

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 11, 2023, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

Zoom Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164

Passcode: 595972

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Dr. Donald Green, Chair; Jamie Lacy, Vice Chair; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island; Jane Love, Amelia View; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA; Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Joseph Tate, Copper Hill Assoc; Jim Sumara, HDCC; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA.

Zoom: Josephine Fiveash-Porter, Northlake HOA; Glenn Fowler, Northside Business Leaders.

Visitors: Tommy Ruffin; Robertha Walley, Hart Estate HOA; Brian Small, Bird Dog; Charles Barr; Ernestine Feggans; Sean Jackson, Big Tree Arborist; Stephanie Gordon, Hart Estates; Joyce Ponder; Janice Williams, Biscayne Estates; Brittnee Williams, Biscayne Estates.

Zoom: Mario Chapman, Mary Sperow, Donna Philbrick, SMN, Inc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, SMN, Inc.; Pat Medley.

Staff and Elected Officials: Byron Jackson, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; Chuck Ford, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Don Tuten, Jacksonville Electric Authority; Jackie Spiritas, Jacksonville Public Libraries; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Kathleen McGovern, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Charles Benson, MCCC; Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs and Veterans.

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Dr. Donald Green called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
 2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The November 9, 2022 summary was approved by the CPAC.
 3. **Chair Report:** Chair Green announced he is working on an email inviting City Council members to attend the North CPAC meeting.
 4. **Presentation:** None
 5. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Assistant Chief Chuck Ford introduced himself as the new Assistant Chief for Zone 6. Assistant Chief Ford had no report.
 6. **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Captain Byron Jackson provided Narcan Nasal Spray and Deterra drug deactivation systems to CPAC members. Narcan is used for Opioid overdose, and the Deterra drug deactivation system makes it safe to dispose of your prescription medication by using the pouch to deactivate prescription drugs you are no longer taking or that have expired. Captain Jackson explained how to administer the Narcan Nasal Spray.
Caption Byron Jackson may be contacted at (904) 255-0000
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Don Tuten, Governmental Affairs, reported that residents could track their usage by using the Tack Your Usage link. This link allows citizens to monitor how much water and power they are using, assisting in reducing usage where needed. The link can be found at the bottom of JEA's website homepage. To track your usage, please visit JEA's website at www.jea.com.
Don Tuten may be reached at tutedf@jea.com.
 - **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported:
 - The Jacksonville Public Library will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 16, 2023. The digital library is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Aid will begin providing free tax preparation service at various Jacksonville Public Library locations starting the first week of February. Services will run through April 15, 2023. Registration will begin on January 17, 2023. You must register online or by phone. For more information, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com.
- The next Lit Chat will feature Jacksonville author Marshelle Berry. Mrs. Berry will discuss her book "It Still Hurts" My Father's Painful Account of Survival at The Florida Industrial School for Boys. The event will take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, starting at 6 p.m., at the Regency Branch Library, 9900 Regency Square Blvd.
- The Regency Square Library, located at 9900 Regency Square Blvd., is celebrating its 50th anniversary on January 21, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- The dates for the community meeting regarding the new library have not been decided. JPL is looking at dates that will allow for more community input.

Jackie Spiritas may be contacted at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or spiritas@coj.net.

- **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported that The Veterans Stand Down will take place Friday, January 27, 2023, and Saturday, January 28, 2023, at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, 510 Fairgrounds Place. Services provided on Friday include employment, medical, shelter, and housing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services provided on Saturday include dental, food, clothing, Veteran Center and Veteran Affairs services from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on January 28, 2023. Tiffany Morales may be contacted at (904) 255-5524 or tmorales@coj.net.
- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 1,526 inspections were completed in December. Mr. Benson announced that Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) applications are still available. The JAR program assists with required abatement services at no cost to qualifying citizens. The program only prevents liens from being placed on the property after the abatement occurs. Visit the Municipal Code Compliance Department website for more information: <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>.
 - Mr. Benson provided updates regarding several concerns made by CPAC members:
 - MCCD discovered that JTA is responsible for the El Faro Memorial at Dames Point Park. The graffiti at the memorial has been reported to JTA.
 - The active cases along Yellow Bluff Road are still being monitored. MCCD will continue to work with the owners.
 - The commercial vehicles parked at Capper Road and Woodley Creek Road have been cited. MCCD will continue to monitor the area.
 - A citation has been issued to Northwood Apartments, 1601 Dunn Ave. An emergency abatement was requested. The two dumpster areas have been cleaned. The city has retained contractors to clean the remaining area.
 - Mr. Benson will send a Municipal Code Officer to visit:
 - The Sunoco Gas Station, 1052 Dunn Ave., to check if the trash where the dumpster was located has been cleaned.
 - The dumpster area of the Dunn Avenue Plaza, 1440 Dunn Ave, has a large amount of trash on the outside of the dumpster because citizens are dumping their trash there.

Mr. Benson encouraged CPAC members to continue calling 630-CITY (2489) and submit tickets using the MyJax website www.myjax.cust.help.com. MCCD is monitoring the Dunn Avenue businesses. Businesses that are not compliant are being cited. When a company waives its right to fix the problem, MCC interjects by hiring city contractors. However, the contractors get backed up, and it can take longer than expected to resolve issues. The trash in the City of Jacksonville's right of way would be referred to Public Works. MCCD handles trash on public property.

Charles Benson may be contacted at (904)255-7299 or Cbenson@coj.net.

- **Parks Recreation and Community Services** – Kathleen McGovern, Park Development Coordinator, reported that:
 - Copies of the list of playgrounds being renovated throughout Duval County are available on the City of Jacksonville website <https://www.coj.net/departments/parks,-recreation-and-community-services/recreation-and-community-programming>. It lists the park's name, the council district the park is in, and the project's estimated completion date.
 - Parks, Recreation, and Community Services is preparing for this year's summer programs. Positions for lifeguards and summer camp counselors are available. Lifeguard training is available. The salary for the lifeguard position starts at \$14 an hour. Please visit <https://www.coj.net/employment> for a listing of the current job openings.
 - The UF/IFAS Extension Program offers online and in-person learning. More information regarding their online classes can be found on the website <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/>. In-person workshops such as Spring Vegetable Seed-Starting and Backyard Hen Training are being offered in January. For details, please visit the UF/IFAS Extension website <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/duval/> or call (904) 255-7450.
 Kathleen McGovern may be contacted at (904) 255-7906 or KMcGovern@coj.net.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Vice Chair Lacy and Erin Abney, City Planner I.

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

New Business

- **AD-22-92 – Administrative Deviation: 9765 Main St., N.:** To approve the request with the allowance that the requested deviation of decreasing the number of off-street parking spaces from 168 to 115 only applies to the current business. Should another owner take over the company, the business will revert to the 168 original off-street parking spaces. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
- **2022-0891 – Planned Unit Development: 12804 Lem Turner Rd.:** To approve the request with the following allowances. The developer considers the quality of life regarding the size of the driveways and streets. The CPAC is requesting that the developer consider increasing the size of the driveways to allow for more than one vehicle to park. As well as increasing the width of the roads to provide emergency vehicles enough space to drive through the community and turn around easily when responding to emergencies. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee strongly encourages the Developer to speak with JFRD and JSO to obtain their input regarding the need for wider roads. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
- **2022-0895 – Planned Unit Development: 0 New Kings Road:** To approve the request. CPAC members passed the motion with one opposition. The majority ruled.
- **Approved 2023-0008 – Conventional Rezoning: 212 Sago Ave.:** To approve the request. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
Erin Abney may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or eabney@coj.net.
- **Transportation** – Vacant.
- **Ad-Hoc-Taxation, Revenue, Utilization and Expenditures (T.R.U.E)** – Vacant
- **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Coordinator, recognized Brittnee Williams for completing the City of Jacksonville's 2022 CommUniverCity Training. Mrs. Godwin-Ware presented Mrs. Williams with a certificate of completion and a CommUniverCity gift bag.
Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net.

- 8. **Elected Officials:** Roshanda Shine, Executive Council Assistant, City Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., District 7. Mrs. Shine introduced herself as Council Member Gaffney Jr.'s assistant. She reported that she had noted the concerns of the CPAC members and guests. Mrs. Shine asked that attendees follow up with Council Member Gaffney Jr.'s office if a matter is not resolved.
 - Sharon Bivins expressed her concerns regarding the trash that is a big problem for the businesses along Dunn Avenue, as well as homeless encampments.

- Brittnee Williams expressed her concerns regarding semi-trucks using Biscayne Boulevard as a shortcut.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business – Jamie Lacy motioned that the North CPAC organize quarterly clean-ups in District 6 based on the success of the North CPAC's clean-up done in partnership with Duval Soil and Water Conservation District on November 19, 2022, at River City Marketplace. Jennifer Casey seconded the motion. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.

11. Old Business - None

12. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- Charles Barr announced that the new district map had been finalized. The City of Jacksonville will use the court-ordered plan.
- Robertha Walley stated she is concerned about the crime and violence at the Gold Rush Inn on Harts Road, which has increased recently. The community would like it to be shut down again.

13. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Dr. Green adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, February 8, 2023**, 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, February 8, 2023**, 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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