

## North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

### February 10, 2021 Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

Zoom Meeting ID: 971 7788 2377 Passcode: 115030

#### Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members:** Dr. Donald Green, Chair; Paul Fenning, Vice Chair; Vicki Drake, DCPS PTA/PTS Assoc.; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Rev. Joseph Tate, Cooper Hill HOA; Jane Love, Amelia View; Marion Burke, Council Appointee District 8; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates.

**Zoom:** Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club; Nancy Burnett, Sheriff's Watch Zone 6; Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA; Dot Mathias, Charter Member.

**Visitors:** Scott O'Connor, Heckscher Drive Comm. Cen.; Bob Remm, Heckscher Drive Comm. Cen.; Katherine Moore; Paul Forte; Michael Celenza; Rose Celenza

**Zoom:** Pat Medley, Donna Philbrick, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Jamie Lacy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Marilyn Miles; Earnestine Johnson.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Nikki Evans, Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board; Chief Orlando Heggs, JFRD; Lt. Joel Van Delinder, JSO; Tanya Washington-Pressley, Neighborhoods Department; Victoria Shultz, Duval County Public Schools; Jackie Spiritas, Jacksonville Public Libraries; Derek Dixon, Florida Department of Transportation; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Daniel Connell, MCCD.

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** January's summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials:**
  - Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to CM Ron Salem, reported that Council Member Salem has proposed that the city name the baseball grounds at J.P. Smalls Memorial Stadium in Durkeeville after iconic baseball legend Hank Aaron. Ms. Evans also reported that Council Member Salem is launching a citywide teen vaping prevention campaign. The goal of the campaign is to educate teenagers from middle school to high school about the health risks of using tobacco and vaping.  
Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255 – 5146 or nevens@coj.net
  - Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board, reported that Dr. Diane Greene was selected as Florida 2021 Superintendent of the Year by the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FAASS), and that Kelly Cocker is the new board member for District 1. Mr. Willie also reported that Duval County Public Schools had a graduation rate of 90.2 percent for Duval's class of 2020, which is an increase from last year's graduation rate of 86.5 percent. Mr. Willie stated that Duval School Board members are working to get teachers placed on the COVID-19 Frontline Essential Workers Vaccination list. Mr. Willie also announced that the 2021 School Choice Expo is over; however, parents still have time to browse the Expo and select a new school for their child until February 28, 2021. Visit <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/> to learn more about DCPS's various events. He also announced that the Citizen Oversight Committee held its first meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the Shultz Center for Teaching and Learning. The meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. Mr. Willie announced that the School Board will be updating the 5-year strategic plan and is inviting the public to provide input soon. Darryl Willie may be reached at [willied@duvalschools.org](mailto:willied@duvalschools.org)

- 4. Presentation:** None
- 5. Chair's Report:** Chair Green reported that CPAC member Getchell will act as timekeeper during the North CPAC meetings. Mr. Green also announced that the CPAC chairs will attend their quarterly meeting with Brian Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer, on Friday February 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Chair Green stated he would be happy to take any of the CPAC members or visitors concerns to Mr. Hughes.
- Paul Forte stated that Owens Road on the eastside of the interstate has standing water even when it is not raining, and there is a large pothole in the middle of the road. Chair Green advised he would take the issue to the chairs meeting with the Mayors staff on Friday, February 12, 2021.
- 6. Staff Reports:**
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Joel Van Delinder reported that the Gold Rush Hotel on Harts Road has opened a few rooms for those in need of shelter. Lt. Joel also reported that there has been an increase in auto theft and auto burglary in the area, as well as burglary to homes under new construction. Discussions with the Chief have taken place regarding the possibility of increasing the number of officers patrolling the area. Lt. Joel advised that JSO helicopters are usually used when there is a sting operation taking place, a missing person less than 12 years old, or a person with low mental capacity is reported missing, police funeral, foul play, or if JSO is in pursuit of a person speeding.  
Lt. Joel Delinder may be contacted at (904) 696-4335
  - **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Chief Orlando Heggs reported that upgrades have been made to Fire Station 48 at Blount Island Drive and a new fire station, 64, will open near Harts road.  
Chief Heggs may be contacted at (904) 630-0860 or [oheggs@coj.net](mailto:oheggs@coj.net)
  - **Neighborhood Department** – Tanya Washington-Pressley, represented Operations Director Chiquita Moore. Ms. Washington-Pressley announced that Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste Mobile Collection event is scheduled to take place on February 13, 2021 at Baker Skinner Park, located at 7641 Powers Ave. from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Ms. Washington-Pressley announced that Walmart, Sam's Club and Publix pharmacies will be administering the COVID-19 Vaccination. Appointments can be scheduled online at [www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine](http://www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine), or [www.samclub.com/covid](http://www.samclub.com/covid). Ms. Washington-Pressley advised CPAC members to call 630-City or download the myjax.custhelp.com app to report issues.  
Tanya Washington-Pressley may be reached at (904) 255-7242 or [tanyaw@coj.net](mailto:tanyaw@coj.net)
  - **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Victoria Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource Services, reported that CPAC members can find out what is happening with DCPS by visiting [www.dcps.duvalschools.org](http://www.dcps.duvalschools.org). On the site you will be able to view and track COVID-19 cases, track the progress of the renaming of 9 Duval County Public Schools, as well as participate in the 5 Essential Survey, which is used to help guide decisions to improve DCPS Schools. Ms. Schultz also announced that the 2020/2021 Community Education Catalog is available. Ms. Schultz invited CPAC members to attend the High School Heritage Classic of Jacksonville. The Raines Trojan baseball team challenges the William M. Ribault Vikings for the A. Phillip Randolph Cup, on Friday, February 12, 2021. Players will wear customized uniforms in tribute to the Jacksonville Red Caps Negro League.  
Victoria Schultz may be reached at [SchultzV@duvalschools.org](mailto:SchultzV@duvalschools.org)
  - **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon, Transportation Coordinator District 2, reported that the Heckscher Drive Timucuan Trail from Big Talbot Island to Little Talbot Island project will include a new segment of Timucuan Trail on the east side of Heckscher Drive from Little Talbot Island to Big Talbot Island. The project began August 2020 and estimated completion is Spring 2023. Details may be viewed on the FDOT website at <http://nflroads.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?p=5336>.
  - Heckscher Drive at Myrtle Creek Bridge. This project includes a new bridge on Heckscher Drive over Myrtle Creek and will feature two 12-foot travel lanes, 10-foot shoulder on both sides of the roadway, and a 10-foot paved multi-use trail on the east side. The project began August 2020 and estimated completion is Spring 2023. Details may be found on the FDOT Website at <http://nflroads.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?p=5334>

Derek Dixon may be reached at (904) 360-5653 or [derek.dixon@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:derek.dixon@dot.state.fl.us)

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported that there will be no overdue fines charged through April 30, 2021. Ms. Spiritas announced that library hours have increased. The Highland Branch will be open at 10 a.m., curbside service will still be available. Ms. Spiritas advised that for the month of February, a list of books written by local African American Authors will be available on the [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org) site. Ms. Spiritas reminded CPAC members that AARP tax preparation services are available by appointment only. Register for an appointment at [www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide). You may have your taxes prepared by AARP no matter your income bracket; however, AARP does not prepare taxes for those who own rental property or a business. If you wish to prepare your taxes yourself, tax forms are available at the Highlands Branch. Ms. Spiritas announced that the Friends of the Beaches Branch library will host its Pop-Up book sale on Saturday, February 13, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Jackie Spiritas may be contacted at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or [spiritas@coj.net](mailto:spiritas@coj.net)
- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Daniel Connell, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that a systematic inspection in the Panama Park neighborhood will be completed this week. To date, 196 properties have been cited. There were 42 junk vehicles, 112 nuisance properties and seven unsafe structures. The MCCD has completed a total of 6,171 inspections to date. Mr. Connell announced that MCCD will inspect neighborhoods that are having problems with semi-trucks parking on residential property. Unfortunately, MCC Officers are not allowed to use the customer's photos. MCC Officers will first write a warning, and the resident has 15 days to move the Semi truck. If the vehicle is not removed within 15 days, the resident is given a \$250 citation. Mr. Connell asked that members call 630-City to report any problem they are experiencing to ensure it is routed to the correct department. Daniel Connell may be contacted at (904) 255-7008 or [dconnell@coj.net](mailto:dconnell@coj.net)
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Director, Customer Engagement, reported that JTA has partnered with the City of Jacksonville and the Florida Department of Health for Duval County to provide safe, clean, and reliable transportation to available COVID-19 vaccination locations. Additionally, JTA has expanded the coverage of its ReditRide Zones. Healthcare workers and citizens aged 65 and older can ride free of charge to vaccination locations on JTA and ReditRide services by simply showing their work identification or Florida Identification. Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or [Criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:Criddick@jtafla.com)

#### 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Dr. Donald Green, Paul Fenning and Erin Abney, City Planner I  
The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed eight LUZ applications and six recommendations were made:

##### **New Business**

- **Oppose 2021- 0011 – Plan Unit Development (PUD): 0 Heckscher Drive:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 2.68+/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD). The rezoning to PUD is being sought to develop the property into a truck stop with weigh station, a convenience store, and three apartments. The CPAC does not object to the use of a PUD for development. However, the CPAC requests that the PUD responds to the items of concern identified in the Heckscher Drive Community Club's letter sent to committee and council members regarding the project.
- **Oppose 2021-0069 – Conventional Rezoning: Broward Road:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 8.43+/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Residential Medium Density-D (RMD-D). The rezoning is being applied to add the option for apartments. The CPAC would like to see the application changed to a (PUD) to ensure the surrounding community can have input on the project.
- **Oppose 2021-0071 – Conventional Rezoning: 1225 Howard Rd.:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 0.31+/- acres from Residential Medium Density-A to CCG-2 to align the easterly boundary line of the property parcel with the adjacent, contiguous existing commercial zoning designation. The CPAC would like to see the application changed to a (PUD) to ensure the surrounding community can have input on the project.

- **Approve 2021-0070 – Planned Unit Development (PUD): 435 Clark Rd.:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 16.10 +/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD). The rezoning to PUD is being sought to add multi-family dwelling units for persons 55 and older as a permitted use to this mixed-use development. The CPAC has no objections
- **Approve AD-21-06 – Administrative Deviation: 12087 Dunn Creek Rd.:** This application seeks to increase the maximum height of a fence located in a required front yard from 4 feet to 6 feet and to reduce multiple accessory structure setbacks along NPL from 5 feet to 0 and EPL from 5 feet to 1.7. The CPAC has no objections.
- **Oppose AD-21-04 – Administrative Deviation & Companion E-21-02 - Exception: 910 Dunn Ave.:** This application seeks to reduce the required off street parking spaces from 31 to 25, reduce dumpster setback from 5 feet to 3 feet, and reduce the minimum width of driveway from 24 feet required to 20 feet. The applicant is proposing to develop a tire shop at this location. **Companion to E-21-02** seeks to allow the use of a service garage for minor or major repairs by a franchised motor vehicle dealer and the sale of new or used cars. The CPAC does not approve of the number of exceptions the applicant is seeking, and suggests the applicant remains in compliance with the current zoning.  
Erin Abney may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or [eabney@coj.net](mailto:eabney@coj.net)
- **Transportation** – Vacant.
- **Ad-Hoc-Taxation, Revenue, Utilization and Expenditures (T.R.U.E)** – Vacant
- 8. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, reminded CPAC members to call 630-City to report their issues. CPAC members should save their service request number, to assist COJ staff with members follow-up request. Michelle Godwin-Ware may be contacted at (904)255-8236 or [michellelegw@coj.net](mailto:michellelegw@coj.net).
- 9. **Chair's Report** – No Report
- 10. **New Business** – None
- 11. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:**
  - Several residents from the Heckscher Drive Community Center (HDCC) spoke in opposition to Ordinance 2021-0011. The application seeks to rezone approximately 2.68 +/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD). The rezoning to PUD is being sought to develop the property into a truck stop with weigh station, a convenience store, and three apartments. HDCC members feel that the planned use for the property is too intense and are worried about the safety of residents and motorist. CPAC will write a letter to the Land Use and Zoning Committee asking that they consider HDCC's concerns.
  - Bob Rem stated that the owner of Dames Point Work Boats LLC located at 5100 Heckscher Dr. is illegally dumping dirt. Mr. Connell said he would investigate the issue.
- 12. **Motion to Adjourn:** Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** **Wednesday, March 10, 2021**, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218 and Zoom

**Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting:** **Wednesday, March 10, 2021**, 4:30 p.m. Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218 and Zoom

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A copy of the audio recording of this North CPAC meeting is available through a Public Information Request by calling 630-CITY. Details about Public Records can be found on the City's Website: [COJ Public Records Request](#)