers in places where fires are less likely to occur.

*For more information visit myjfrd.com/fire-safety

Neighborhoods Department: Valerie Williams explained the Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA) investigates complaints on businesses and helps mediate issues with businesses.

- OCA will also issue Feed the Homeless permits. The permit may be obtained provided the applicant completes the application process and meets the criteria set forth by Section 250.123.
- Ms. Williams reported that her office is also responsible for the Charitable Solicitations on The Right-of-Way permit. A permit for solicitation on the right-of-way of any public street may be obtained, under the right criteria.
- Animal Care Control is at 100% capacity and needs help fostering animals. There will be an adoption event January 14-16, 2023.
- There is a mediation process regarding business complaints. The Office of Consumer Affairs will need your name and other personal information as well as the name of the business and their information to process a complaint.
- It is "scam season" in the City of Jacksonville. Please be on guard with your personal information and be cognizant on how you pay your bills. Most legitimate businesses will not ask to be paid with a gift card.

Neighborhood Services Office (NSO): Lisa Ransom announced she was happy to be here and happy to see the CPAC group.

- Ms. Ransom introduced Craig Black as the new Neighborhood Services Office Coordinator for the Northwest and Urban Core districts.
- She informed the CPAC on the upcoming October 2023, NSO Awards Program and urged for applications for neighborhood awards.

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL): Scott Adams announced two job openings for JPL. Both are part-time jobs, between 20-25 hours per week. You can apply online at jaxpubliclibrary.org, or coj.net/employee-services.

- The library should have the tax preparation information soon. Some libraries, like Webb Wesconnett and Bradham Brooks are hosting free tax preparation. The free tax preparation is by appointment only.
- Local author Marshelle Berry will host a Lit Chat Tuesday, January 24th at the Regency Square Branch. In her book, the former Regency Square Library Branch Manager, Marshelle Berry documents her father's

account of growing up on Jacksonville's Eastside and circumstances of him being sentenced to Marianna, Florida institution.

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS): Paula Renfro, Chief Academic Officer, reported it is school choice time. The City of Jacksonville is a choice school district, so families can explore school options, even if the school is outside their attendance area zone. The applications are available through any child's Focus account or through dcps.duvalschools.org.

Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD): John Williams reported that the Zone 5 MCCD team completed the following:

- o 1,790 inspections
- o Systematic inspection in the Robinson's Addition neighborhood which generated 333 individual cases.
- o The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program provides the abatement services required at no cost to those citizens who qualify, thereby achieving compliance and beautification of the City of Jacksonville while not unduly burdening its most vulnerable citizens.
- o Any complaints submitted to MCCD must contain a name and address for the investigation.
- o Ellaine Billups questioned Mr. Williams about an ongoing issue with playground equipment at Pearce and 3rd street. A new complaint ticket # 230112-000824 has been submitted to further the investigation.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT): Derek Dixon announced FDOT has launched their Anti-Litter campaign, which will run from January through February. The focus of the campaign is to remind drivers to be mindful to not litter while traveling along Florida's roadways.

- o I-10 Widening expected completion date is early 2025. There will be detours involved with the widening project.
- o I-10 to I-95 interchange improvements and expected completion is early 2023, with some overnight detours.
- o I-95 to I-295 north interchange operational improvements, with some detours including the West 17 ramp and I-295 south.
- o The Norwood Avenue at Moncrief Bridge replacement has an expected date of completion for early 2023.
- o Lem Turner Road is scheduled for lighting upgrades. The project will start in early February with estimated completion date to be determined.
- o There will be a public hearing to discuss the proposed improvements to I-95 from I-10 to Beaver Street on January 31st at 6:00 p.m. via zoom. The public hearing will be held in person February 2nd at 4:30 pm at the FDOT Urban Office Training Center. For more information on FDOT public hearings, please visit www.nflroad.com/vph

Unfinished Business: none to report

New Business: none to report

Subcommittee and Liaison Reports:

Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee: CPAC LUZ Subcommittee-Chair Kim Stephens-Perry reported that the subcommittee reviewed two land use and zoning applications. There were no recommendations made.

TRUE Commission: Ms. Velma Rounsville announced highlights from the December meeting.

- o The TRUE Commission did not meet in January but will reconvene in February.
- o The TRUE Commission identified the Urban Core CPAC for needing representation on the TRUE Commission and another representative from the City Council.
- o TRUE commission requested a high-level overview on how the City of Jacksonville's Capital Improvement Program works.

Neighborhood Coordinator: nothing to report

Chair and Vice Nominating Subcommittee: no to report

Transportation: No Report

Public Comments: None comments

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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