

## North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

### April 10, 2024, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

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### Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members:** Jamie Lacy, Chair; Charles Barr, Vice Chair; Dr. Donald Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Jane Love, Amelia View; Pat Hilleman, Amelia View; Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 8; Vicki Drake, Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Assoc.; Aletha Mikell, Victoria Preserve HOA Phase 2; Herlena Washington, Greater Works Church, Inc.; Kelvin Postell, Greater Works Church, Inc.; Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Joseph Tate, Copper Hill Estates; Larry Henderson, Victoria Preserve HOA; Sylvester Wilkins, Alta Lakes CDD.

**Zoom:** Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Earnestine Johnson, Jacobs Way HOA; Sharon Johnson, Jacobs Way HOA; Matt Stone, Marshwinds HOA; Albertha Walley, Community Assoc. of Harts Estates; Sasha Pearson, Victoria Preserve 2; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island; Josephine Fiveash-Porter, Northlake HOA; Vera Jones-Wilkins, Alta Lakes CDD.

**Visitors:** Renee Allen; James Matchett; Donald Drake; Susan Ruffin, Northlake HOA; Carol Kimbrough, North Creek; Eddie Kimbrough, North Creek; Faye Douglass; Janice Williams, Biscayne Estates; Brittnee Williams, Biscayne Estates; Stephanie Oglesby, Community Assoc. of Harts Estates.

**Visitors Zoom:** Mary Sperow, Donna Philbrick, SMN, Inc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, SMN, Inc.; Pat Medley; J. Williams; Sheronda Holzendorf; Sharon Johnson Sumter; L. Cunningham; Vera Jones-Wilkins.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Council Member Mike Gay, Council District 2; Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., Council District 8; Byron Jackson, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; Lt. David Smith, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Jackie Spiritas, Jacksonville Public Libraries; Cheryl Riddick, Jacksonville Transportation Authority; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development Department; Jackie Gregson, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Rudy McClain, MCCD; Clarence (Chip) Harper, Military Affairs and Veterans; Victoria Shultz, DCPS.

### Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Jamie Lacy called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The March 13, 2024 summary will be approved during the May 8, 2024 meeting.
3. **Elected Officials Reports:**

Council Member Mike Gay, District 2, made the following announcements:

- Council President Ron Salem has requested a joint meeting between the Duval County School Board and the City of Jacksonville on May 8, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to discuss and clarify the topic of school closures. Council Member Gay advised CPAC members that Duval County Public School and its School Board are separate entities from the City of Jacksonville.
- A community meeting for District 2 will be held in April. The date has not been determined. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the community to ask questions and get information about the New Berlin Road widening project. Council Member Mike Gay, District 2, can be reached at (904) 255-5202 or by email at [MGay@coj.net](mailto:MGay@coj.net).

Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., District 8, made the following announcements:

- The City Council will vote on the proposed Chix-Fil-A restaurant Application #2023-0856 on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 5 p.m. Limited public comments will be allowed. Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr. can be reached at (904) 255-5208 or [RGaffneyJR@coj.net](mailto:RGaffneyJR@coj.net).

4. **Chair Report:** Chair Lacy reported that:
  - CPAC Chairs were invited to be guest speakers during the 2024 CommUniverCity on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6 p.m.
  - CPAC Chairs will meet with the mayor's staff on Friday, May 10, 2024. CPAC members are encouraged to send their concerns to Mrs. Godwin-Ware or see Chair Lacy after the meeting.
5. **Presentation:** None
6. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. David Smith reported:
  - Crimes against persons have decreased this year, but crimes against property are increasing. These crimes occur primarily in homes and apartment buildings under construction. The thieves are taking air conditioning units and copper wiring. JSO has partnered with builders and developers to reduce these crimes.
  - The TikTok trend that demonstrates how to steal Kia Souls and Hyundai vehicles continues to be an issue.
  - Citizens should not leave valuables or firearms in their cars. Stolen guns will likely fall into the wrong hands and be used for a crime.
  - The North Creek Sheriff's Walk was a success. If residents are interested in having a Sheriff's walk in their neighborhood, they can call the District 6 Substation at (904) 630-8688 for information.
  - JSO plans to increase its presence at the beaches and Huguenot Memorial Park during the summer, specifically during the holidays and weekends. Lt. Smith may be contacted at (904) 696-4335.
7. **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Capt. Byron Jackson reported:
  - JFRD has been receiving increased calls about falls. To lower your risk of falling while in your home, you should be mindful of where items have been placed, use hallway and night lights to illuminate areas, especially stairs, keep stairs and places where you walk clear of clutter, Pick up or move things you can trip over, like cords, papers, shoes or books, remove small rugs or use double-sided tape to keep rugs from slipping and wear shoes with non-slip soles. Capt. Byron Jackson may be contacted at (904) 255-3283.
8. **Staff Reports:**
  - **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported:
    - The Jacksonville Public Library will celebrate National Poetry Month in April. Several programs and drop-in activities will be held at various branches throughout Jacksonville.
    - On Saturday, April 13, 2024, meet poet Lola Haskins at the Willow Branch Library from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and participate in the Writers Lab Workshop: There's No Place Like Poem with instructor Anna Claire-Hodges at noon. To register, visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at [www.jpl.com](http://www.jpl.com).
    - The Highlands Regional Library is not scheduled for landscape enhancements this fiscal year. Residents should call 630-CITY (2489) to request them.
    - April program calendars for Highland Regional Library, Bradham and Brooks Branch Library were available for meeting attendees. Jackie Spiritas may be contacted at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or [spiritas@coj.net](mailto:spiritas@coj.net).
  - **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** - Cheryl Riddick, Director of Customer Engagement, reported that:
    - The My Ride 2 School ridership has increased by 80 %, from 7,821 in August 2022 to 37,710 in January 2024, totaling over 213,000 student trips. The top five routes are routes 3, 1, 19, 13, and 14. Before boarding, students must provide a valid school ID. Students can choose from 34 JTA bus routes, including First Coast Flyer, which stop at or near local schools. For more information on the My Ride 2 School Program, visit the JTA website at [www.jta.com](http://www.jta.com). Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or [Criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:Criddick@jtafla.com).
  - **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV)** – Clarence Harper, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported:
    - Food Farmacy events will be held for active-duty military families with military ID every second Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the fourth Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, FL.

- Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.'s Veterans Service Unit has partnered with the City of Jacksonville's Military Affairs and Veterans Department to host Ask-A-Lawyer events for Veterans from 9 a.m. to noon. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call the MAVD at (904) 255-5550 or visit the MAVD website at <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/military-affairs-and-veterans-department/events/all-events/ask-a-lawyer-jala>. Walk-ins must arrive before 11 a.m.
- Memorial Day Observance is Monday, May 27, 2024. The ceremony will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, 1145 East Adams St. The pre-ceremony begins at 8 a.m., with the main ceremony beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Navy Band Southeast and the Voices of Jacksonville will present music.
- Military Spouses Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. For more information and to register, visit the MAVD website at [www.jacksonville.gov/msno](http://www.jacksonville.gov/msno).
- Mayor Deegan is supporting the MAV's efforts to find a location for the future veteran's community center. The center will serve the needs of the community of veterans and military families.  
Clarence (Chip) Harper may be contacted at (904) 255-5537 or [ClarenceH@coj.net](mailto:ClarenceH@coj.net).
- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Rudy McClain, Code Compliance Supervisor, provided updates regarding several concerns made by CPAC members during the March meeting:
  - A systematic inspection was conducted in the Highlands neighborhood. A total of 227 cases were created.
  - An active case regarding the homeless tents at 11802 Duval Rd is open. It is currently in contracting. MCCD is waiting for bids to clean the locations to be submitted and awarded.
  - There is an active case regarding the Sonny's BBQ restaurant on Harts Road. Contracting is also waiting on bids to clean this property.
  - The Chevron Station is an active case and has been deemed an unsafe structure.
  - No debris was found on Love's Travel Stop property. However, a case was opened regarding the semi-tracker trailers parked on The Florida Department of Transportation's property.
  - A small portion of Duval Road and Armsdale Road was cited for debris and trash.
 New concerns from citizens:
  - Semi-tracker trailers parked along Percy Road.
  - The trash at the Sunoco Gas Station next door to the Starbucks on Dunn Avenue is collecting again and needs to be cleaned.
  - There is trash along the right-of-way along Dunn Avenue, leading up to the I-295 interchange. The mowing contractor is not picking up the garbage and is mowing over the debris.  
Rudy McClain may be contacted at (904)903-0003 or [MRudy@coj.net](mailto:MRudy@coj.net).
- **Parks Recreation and Community Services (PRCS)** – Jackie Gregson, Parks District Manager, reported that:
  - The new playground equipment for Oceanway Park has been ordered. The installation is estimated to be completed in the summer of 2024.
  - The new equipment for William F. Sheffield Regional Park will arrive soon. The estimated completion date for the boat ramp is the end of spring.
  - Online summer camp registration opens May 7, 2024. Residents should create their profiles early to ensure a smooth registration process.
  - The installation of a boat ramp for Riverview Park is scheduled for the spring of 2024.
  - PRCS is preparing for this year's summer programs. Lifeguard openings are available. The salary for this position is \$15 an hour. Please visit <https://www.coj.net/employment> for a listing of the current job openings.
 Citizen's concerns and questions:
  - James Matchett stated that more parks and recreation centers were needed in Planning District 6 to accommodate the increased number of residents in the area. Very few, if any, parks or recreation centers are within walking distance of many of the areas of Planning

District 6 under development. Mrs. Gregson said she would take his concern back to Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Jackie Gregson may be contacted at (904) 255-7936 or [JGregson@coj.net](mailto:JGregson@coj.net).

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Victoria Schultz was present via Zoom to answer questions regarding DCPS's Master Facility Plan. Mrs. Schultz explained that the plan was created many years ago. Enrollment, the years that have passed since the plan was created, and the needs of the communities have changed. DCPS is seeking input from the community before continuing with an outdated plan. The board will meet on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 to develop community meetings in each board member's district. The dates will be provided to Mrs. Godwin-Ware to share with everyone. Residents can share their opinions to ensure the updated plan reflects community needs.

**9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.**

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Vice Chair Barr and Connor Corrigan, City Planner III.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed two applications. Recommendations for two of the applications were made:

- **E-24-18 - Exception: 7709 Woodley Rd.** The applicant seeks to allow for an animal slaughterhouse on approximately 9+/- acres of land in the zoning district of Agriculture (AGR). The North CPAC Governmental Affairs Subcommittee recommends that the applicant be denied. The application does not specify the size of animals that will be killed at the facility, and it is believed that the odor from the location will negatively affect the closely surrounding neighborhoods. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
- **2024-00234 - Conventional Rezoning: 12441 Gillespie Ave.:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 7.37 acres of land from RLD-60 to RLD-40 to develop the parcels with a new residential neighborhood. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee recommends that the application be denied and the applicant apply for Planned Unit Development to allow for more community input. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.

Connor Corrigan may be contacted at (904) 255-7844 or [CCorrigan@coj.net](mailto:CCorrigan@coj.net).

**10. Unfinished Business/Old Business –**

- Chair Lacy read the resolution draft to request that all six CPACs' LUZ letters of recommendation be read during City Council Land Use and Zoning and City Council meetings. She explained that she had spoken with the Ethics Department and was told the North CPAC could send the letter to the other CPAC Chairs and talk individually with City Council Members. However, the Office of General Council must review the CPAC's Executive Order to determine if it has the authority to make legislative recommendations.
- Chair Lacy announced that Mrs. Kathleen Collins, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, has provided feedback on the six Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommendations made by the North CPAC on February 21, 2024. Two, possibly three, of the CIP recommendations came back as feasible. Discussion was held on which of the three items to choose for resubmission. Dr. Donald Green motioned to resubmit item number three, the addition of a community resource center at William F. Sheffield Regional Park including the verbiage that the community is concerned for the safety of residents. Sidewalks and street widening constitute a significant concern for Planning District 6 and are needed. Tommy Ruffin seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed.
- Dr. Donald Green motioned that item number four, widening of Biscayne Boulevard, including the area around Biscayne Elementary School and Biscayne Estates, be selected as option number two of the resubmittal letter if the first option is deemed not feasible. Althea Mikell seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

**11. New Business – None**

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

- 13. Motion to Adjourn:** Chair Lacy adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218, and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

**Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting:** **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**, 4:30 p.m. Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W. 32218 and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

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