

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 12, 2020 Meeting Summary

The Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Dr., 6 p.m.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Tyrone Clark-Murray, Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living; Waynetta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II; Bettye Scott, Ribault Manor; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks; Larry Solomon, Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates; Linda Kittles, Ribault Manor; Bertha Richardson, Better Living Community Association.

Excused – Doretha Tompkins, Vice Chair; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park.

Visitors – Rosemary Thornton, Council on Elder Affairs; Nancy Wood; Richardo Porter; Jewel Flormoy, Magnolia Gardens CDC; N. Wood; Paul Gruenthar, Grace&Truth CDC; Sharey Ameena.; Constance DeVaughn; T. Mattis & M. Mattis, Lake Forest; Diana Richardson; Thomas Parrish; Lynette Powell, Magnolia Garden North Neighborhood Assoc.

Elected Official and City Staff – LT. David Fahey, JSO; Dist. Chief Kristopher Jolly, JFRD; Sharon Kirkes, Jacksonville Public Library; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Ken Johnson, Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Bruce Chauncy, Municipal Code Compliance; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Office; Dan Durbec, Neighborhood Services Office; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Johnnetta Moore, Social Services; .

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Tyrone Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Motioned to approve the January and February meeting summary was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. **Chair Report:** Chair Tyrone Clark -Murray encouraged everyone to complete the US Census in order to ensure Jacksonville receives federal funding.
3. **Elected Official:** None.
4. **New Business:** No new business.
5. **Subcommittee and Liaison Reports**
 - **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** City Planner Kaysie Cox reviewed several land use and zoning applications with CPAC members. Chair Tyrone Clark-Murray asked for clarification regarding application AD-20-16 located at 1261 King St. She wished to know the type of business and why the applicant is requesting a reduction in parking from 38 to zero. Ms. Cox stated that the applicant does not have the space needed for the business and is asking that the patrons be allowed to park on the street. Chair asked if this application could be done with a CCG-1 and exception. Ms. Cox stated that she would have to do some research because she was not sure.
 - **TRUE Commission:** Velma Rounsville stated that she had nothing to report as she has not been sworn in by the City yet but her swearing in is scheduled for April.
 - **Transportation:** Larry Solomon shared that Marci Larson of the North Florida TPO spoke at length regarding the 2020 Public Participation Plan from the North Florida TPO. The plan is available on the organization's website at northfloridatpo.com. Mr. Solomon stated that more public participation is needed from Northwest Planning District 5.

6. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** Lt. David Fahey (David.Fahey@jaxsheriff.org) reported that in the last 30 days violent crimes have dropped by 29 percent and property crimes are down 10 percent. Lt. Fahey advised that citizens should call when there is an incident in the community. The reports assist in tracking crime trends and assist with staffing the area for a deployment. Lt. Fahey reported that in an attempt to catch the illegal dumping at Van Gundy Road, a deployment was conducted. Unfortunately, JSO did not catch anyone in the act, but will continue to monitor the area for illegal activity. Lt. Fahey advised CPAC members to call 630-City to report illegal dumping. The Municipal Code Compliance Division will work on locating the owners of the property and cite them if the property is not cleaned up.
- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue:** District Chief Kristopher Jolly (kjolly@coj.net: 724-7285) reported that several new Fire Station have opened or are planned for Duval County. JFRD will be in the streets collecting money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) summer camp. The money helps with research and sending children to special camp. Chief Jolly announced that JFRD's ISO rating is still at one. This is the highest rating and helps ensure insurance rates stay down. Chief Jolly advised CPAC members to visit Jaxready.com/virus to find out more about the COVID-19. Chair Clark-Murray asked what the procedure is to tear down a structure that was damaged by fire. Chief Jolly stated that once JFRD makes its report the department has nothing to do with the structure. The information goes to the Municipal Code Compliance Division.
- **Parks Recreation and Community Service:** Johnnetta Moore, Chief of Social Services (jmoore@coj.net: 255-3322), reported that the Social Services program offers programs and services that assist people with their financial needs, provide mental health and substance abuse referrals as well as provide funding for the indigent cremation/burial program and homeless outreach services. The division provides victim services and oversees grants for a variety of social services the community, including HIV/AIDS services, advocacy services for victims of crime and for the elderly and a specialized program for victims of domestic violence. Ms. Moore announced that music theory in the park will take place at Lonnie Miller Park on Sunday, April 5th and Sunday, May 3rd. Ms. Moore also announced that Lincoln Villa Senior Center will hold a Census presentation at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 19th and Thursday, March 26th. The presentation will explain the importance of seniors completing the 2020 Census.
- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com: 632-5522), reported that JTA offers ReadIRide, a curb-to-curb service for many in the area. For 50 cents, JTA will come to your door, pick you up and drive you to the nearest bus stop. Ms. Riddick also reported that Door to Store services are now available. The service provides free rides from JTA to and from grocery stores in the Northwest Planning District. Services are available Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. by calling 515-2458. Service to the Jacksonville Regional Transit Center (JRTC) began March 30th. Additional information on all JTA services is available at jtafla.com.
- **Military Affairs and Veterans (MVA):** Ken Johnson (kenjohns@coj.net: 255-5523) reported that MVA has Veteran Service Officers (VSO) who will assist veterans and their families file claims and apply for social and educational assistance. The office is located in City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. No appointment is needed; walk-ins are accepted. The office is open 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional information is available by calling (904) 255-5550 or emailing vetsvcs@coj.net

- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Bruce Chauncey, Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor (bruceec@coj.net: 255-7035), reported a total of 166 junk vehicles, 839 nuisance properties 89 nuisance board ups, 567 residential inspections, and 180 unsafe structures were inspected in the month of February. A total of 2,144 inspections were completed in February. The division conducted a total of 9,223 inspections for the month of February. Chair Clark-Murray provided Mr. Chauncey with the addresses of the homes that were damaged during a fire but have been partially standing for months. The homes are located at 804, 808 and 814 Westbrook Road. Please report issues to MyJax@custhelp.com or 630-CITY.
- **Neighborhoods Services Office:** Lisa Ransom (lransom@coj.net: 255-7834) invited CPAC members to the Neighborhood Awards program taking place at the Main Library at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 30th. The program will recognize those neighborhoods and individuals that have gone above and beyond to make our community a better place to live. The awards program is based on the National Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) program.
- **NSO Keep Jacksonville Beautiful:** Dan Durbec (ddurbec@coj.net: 255- 8276) invited CPAC members to participate in the 24th Annual St Johns River Celebration Clean Up on March 21, 2020. Multiple sites have been established. Volunteers are provided gloves and trash bags to be used to collect trash along our waterways and our parks. After the clean up volunteers are invited to come to the Riverside Arts Market to pick up their free T-shirt and a snack.
- **Jacksonville Public Library:** Sharon Kirkes, Branch Manager (skirkes@coj.net: 630-0922 ext. 220) reported that on March 28th five libraries in various locations will be partnering with a sorority to assist citizens with filling out their US Census information using designated computers on site. Ms. Kirkes announced that the library is taking precaution based on information about the Corona Virus and have removed toys from the children's department and will do extra cleaning. As of now, there are no plans to stop programs or outreach. Ms. Kirkes stated that the information regarding the Teen Space on page three of January's summary is incorrect. The Teen Space is in the meeting room of the Dallas Graham library and is available to teens 13 through 18 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. only on Wednesday afternoons. Teen Space houses a quiet zone, social zone and recharging zone.

7. Public Comments

- **Linda Kittles** asked if FDOT will attend the next meeting. Chair Clark-Murray reminded CPAC members that some staff members are on a rotating schedule, and this may be why FDOT has not been in attendance.
- **Rosemary Thornton**, Chair of the Council on Elder Affairs (COEA), announced that they are still in need of COEA representatives for Council Districts 3, 12 and 13. Ms. Thornton also announced that Aging True is still in need of volunteers to assist in delivering meals. Aging True has also started a new program, "Relatives as Parents." The program is for people 55 or older and are the primary care givers of children up to the age of 18. Ms. Thornton also announced that Elder Source has started a new program "Caring Connection," which provides a caring telephone call to a senior who is living alone. Ms. Thornton reminded CPAC members that The Senior Fish-A-Thon will be held at Hannah

Park on March 27, 2020 for anyone 55 or older. For more information, contact Ms. Thornton or COEA Executive Director Carrence Bass at 255-5413 or cbass@coj.net.

- 8. Adjourn:** A motioned to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

The next CPAC Meeting: Due to The Covid-19 Pandemic; April, May and June meetings were canceled. Meetings will resume via Zoom on August 13, 2020 at 6 p.m. Zoom meeting invitations will be posted.

To receive supplies for your neighborhood clean-up, please contact Dan Durbec with the City of Jacksonville's Clean It Up, Green It Up program at 255-8276 or ddurbec@coj.net.

A copy of the audio recording of this Urban Core 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 here: [Public Records](#).