

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 13, 2022 Meeting Summary

Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd., 6 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 3681 7022 Passcode: 336356

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Rhonda Boyd, Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Waynatta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II; Kim Stephens-Perry, NJTRMNA; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Shirley Thomas, North Riverside CDC; Doretha Tompkins, Riverview; Victor Coleman, Central Fairfax Community Association, Inc.; Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrace; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Tim Rossetter, Marietta Senior Center; Betty Scott, Ribault Manor; Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins, Pep Enterprise Corp.

Visitors – Ginny Winters; Peggy Lee, Central Fairfax Community; Gill Bush; Patrieana Greene; Jacquelyn Harris; Jeanette Mitchell, Central Fairfax Community; Daisy Hicks; Emily Simmons; Eldridge Groomes; Lynette Powell Williams, Magnolia Gardens; Gwendolyn Hamilton, Victoria Landing; Gloria Harris, Victoria Landing.

Elected Official and City Staff – Jessica Denson, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Clark-Murray District 9; Angie Nixon, State Representative; Warren Jones, DCPS; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Scott Adams, JPL; J. D. Stronko, JSO; Damian Bell, JFRD; Brian Naples, Municipal Code Compliance; Brittany Figueroa, Planning and Development Department; Michelle Godwin-Ware, NSO.

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Rhonda Boyd called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware confirmed a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The CPAC approved the September 2022 meeting summary.
- 3. Elected Officials:** Warren Jones, DCPS Board Member District 5, thanked the Northwest CPAC for their advocacy regarding the appeal of the liquor store in the community.
School Board Member Jones reported:
 - Overcrowding of school buses can sometimes be due to students who are not registered to be picked up or dropped off at a specific stop. The policy is not to leave children at a bus stop which can cause bus overcrowding.
 - At no cost to families and with permission from a parent or guardian, students may speak with a Hazel Health professional from school or at home. Medical visits are available for students at home and in the school clinic. For more information about the services provided by Hazel Health, visit their website for more details <https://my.hazel.co/duvalschools/info>.
 - Thirty-three Duval County Public School Seniors were named 2023 National Merit Semifinalists. This is a great honor that shows how hard the students and teachers have worked. Finalists will be notified in February 2023, and winners of the scholarships will be announced in April 2023.
 - The DCPS Board approved hiring an outside law firm to review DCPS crime reporting. DCPS is taking corrective action to comply with the state's School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) law enforcement system.
- **State Representative Angie Nixon** reported that she held a virtual town hall meeting with members of the Jacksonville Electrical Authority (JEA) staff for citizens concerned with their electric bill increase. JEA discussed the various ways citizens could lower usage, the benefits of weatherizing their homes, improving their home's energy efficiency, and the different resources available to those who need help with their utility bills. Representative Nixon announced that she has created a resource for citizens who need help with their utility payments. Citizens can obtain that information by calling the office of Rep. Nixon at (904) 381-6013.
Rep. Angie Nixon can be reached at (904) 381-6013.
- **Jessica Denson, Executive Aide** to Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray District 9, thanked CPAC members for being involved in the win regarding the denial of the construction of another liquor store in the community. Ms. Denson encouraged CPAC members to contact her with any concerns.
Jessica Denson can be reached at (904) 255-5161 or JCDenson@coj.net.
City Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray can be reached at (904) 255-5161 or TClarkMurray@coj.net.

4. **Chairs Report:** Chair Boyd apologized for being unable to attend the October 11, 2022, City Council meeting. She thanked everyone who could participate in the meeting and spoke in opposition to another package store in Planning District 5. Chair Boyd reviewed the house rules with CPAC members and guests.
- All questions must go through the chair. The chair will acknowledge the participants in-house and on Zoom, and you may then ask your question after.
 - Please limit your questions to two. Those who have more than two questions or would like to discuss the issue further are welcome to take the speaker's contact information or step out of the meeting to provide your contact information to the speaker or discuss the matter further.
 - A timekeeper will allow those with questions or comments three minutes to speak; this includes the staff. A green card will be held up when starting to talk. A yellow card when you have a minute left and need to wrap it up, and a red card when your time is up.
 - Please state your name before speaking. This is necessary for the record and to assist Ms. Godwin-Ware with becoming familiar with everyone.

5. Staff Reports

- **Neighborhoods Department:** Michael Chao, Chief of Municipal Code Compliance, reported that:
 - CPAC members should use the 630-City (2489) or the MyJax app online to create a service request. Citizens will be provided with a tracking number and will receive updates regarding their requests.
 - Animal Care and Protective Services need volunteers. The shelter is over 100 % capacity. Teens ages 14-16 need to be accompanied by an adult. Teens seventeen and older can volunteer without an adult. Volunteers undergo short volunteer training and can assist with cleaning cages and walking dogs.
 - Funds are still available for the Mortgage Relief Program. Residents may qualify for up to \$7,500 to assist with their mortgage if they are in arrears. For additional information, please call 630-CITY (2489).
Michael Chao can be reached at (904) 255-7015 or MChao@coj.net.
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Assistant Chief J. D. Stronko reminded CPAC members that they can visit the JSO website and view JSO's interactive crime map. The crime map allows you to track the crime rates and where they occur. Assistant Chief Stronko provided an overview of the overall crime in the Northwest District in the last 30 days.
 - Crime is down 5.5 %, and crime against property is up 3 %.
 - Traffic deployments were conducted at Lem Turner Road and Soutel Drive. Thirteen tickets, nine warnings, and one arrest were made. On September 21, 2022, in the 7800 block of New Kings Road, 39 traffic citations were written.
 - The Northwest Classic was a tremendous success. There were no issues from a policing standpoint during or after the event. JSO worked in coordination with Duval County School Police.
Assistant Chief Stronko can be reached at (904) 470-8900.
- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD):** Damian Bell, Fire Captain Prevention 40, reported:
 - Hurricane season is not over until November 30th. Captain Bell announced that the city did a great job preparing for Hurricane Ian. Four shelters were opened, Legend Center, Atlantic Coast High School, LaVilla Middle School, and Landmark Middle School. Citizens should download the Jax Ready App to stay informed about evacuation zones, shelter locations, etc. Citizens may register for AlertJax notifications by visiting <https://www.jaxready.com/Alerts.aspx>.
 - Space heaters should not be placed on the carpet for extended periods because they tend to catch fire. Space heaters should always be plugged directly into an outlet, not an extension cord. Also, please avoid placing them near drapes or furniture. For those using kerosene heaters, do not refill the heater when it is turned on. You may safely refill the heater once it has cooled down.
 - Capt. Bell reminded CPAC members that JFRD provides and installs free smoke detectors for any qualifying Jacksonville resident who owns and lives in a single-family or two-family residence. For a free smoke detector or to have batteries replaced in an existing device, please call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or register by visiting the MyJax website [MyJax Customer Help](#).
Caption Damian Bell can be reached at DamianB@coj.net.

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPD):** Dr. Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent, reported:
 - City Council approved the fiscal year's Cultural Council Art and Public Places budget. Three projects for Duval County Public Schools will be completed. The first project will be a mural created at Northwestern Legends Elementary School. DCPS and the Cultural Arts Council will seek the community's input for the project. The second project is scheduled for A. Philip Randolph Career Academies. The project will be a tribute to Asa Philip Randolph. The last project is planned for Fort Caroline Middle School. It will be a mural honoring Augusta Savage.
 - Superintendent Diana Greene has been selected as a Green Garner finalist. The Council of Great City Schools sponsors the award. The award recognizes leaders who demonstrate excellence in leadership, achievement, public confidence, professionalism, and involvement.
 - Negotiation teams continue to meet regarding the sale of the DCPS office building located at 1701 Prudential Dr. The process was delayed because of Hurricane Ian. However, the School Board has a recommendation regarding the sale for the superintendent.
 - The sex education materials are being reviewed. A School Board workshop on potential materials will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. The schools will be able to comment on the materials, and a link will be made available on the DCPS website so the public can review and comment.
 - The National assessment showed that DCPS improved its national academic ranking in eighth grade math and eighth-grade reading while maintaining its top-five ranking in fourth-grade reading compared to peer school districts across the country. Dr. Dana Kriznar can be reached at (904) 390-2000 or kriznard@Duvalschools.org.
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Scott Adams, Highlands Regional Library Manager, announced the following:
 - A new pilot program made possible by a grant has been released at six library locations, allowing residents to check out a Wi-Fi hotspot and Chrome Book for 21 days with possible renewal. For a list of participating locations, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website [Jacksonville Public Library | \(jaxpubliclibrary.org\)](http://JacksonvillePublicLibrary.org)
 - The first ever Duval Comic and Zine (DCAZ)Fest will take place on Saturday, October 22, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St. A Zine is short for magazine or fanzine, which is a small circulation of original self-published work. The event will celebrate local, self-published media such as mini-comics, small press, alternative press, underground art, and DIY media. Octobers Lit Chat Author Interview scheduled for the event is Eisner and Ignatz Award-winning cartoonist, illustrator, and YouTuber Jim Rugg. Registration is required as well as a library card and PIN. To register, visit the Jacksonville Public Libraries event site <https://jaxpubliclibrary.libnet.info/event/6919969>.
 - The Bill Brinton Murray Hill Library will host a Murray Hill-O-Ween Party on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Joe will be there to tell a story at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Games, activities, and face painting will also be part of the fun.
 - Early voting will begin on October 24, 2022. You can find a list of the early voting sites on the Jacksonville Public Libraries website <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/>. Scott Adams can be reached at (904) 255-6407 or SAAdams@coj.net.
- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD):** Brian Naples reported that MCCD completed 1,156 inspections in Zone 5 in the last 30 days. A systematic inspection is scheduled for the Murray Hill neighborhood starting Monday, October 17, 2022. The systematic inspection in the Lackawanna neighborhood resulted in 300 warnings. Mr. Naples reminded CPAC members about the MCCD Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR). Funds are still available. The JAR Program may prevent a lien from being placed on your property. For more information, please visit the Municipal Code Compliance Department website www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program. Mr. Naples reminded CPAC members that effective July 2021, Committee Substitute (CS)/Senate Bill (SB) 60 amends the county and municipal code enforcement statutes to prohibit county and municipal code inspectors and code enforcement officers from initiating an investigation into violations of city or county codes or ordinances based upon an anonymous complaint. Brian Naples can be reached at BNaples@coj.net or (904) 255-7000.

- **Neighborhood Coordinator:** Michelle Godwin-Ware reminded CPAC members that the Neighborhood Awards Program would take place Thursday, October 20, 2022, starting at 6 p.m. at Mary L. Singleton Senior Center, 150 E. 1st Street. Michelle Godwin-Ware can be reached at (904) 255-8236 or Michellelegw@coj.net.

6. **Unfinished Business:** None

7. **New Business:** None

8. **Subcommittee and Liaison Reports**

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** CPAC member Kim Stephens-Perry reported that the subcommittee reviewed nine land use and zoning applications. The following recommendations were made:
 - To deny ordinance 2022-0676 and companion applications 2022-0677, 2022-0678 - 4817 Kingsbury, St., RE# 00062553-0000: The ordinance seeks to rezone the required road frontage from 48 feet to 25 feet to develop the property with a single-family dwelling in the RLD-60 zoning district. The recommendations by the LUZ Subcommittee to deny ordinance 20220676 and companion applications 2022-0677 and 2022-0678 were approved by CPAC members.
- **T.R.U.E Commission:** Velma Rounsville reported that the TRUE Commission will be sending a resolution to City Council asking that the new sheriff and mayor elected in 2023 create a plan to hire 148 new JSO Officers each year over the next four years to achieve a JSO staffing ration of 2.73 officers to every 1,000 city residents by fiscal year 2031. The TRUE Commission would also like to investigate the effectiveness of the Public Works Department and research other cities' contract management practices and the fairness in service and infrastructure distribution among the neighborhoods. One idea is that the city could use a Public Works project information dashboard like JTA, so citizens can view the dashboard and see the projects and progress.
- **Transportation:** No Report

9. **Public Comments:**

- Discussion was had regarding ordering a catered end-of-the-year dinner for the November NW CPAC meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Summary prepared by Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8236 or Michellelegw@coj.net. A copy of the audio recording of this Northwest 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: [Public Records](#).

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