

# **North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

## **March 13, 2019 Meeting Summary**

Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W., Jacksonville FL 32218



### **Attendance**

#### **CPAC Members**

Chair – Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell  
Vice Chair – M & M Dairy, Inc. – Teresa Moore  
Charter Member – Dot Mathias  
Copper Hill HOA – Rev. Joseph Tate  
Council Appointee District 7- Tommy Ruffin  
Amelia View HOA – Jane Love  
Amelia View HOA – Dotty Boland  
Duval County Council PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake  
Eagle Bend – Jim Mazur  
Heckscher Drive CC – Jim Sumara  
Lydia Estates – Michael Wozniak  
Lydia Estates – Shelley Wozniak  
Northlake HOA – Josephine Fiveash - Porter  
Sheriff's Watch Zone 6 – Nancy Burnett  
Wingate Estates – Paul Fenning  
Wingate Estates – Kiz Fenning

#### **Staff and Officials**

Executive Council Assist. to CM Reggie Gaffney CD 7–  
Sirretta Williams  
Jacksonville Public Library – Michael Sullivan  
JEA – Berdell Knowles  
JTA – Cheryl Riddick  
Neighborhood Municipal Code Compliance – Clayton  
Lancaster  
Neighborhood Services Office– Michelle Godwin  
Planning and Development – Sam Walker

### **Visitors**

Brian Bills – Broward Point  
Rose Bogan  
Robin Brown – Broward Cove  
Marion Burke  
Steve Burnett – Oceanway Manor  
Kiz Carroll  
Michael Celenza

Robert Coleman  
Josh Cottle  
Donald Drake – Captiva Bluff  
Paul Forte  
Dorothy Gillette-Broward Point  
Giri  
Mike Goff  
Don Green – Captiva Bluff  
Jamie Lacy – San Mateo  
Charles McNichols  
Pat Medly  
Katherine Moore  
Donna Philbrick – San Mateo

Daniel Rodriquez – Broward Cove  
Al Saffer - Armsdale  
Cristina Salas – Cedar North HOA  
Victoria Schultz - DCPS

Mary Sperow – Bonoparte Crossing  
Carson Tranquille  
Lynn Vandenhoy – San Mateo

Daniel Vereen  
Robert Williams  
Williams  
Karen and Alan Woods

### **Excused**

Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins  
Charter Member – Dick Berry Cooper  
Hill HOA – Bessie Williams Marshwinds –  
Matt Stone  
Victoria Preserve – Ingrid Montgomery

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Mike Getchell called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Michelle Godwin verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** CPAC member Joseph Tate motioned to approve January's summary. CPAC member Jane Love seconded. The motion unanimously passed.
- 3. Presentation:**
  - Gloria McNair, Community Engagement Specialist Outreach Groundwork Jacksonville, presented on the plans for the Emerald Trail project. Ms. McNair explained how Groundwork is engaging neighborhood stakeholders, business leaders, funders and the City to plan and build the Emerald Trail within the next 10 years. When complete, the trail will comprise of approximately 19.7 miles of new trails, greenways and parks that encompass the urban core and link at least 14 historic neighborhoods to downtown, Hogans Creek, McCoys Creek, the S-Line Rail Trail and the Northbank and Southbank Riverwalk. Ms. McNair explained the trail will link to 18 schools, two colleges and 28

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parks as well as other destinations like restaurants, retail and businesses. The Emerald Trail has the potential to spur social and economic development in Jacksonville. The Trail's Master Plan is broken into three implementation tiers. The total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$31 million.

Gloria McNair may be reached at (904) or [gloria@groundworkjacksonville.org](mailto:gloria@groundworkjacksonville.org)

#### **4. Elected Officials:**

- Sirretta Williams, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Reggie Gaffney, District 7, announced that Council Member Gaffney has scheduled a second meeting with the developers for Ordinance #2019-0117, PUD-13283 Main Street, on Monday, March 25, 2019 at Oceanway Middle School beginning at 6 p.m. Ms. Williams also advised that Council Member Gaffney is working with First Coast High School Principal, Timothy Simmons to solve the student street crossing problem at Duval Station Road and Starratt Road.

#### **5. Staff Reports:**

- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Berdell Knowles, Director of Government Relations, announced that customers have reported receiving calls from scammers who are asking for customers' updated contact information, or insisting that they purchase prepaid debt cards or their phone service will be disconnected. Mr. Knowles informed CPAC members that they may update their contact information by going to [www.JEA.com](http://www.JEA.com). Mr. Knowles asked that customers contact JEA by calling (904) 665-6000 to report any suspicious calls. If customers provide the number the call originated from, it can be shut down within one hour. Mr. Knowles announced that JEA board meetings are open to the public and are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the 19<sup>th</sup> floor at JEA's downtown headquarters, located at 21 W. Church St. JEA board members will make a decision regarding the move of the JEA headquarters in April. JEA has narrowed the choices for the new JEA headquarters to three locations; one is lot J of the TIAA Bank Field, the second is a vacant lot across from the new Duval County Courthouse and the third is on King Street across from the Skyway. Mr. Knowles also announced that JEA has launched an educational campaign titled "Invasion of the Fatbergs," which is intended to educate customers about things that should never go down a drain or flushed down the toilet, even if it says it's flushable. You can watch the videos by visiting [www.Fatberginvasion.com](http://www.Fatberginvasion.com). Berdell Knowles can be contacted at [Knowb@jea.com](mailto:Knowb@jea.com)
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Michael Sullivan, East Region Manager, announced that the new hours for libraries started on March 2, 2019. Mr. Sullivan also announced that the Main Library is making a call for artists who work in reclaimed materials. The library's next art exhibit will showcase artists' reclaimed masterpieces. If interested, please submit applications by April 25, 2019. The exhibit will start June 5, 2019 and run through September 22, 2019 in the Main Library's Maker Space. Mr. Sullivan also announced that the library is now able to create a personalized book list for anyone who is interested. Visit <https://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org/services/personalized-booklist> and fill out the form in order to get started. Mr. Sullivan announced that free tax assistance is available through April 13, 2019 at the Main Library every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He also reminded CPAC members that early voting has begun and will continue through March 17, 2019. Michael Sullivan may be contacted at (904) 248-1703 or [michaels@coj.net](mailto:michaels@coj.net)
- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD)** – Bradley Clayton, Senior Code Compliance Officer, announced that MCCD Zone 6 officers are currently working on 648 active cases. Bradley Clayton may be contacted at (904) 255-7038 or [bclayton@coj.net](mailto:bclayton@coj.net)
- **Public Works (PC)** – Richard Leon, Urban Forestry Manager, announced that the First Coast High School Study was completed. It recommends installing three pedestrian crossings with rapid rectangle flashing beacons installing sidewalks and lowering the speed limit in the area from 45 mph to 40 mph. The project will begin in the summer. Public Works will install a traffic signal on Dunn Avenue and Armsdale Road. The design and construction will take up to two years to complete. Mr. Leon also announced that a new traffic signal will be placed at Cedar Point Road and New Berlin Road. The project requires intersection realignment to a T intersection. The project is currently in design. Mr. Leon announced that appropriations to plant trees in the rights of way are available. Call 630-City to request a tree to be planted or to report dead or hazardous trees. Mr. Leon also announced that the Forestry Department received a grant from the Florida Forest Service to study how the urban tree canopy affects storm water runoff and water quality throughout the city. A

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public meeting will be held to discuss how the trees affect Jacksonville's water quality on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 7:30p.m. at 210 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Mr. Leon announced his office is working with the Information Technologies Division to develop a Jacksonville forestry website where citizens can review the various studies and reports.

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Senior Manager Customer Engagement announced that JTA has launched a new service ReadIRide. The service provides on call transportation to customers within the Highlands and Northside communities. Ms. Riddick also announced that JTA has introduced Nassau Express Select service. This service offers commuters a comfortable and affordable ride between Nassau County and downtown Jacksonville. The vehicles are equipped with Wi-Fi and USB charging ports. Ms. Riddick also announced that the next service change will take place on April 1, 2019.

Ms. Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or [CRiddick@jtafla.com](mailto:CRiddick@jtafla.com)

#### **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** -Teresa Moore and Samuel Walker, City Planner I  
The Governmental Affairs Committee made the following motions:

#### **New Business**

- **2019 – 0114 – 0 Woodley Road between New Kings Road and Old Kings Road** – An ordinance adopting a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map series of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by changing the future use designation from Agriculture IV (AGR-IV) to Light Industrial (LI) on approximately 1.00+/- acres. A motion to approve with recommendations was made by Mike Getchell and seconded by Tommy Ruffin. CPAC members unanimously approved. Suggested conditions: A buffer and fencing between commercial and residence be erected as needed.
- **2019 – 0115 – Conventional Rezoning: 7651 Woodley Road** – This application seeks to rezone approximately 1.00+/- acres from Agricultural (AGR) district to Industrial Light (IL) district in order to facilitate the expansion of the neighboring semi-truck repair business. A motion to approve with recommendation was made by Mike Getchell and seconded by Tommy Ruffin. CPAC members unanimously approved. Suggested conditions: A buffer and fencing between commercial and residence be erected as needed.
- **2019 – 0116 – 0 Main Street and 13283 Main Street, between Main Street and Gillespie Avenue** – An ordinance adopting small-scale amendment to the future Land Use Map series of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by Changing the future land use designation from Community/General Community (CGC) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) on approximately 4.96+/- acres. A motion to approve with recommendation was made by Tommy Ruffin and seconded by Mike Getchell. CPAC members unanimously approved. Conditions: 1. Specify the type of multiple family units. 2. Installation of sound absorbing (masonry) wall to protect existing property owners along east boundary line. 3. Parking to meet or exceed minimum code requirement of 1.7 spaces per unit. 4. Request current undeveloped projects within area be added to traffic count. For example, townhomes on south east corner of Airport Center Drive and Gillespie Avenue. Consider traffic signal at this location as developer will have exit from units onto Drury Lane with ties into Gillespie Avenue.
- **2019 – 0117 – Planned Unit Development (PUD): 13283 Main Street** – CCG-2-to-PUD rezoning in order to facilitate a 238-unit multi-family housing development with a commercial component. A motion to approve with recommendation was made by Tommy Ruffin and seconded by Mike Getchell. During the CPAC meeting, a motion to vote down the previous motion to approve was made by Tommy Ruffin and seconded by Mike Getchell because citizens came forward to express their concerns with the proposed development. CPAC unanimously approved to vote down the previous motion. Dot Mathias made a motion to disapprove 2019-0117 until all of the community's concerns have been addressed by the developer at the next community meeting scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday, March 25, 2019 at Oceanway Middle School. CPAC members unanimously approved.
- **2019 – 0122 – Planned Unit Development (PUD): Broward Pointe (Broward Road, Intersection with Main Street)** – R:D-90 to PUD Rezoning in order to allow for development with 149 single-family homes on 60 foot wide/6000 sq. ft. lots, with a reduced front yard setback requirement. A motion to disapprove was made by Tommy Ruffin and seconded by Dot Mathis. CPAC

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unanimously approved. CPAC would like to see the developers hold a community meeting to address the neighborhood's concerns expressed by residents who attended the Governmental Affairs meeting. 2. The proposed development is inconsistent with surrounding areas. 3. There are safety issues such as one-way in and one-way out, no alternative exit except train crossing without arms.

- **2019 – 0154 – 15153 Main St. North, between Kirk Road and Bird Road** – An ordinance adopting a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map series of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use designation from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Community/General Commercial (CGC) on approximately 0.69+/- of an acre. A motion to approve was made by Mike Getchell and seconded by Tommy Ruffin. CPAC unanimously approved.
- **2019 – 0155 – 15153 Main St. North, between Kirk Road and Bird Road** – An ordinance rezoning approximately 0.69+/- of an acre from Residential Low Density -120 (RLD-120) district to Commercial Community/General-2 (CGC-2) district, as defined and classified under the zoning code, pursuant to Future Land Use Map series (FLUMs) small scale amendment application number I-5368-19c. A motion to approve was made by Mike Getchell and seconded by Tommy Ruffin. CPAC unanimously approved.
- **WRF - 19-02 – Yellow Bluff Road near Ed Johnson Drive** – This application seeks to waive the road frontage requirement from 8 lots in order to permit a subdivision on private easements. The subcommittee recommended no action.
- **WLD - 19-06 – 12905 Main Street North** - Waiver for the existing Oceanway Bar & Grill to allow for a new package sales store within the building. The subcommittee recommended no action. Samuel Walker, City Planner I, may be contacted at (904) 255-7823 or [Walkers@coj.net](mailto:Walkers@coj.net)
- **Membership** - Sharon Bivins: No Report.
- **Transportation** – Dick Berry: No Report.
- **Ad-Hoc-** Taxation, Revenue, Utilization and Expenditures (T.R.U.E) – Jim Mazur reported that last month an auditor reviewed the first of the year audit with the T.R.U.E. Commission. The auditor revealed that the Sheriff's Department has a \$ 7 Million deficit created by JSO stepping in to assist with the new school Guardian Security program until enough guards are hired. Mr. Mazur briefly discussed Ordinance #2019-0179, which appropriates a total of \$269,000 from the Jax Recreational & Environmental Land Acquisition Capital Projects Fund to Tree Hill, Inc.
- 6. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin announced that she was invited to set up an information booth at this year's Sheriff's Watch Safety Fair. The Safety Fair is scheduled for April 20, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lonnie Miller Park, 7689 Price Ln. Sharon Bivins, the North CPAC's membership specialist, will also have a booth at the Safety Fair and will need volunteers to assist with the booth. Ms. Godwin also announced that ethics training is required per Ordinance 2014-03, Article II Section B7 for all CPAC members. Ethics training will be held during June's CPAC meeting. If your name is highlighted in yellow on the attendance sheet please plan to attend the CPAC meeting in June. Someone from the Office of Ethics will provide the training. Michelle Godwin may be contacted at (904) 255-8236 or [michellegw@coj.net](mailto:michellegw@coj.net).
- 7. **Chair's Report** – Mike Getchell announced that Mayor Lenny Curry sent the CPAC Chairs a letter requesting the CPACs help to determine and identify one priority Capital improvement Project request for each neighborhood within the boundaries of the North CPAC. Mr. Getchell nominated the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee to preside over the task of meeting and discussing with interested residents their needs for Planning District 6. The project is due on May 15, 2019 and will be turned in to Teresa Eichner, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator.
- 8. **Unfinished Business** - None
- 9. **New Business** - None
- 10. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:**
  - Several citizens from the Broward Pointe and Broward Cove neighborhoods voiced their concerns with the proposed new development, Ordinance 2019-0117.
- 11. **Motion to Adjourn:** Chair Mike Getchell adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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**Next CPAC Meeting:** **Wednesday, April 10, 2019**, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W.

**Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting:** **Thursday, April 4, 2019**, 5:30 p.m. Oceanway Senior Center  
12215 Sago Ave. W.

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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: <http://www.coj.net/departments/public-affairs/public-records-request.aspx>

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