

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

November 10, 2021, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W.

Zoom Meeting ID: 971 7788 2377 Passcode: 115030

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Dr. Don Green, Chair; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Reverend Joseph Tate, Copper Hill HOA; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island HOA; Jamie Lacy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Matt Stone, Marshwinds HOA; Jane Love, Amelia Island HOA; Gay Septon, Amelia Island HOA; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA; Michael & Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Glenn Fowler, Northside Business Leaders; Dot Mathias, Charter Member

Zoom: Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA; Josephine Fiveash-Poter, Northlake HOA; Reverend Joseph Tate, Copper Hill HOA.

Visitors: Eric Parker; Mitch Crystal, Gray's Landing HOA; Paul Forte, North Florida Business Leaders.

Zoom: Donna Philbrick, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc., Earnestine Johnson; Pat Medley, Donald Dixon, Marinda Jones.

Staff and Elected Officials: Angie Nixon, FL. House of Representatives District 14; Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to St. Rep. Angie Nixon; Lt. Joe Van Delinder, JSO; Victoria Schultz, DCPS; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Renee Goode, JEA; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Charles Benson, 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:** The October 13, 2021, summary was approved by the CPAC.
3. **Elected Officials:**
 - FL. House of Representatives District 14, Angie Nixon, reported that Governor DeSantis has called a special session regarding COVID-19 legislations. Committee meetings are almost done, and regular sessions will start January 11, 2022. Regular sessions will run through March 11, 2022. Representative Nixon reported that she is working in partnership with the City of Jacksonville and City Council President, Sam Newby on a cleanup and trash initiative. Representative Nixon also announced she will be participating in a ride along with Public Works and Municipal Code Enforcement, to better understand and address the drainage and illegal dumping issues throughout Jacksonville. Representative Nixon advised that constituents may contact her office at (904) 924-1500 if they need assistance with many issues. Representative Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
4. **Chairs Report:** Chair Green announce that the Jacksonville Urban League reached out to the CPAC Chairs to invite them to a meeting via Zoom. Chair Green stated he planned on attending and will keep CPAC members informed on the outcome of the meeting. Chair Green informed the CPAC members that the Chairs quarterly meeting with the mayor's office is scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2021. If members have a specific concern or topic of interest that they would like brought up at the meeting, please email it to Michelle at Michellegw@coj.net.
5. **Presentation/Speaker:** None
6. **Staff Reports:**
 - **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Joel Van Delinder, reported that JSO is having problems with thefts on construction sites, and asked CPAC members to report if they see theft taking place on construction sites. Lt. Van Delinder also reported that retail theft is up primarily because of the holidays and advised CPAC members to shop with a buddy, place valuables and

packages in the trunk, and to park under lights while shopping. Lt. Van Delinder informed CPAC members that on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 5 p.m. the JSO Zone 6 Substation located at Highland Square Shopping Center, 936 Dunn Avenue will close permanently. The Zone 6 Substation will reopen at its new location on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 1680 Dunn Ave. There will be a transitional period before the substation opens its doors to the public, and phones may be down. Lt. Van Delinder advised residents to visit one of JSO's other Zone Substations or JSO Headquarters in the interim.

Lt. Joel Van Delinder may be reached at (904) 696-4335

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Victoria Schultz - Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource Services, reported that Parent Academy has many online courses available to parents and guardians. The Academy is a free resource for families that provides specialized information to support parents, caregivers, and community members in areas of personal and individual growth, parenting and advocacy, and student achievement. CPAC members may review a list of the courses by visiting www.duvalschools.org/ParentAcademy. Ms. Schultz also announced that Duval County Public Schools is hiring for all positions. Interested parties may send their resume directly to Ms. Schultz at SchultzV@duvalschools.org or visit www.ess.com/duval to view available positions.

Victoria Shultz may be reached at SchultzV@duvalschools.org

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon, Transportation Coordinator District 2, reported that the I-95/I-295 North Interchange Operational Improvement Project is on schedule. Traffic flow will switch over to the new lanes in late 2022. Project details may be viewed on the FDOT website at [Project Details \(nflroads.com\)](http://ProjectDetails(nflroads.com)).

Derek Dixon may be reached at (904) 360-5653 or derek.dixon@dot.state.fl.us

- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Renee Goode, Government Relations Coordinator, reported that JEA is offering free in-home efficiency assessments. A JEA presentative will offer cost-effective ideas designed to help lower customers energy bills. Ms. Goode also reported that scammers are calling customers using JEA's phone number, insisting that a payment is made within 30 minutes to prevent their service from being disconnected. Ms. Goode informed CPAC members that JEA would never disconnect service as abruptly as that. Ms. Goode advised CPAC members to hang up and contact JEA by calling (904) 665-6000 or log on to your JEA account to check its status.

Renee Goode can be contacted at goodrr@jea.com

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported that the month of November is Native American Heritage and National Diabetes month. Ms. Spiritas advised that the library has a large collection of print and digital resources that may be of interest to anyone regarding these subjects and many more. Ms. Spiritas reported that early voting for the Special Unitary Election for City Council At-Large Group 3 will begin Saturday, November 27, 2021, and run through Sunday, December 5, 2021, at various library locations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Election Day for the 2021 Special Unitary First Election will be held Tuesday, December 7, 2021, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You may only vote at your precinct on December 7, 2021. The list of early voting sites is available on the Duval County Supervisor of Elections website <https://www.duval elections.com/>. Ms. Spiritas announced that the Main Library is still closed while being used as a Regeneration treatment site, but she will be sure to update members of its reopening for public use.

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, reported that a total of 1084 inspections were completed in the month of October, and MCCD collected 587 snipe signs. In the Blue Grass Northwood neighborhood, 315 citations were written. Mr. Benson announced 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>

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

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – CPAC member Mike Getchell and Erin Abney, City Planner I:

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed four Land Use and Zoning applications, and three recommendations were made:

New Business

- **2021-0803 - Conventional Rezoning: 703 Bew Berlin Rd.:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 8.57+/- acres from Commercial Office (CO) to RMD-C to allow for multi-family residential/townhome development on the property. The CPAC opposed the project, requesting the applicant apply for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) instead of a Conventional Rezoning, to allow for community input.
 - **2021-0808 – Planned Unit Development (PUD) – 0 Plummer Road:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 453 acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Planned Unit Development in order to allow for the development of up to 735 single family dwellings ranging between 40-foot-wide lots to 60-foot-wide lots. The CPAC opposed the project due to the proposed 40-foot-wide lots, the one planned entrance to the community, and the property being surrounded by marshland with flood possibilities.
 - **2021-0810 – Conventional Rezoning – 3653 Dunn Ave.:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 6 +/- acres from RMD-A to RMD-D to allow for residential density similar to surrounding development. The CPAC opposed the project, requesting the applicant apply for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) instead of a Conventional Rezoning to allow for community input.
Erin Abney may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or Eabney@coj.net
 - **Nominating Subcommittee** – Mike Getchell presented the slate of nominees for the 2022 CPAC Chair and Vice: the reelection of Dr. Don Green for Chair and the election of Jamie Lacy for Vice Chair. Mr. Getchell ensured there were no additional nominations for Chair and Vice Chair by asking three times from the floor. Tommy Ruffin motioned to re-elect Dr. Green as Chair; Jamie Lacy seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Tommy Ruffin motioned to elect Jamie Lacy as Vice Chair; Dot Mathias seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Donald Green will serve as Chair and Jamie Lacy will serve as Vice Chair for 2022.
- 8. New Business:** None
- 9. Neighborhood Coordinators Report:** Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin-Ware reported that the Paper Collection and Tree Giveaway event will take place Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at TIAA Bank Field Lot E. Participants may only drop off two bags of paper documents. Ms. Godwin-Ware advised that there will not be a shredding truck on site. Ms. Godwin-Ware also announced that there is still time to apply for the 2021 Neighborhood Matching Grant. Those who are interested should contact Mr. Eslinger at EEslinger@coj.net for an application. Applications are due no later than December 13, 2021, at 5 p.m.
Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net
- 10. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** None
- 11. Adjourn:** Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, January 12, 2022**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Hybrid – Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W., 32218 and Zoom

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, January 12, 2022**, starting at 4:30 p.m. Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W. 32218 and Zoom

Summary prepared by Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Coordinator, Neighborhood Services Office, (904) 255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net . 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: [COJ Public Records Request](#)

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