

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 13, 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; Bob Austin; Blue Grass/Northwood HOA; 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: Glen Fowler, Northside Business Leader; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club; Nancy Burnett, Sheriff's Watch Zone 6; Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA.

Visitors: Brian Bills, River Edge; Lora Peterson, Katherine Moore, Robert Coleman, Donald Drake, Peter D'Angelo, Broward Point; Tom Ingram, Clif Payne, Broward Point; Paul Forte, Jennifer Richardson, Broward Road; Victoria D'Angelo, Broward Point; Tommy Jinks, KB Homes

Zoom: Pat Medley, Marilyn Miles; Angellica Rodriguez-Bar, College Park; Ashley McDonald; Irish Parker; Connie Rose Parker; Dr. Willie Crosby, Sweet Water Church of Christ.

Staff and Elected Officials: Samuel Newby, City Council At Large Group 5, Chief Barrow, JFRD; Lt. Joel, JSO; Jackie Spiritas, Jacksonville Public Libraries; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Michelle Worley, Angie Nixon's Aide Gloria Crawford, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Bradley Clayton, MCCD; Nicoa Garrett, Safety and Crime Reduction Commission.

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Dr. Donald Green called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** October 2020 and November 2020 summaries were approved by the CPAC.
3. **Elected Officials:** Council Member Samuel Newby thanked everyone for the well wishes and prayers when he contracted COVID-19. Council Member Newby announced that Nicoa Garrett is the new administrator for the Safety and Crime Reduction Commission and will be working with the commission to create a comprehensive community-wide anti-crime initiative. The Safety and Crime Reduction Commission is charged with reviewing the various programs within the city and abroad that have been successful. The initiative will include public safety, education, mental health, literacy, positive youth development, physical health, neighborhood stability, crime deterrence, workforce training, intervention, and rehabilitation.
4. **Presentation:** None
5. **Chair Report:** Chair Green reported that the Governmental Affairs meetings will be held one hour before the full CPAC meeting instead of the first Thursday of each month. This will reduce the number of monthly meetings for members. February's Governmental Affairs meeting will be held Wednesday, February 10th at 4:30 p.m. at the Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W, 32218. The full CPAC will meet at 5:30 p.m. after the Governmental Affairs meeting. Chair Green stated that the CPAC's executive order does not allow for electronic votes and unfortunately members attending the meetings by Zoom cannot vote.
6. **Staff Reports:**
 - **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Joel reported that crime is increasing in the area. There is an increase in burglary's to homes under construction and violent crimes. Lt. Joel announced that the Goldrush Hotel on Harts Road has been shut down because of illegal activity thanks to local and state officials getting involved.

Lt. Joel may be contacted at (904) 696-4335

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Chief Barrow reported that the City added new ladders to Fire Stations 49 on Yellow Bluff Road and Station 40 on Heckscher Drive. Chief Barrow announced that the new recruits class will graduate from the academy in a few weeks. Chief Barrow may be contacted at (904) 630-0864
 - **Safety and Crime Reduction Commission** – Dr. Nicoa Garrett, Administrator of the SACRC introduced herself to CPAC members. Dr. Garrett informed CPAC that the Safety and Crime Reduction Commission meetings are open to the public, and she would be happy to have whoever is interested in attendance.
Dr. Nicoa Garrett may be contacted at (904) 255-7532 or nicoa@coj.net
 - **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported that on January 20, 2021 the Oceanway Library request for bid will be released. No overdue fines will be charged for books returned past their return dates; however items should be returned at some point patrons may be charged for those items. Customers can renew checked out items by phone or on the www.jaxpubliclibrary.org website. Ms. Spiritas advised that this week is National Letter Writing week. Library card holders can access Lynda.com, a vast collection of video tutorials that can assist anyone with learning software, technology, creative and business skills. AARP will prepare taxes by appointment only; no walk-in appointments will be accepted. Customers can register for appointments beginning Friday, January 22nd by going to www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide, where they can search nearest locations by ZIP code or by calling (904) 701-3462. Tax preparation will begin the week of February 15 at all library locations. Volunteers will socially distance by asking customers to drop off paperwork.
Jackie Spiritas may be contacted at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or spiritas@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 ReadIRide Zones. Healthcare workers and citizens age 65 and older can ride free on JTA and ReadIRide services by simply showing their work identification or Florida Identification.
Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or Criddick@jtafla.com
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Bradley Clayton, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that a systematic inspection in the San Mateo neighborhood was completed and resulted in 149 cases. Zone 6 MCCD will conduct its next systematic inspection in the Panama Park neighborhood. Mr. Clayton announced that applications for the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) are still available. The JAR program assists with abatement services required at no cost to those citizens who qualify. 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>.
Bradley Clayton may be contacted at (904) 255-7038 or bclayton@coj.net
 - **Parks Recreation and Community Services** – Gloria Crawford, Chief of Senior Services, reported that the new 7 Creeks Recreation Area is complete and offers visitors 30 miles of trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding, as well as an extensive network of tidal creeks for kayakers, boaters, paddleboarders and fishermen. Additional camp sites have been added and are available to rent at Huguenot Park. Huguenot Park has ordered a new playground, which should be open by the summer.
Gloria Crawford may be contacted at (904) 630-3410 or gscrawford@coj.net
- 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 nine LUZ applications and three recommendations were made:

New Business

- **Oppose 2020-0716 – Conventional Rezoning: 16022 Red Bass Dr.:** This application seeks to

rezone approximately 1.00+/- acre from Agriculture (AGR) to Industrial Light (IL) to expand the business. Conventional rezoning does not allow for community input. The CPAC would like to see the application changed to a (PUD).

- **Oppose Z-3017 – Conventional Rezoning: 6669 Rivercrest Dr.:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 5.00+/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Industrial Light (IL) to permit industrial uses. The CPAC would like to see the application changed to a (PUD).
- **Oppose Z-3220 – Conventional Rezoning: 1701 Pecan Park Rd.:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 0.76+/- acres from Residential Low Density-60 (RLD-60) to Residential Office (RO) to permit the property to operate with an accounting office. Conventional rezoning does not allow for community input. The CPAC would like to see the application changed to a (PUD).
- **Oppose 2020-0723 – Conventional Rezoning: 12210 New Berlin Rd.:** This City sponsored application seeks to rezone approximately 10.44+/- acres from Industrial Light (IL) and Residential Low Density-60 (RLD-60) to Public Buildings and Facilities-2 (PBF-2) to permit the construction of a Public Library. The CPAC does not oppose the library itself just the site identification process.

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
- 8. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, announced that going forward, CPAC meetings will be conducted in hybrid format until further notice.
Michelle Godwin-Ware may be contacted at (904)255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net.

9. **Chair's Report** – No Report

10. **New Business** – None

11. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** Several residents from the Broward Road community spoke in opposition to Ordinance 2020-0689. The application seeks to rezone 113.47+/- acres from RLD-90/RMD-A to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to permit 243 single-family homes with 50-foot-wide lots. Residents stated that building that many homes in the area is a safety hazard and raises several concerns, such as there being only one way in and way out of the community, the increase of docking facilities could be a safety hazard for the federally listed West Indian Manatee, drainage issues, wildlife such as Bald Eagles natural habitat will be threatened, and the PUD is inconsistent with what is already in the area.

12. **Motion to Adjourn:** Chair Dr. Green adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

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

Summary prepared by Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Coordinator, Neighborhood Services Office, (904) 255-8236 or MichelleGW@coj.net

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