

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 14, 2021 Meeting Summary

Bethesda Community Center, 10790 Key Haven Blvd.

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Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Dr. Donald Green, Chair; Paul Fenning, Vice Chair; Vicki Drake, DCPS PTA/PTS Assoc.; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Reverend Joseph Tate, Cooper Hill HOA; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island HOA
Zoom: Debera Green, Captiva Bluff; Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club; Nancy Burnett, Sheriff's Watch Zone 6

Visitors: Angellica Rodriguez, Capper Estate

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; Barbara Jordon; Mark Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Dr. Gracie Kears McCastler.

Staff and Elected Officials: Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative. Angie Nixon; Vice Chair Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board; Victoria Schultz, Duval County Public Schools; Lt. Joel Van Delinder, JSO; Chief Orlando Heggs, JFRD; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Ernest Murphy, MCCD

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** CPAC approved March's summary.
- 3. Elected Officials:**
 - Vice Chair Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board, reported that all students have started testing. The School Board is waiting to learn whether this year's test scores will be held against the students and teachers, due to the different experiences during the pandemic. Vice Chair Willie also reported that the School Board has formed the sales surtax Citizen Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee will monitor the districts spending of the new half-penny sales tax. The Committee has started meeting and will hold meetings once each month, reporting to the School Board once a quarter. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021, beginning at 10 a.m. at The Schultz Center for Teaching & Leadership, 4019 Boulevard Center Dr. 32207. Rutledge H. Peterson Elementary is one of the first projects in the master facility plan. Its design will serve as a prototype for other elementary schools. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2023. Vice Chair Willie reported that voting for school name changes will start on Monday, April 26, 2021. Those residing in the attendance zone of a school whose name is up for a possible name change may vote.
 - Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative Angie Nixon, announced that their office hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Representative Nixon's contact phone number is 904-924-1500.
- 4. Presentation:** Richard Ward, Florida Department of Health Duval County, reported that the Health Department is still conducting testing at their location on 515 West 6th St., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-up testing is also available at Regency Center and the Legends Community Center, seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mr. Ward also announced that the Pfizer vaccine may now be administered to Floridians aged 16 and older. The Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccine may be administered to

Floridians aged 18 and older. Those who are ages 16 through 18 must be accompanied by an adult. He also announced that State sponsored sites located at Regency Mall and the Legends Community Center are administering the Pfizer vaccine seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebration Church located at 955 RG Skinner Parkway, is providing the Pfizer vaccine from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mr. Ward reported that there is a lack of availability of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, but those sites that were offering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine will offer either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine while waiting for new shipments of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Duval County has administered up 500,000 vaccines so far. Mr. Ward announced that the Florida Department of Health Duval County has partnered with the agency, Health Hero Florida. To schedule a vaccination event in your community, church, or organization, you may contact Mr. Ward at Richard.Ward@flhealth.gov. Health Hero Florida will provide the medical staff and the vaccines, and you must provide the location. Richard Ward may be reached at 904-253-2126 or Richard.Ward@flhealth.gov

5. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Joel Van Delinder reported that crime is down; however, burglaries to residence are up a small percentage. He advised CPAC members to install security cameras outside of their homes, or post signs in their yards indicating their homes are equipped with a home alarm system. This will help discourage criminal activity. Planning District 6 is still seeing a high number of burglaries to cars, because residents are still leaving cars unlocked. Lt. Van Delinder announced that First Coast Crime Stoppers has made it easier to report a crime of any sort by calling 1-866-845-TIPS (8477), or by going to the crime stoppers site www.P3tips.com. Lt. Joel Van Delinder may be reached at (904) 696-4335
- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Chief Heggs reported that JFRD is preparing the new emergency systems, and emergency stations for hurricane season. In preparation of hurricane season, citizens should visit the JaxReady website at <https://www.jaxready.com/>, or download the JaxReady app. JaxReady provides citizens with evacuation zones, weather threat levels. The special needs registration link is also available for those with special medical needs who need special accommodations during evacuations. Chief Orlando Higgs may be reached at (904) 630-0860 or ohiggs@coj.net
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported that Brown Eastside Branch, Maxville Branch, and Westbrook Branch will reopen in April. Each branch will be open three days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hours of operation can be found on the Jacksonville Public Library website www.jaxpubliclibrary.org. Ms. Spiritas also reported that all library meeting rooms will reopen and be available for booking starting May 1, 2021. The libraries are no longer quarantining materials or screening customers. However, social distancing is still required, and not all locations are at full capacity. Ms. Spiritas announced that the architect's proposals have been scored for the New Berlin Road Library, and they are awaiting the shortlist of finalists. The architects will be interviewed by representatives made up of Public Works and library staff. Once a firm is selected, the library will start meeting with community members and groups for their input on what they would like to see at the new branch. Jackie Spiritas may be contacted at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or spiritas@coj.net
- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Ernest Murphy, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that a systematic inspection was completed in the Lake Forest neighborhood, resulting in a total of 211 properties being cited. Within the last 30 days, 1,051 inspections have been completed, and a total of 219 snipe signs have been removed. Year to date, MCCD has completed a total of 12,782 inspections in Planning District 6. Mr. Murphy reminded CPAC members that the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) is still available for those who need abatement services due to disability or economic disadvantage. To find out if you qualify for the JAR program, visit <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>. Ernest Murphy may be contacted at (904)255-7096 or Emurphy@coj.net
- **Parks, Recreation, and Community Services** – Kara Tucker, Chief of Disabled Services, provided information on initiatives and programs available through the Disabled Services Division, such as the waste assistance program, wheelchair ramp program, and the new adaptive recreation

program. Ms. Tucker announced that the City will hold its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Symposium virtually via Zoom and in person at the Main Library, located at 303 N. Laura St. on May 12, 2021. Ms. Tucker also announced that the Jim Brady Scholarship deadline is April 24, 2021, for high school seniors with disabilities who will graduate in the spring of 2021. The application can be found on the Disability Services website, as well as a list of services, publications, and resources provided through the Disability Services Division <https://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/disabled-services.aspx?viewmode=0>. Ms. Tucker provided an update regarding several questions submitted by CPAC member Jim Sumara pertaining to Jim Kings Park and Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek Marina. Kara Tucker may be contacted at (904) 255-5472 or KaraT@coj.net

6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Dr. Donald Green, Paul Fenning and Erin Abney, City Planner I

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed three Land Use and Zoning application. One recommendation was made:

New Business

- **Oppose 2021- 0195 – Plan Unit Development (PUD): Max Leggett Parkway:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 74.48 acres from Planned Unit Development to Planned Unit Development to increase the number of units allowed to 145 for Parcel B. The CPAC opposes the project on the basis that there is no clear indication of the planned use of the property and would like the opportunity for future input. Erin Abney may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or Fabney@coj.net
- 7. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator reminded CPAC members that they must complete Ethics Training every four years. Ms. Godwin will send the training information to those who need to renew their training requirements. Michelle Godwin-Ware may be contacted at (904)255-8236 or michellelgw@coj.net.
- 8. New Business** – Chair Green reminded CPAC members that if they have not already done so, they should reach out to their neighborhoods to identify one priority capital improvement project (CIP). As of now, only two suggestions have been submitted. CPAC members should submit their recommendations to Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin at michellelgw@coj.net before the meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. The final list will be created during the Governmental Affairs Meeting on May 12, 2021. Chair Green announced that San Mateo's community leader, Donna Philbrick has extended an invitation to North CPAC members, neighborhoods, and community leaders to participate in a food drive for Planning District 6. The food drive is scheduled for May 15, 2021, and would require each neighborhood, or organization to organize the collection and drop-off of nonperishable food items. Once the items are dropped off, Feeding North East Florida will send a team to collect the food, and take it back to the warehouse to prepare it for distribution to those who need it. More information will be provided by email before the meeting on Wednesday, May 12th.

9. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

10. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, June 9, 2021** starting at 5:30 p.m. Hybrid – Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W., 32218 and Zoom

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, June 9, 2021 starting at 4:30 p.m.** Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W. 32218 and Zoom

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