

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 11, 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; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Reverend Joseph Tate, Copper Hill HOA; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island HOA; Vicki Drake, DCPS PTA/PTS Assoc., Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Jamie Lacy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Nancy Burnett, Sheriff's Watch Zone 6; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA.

Zoom: Paul Fenning, Vice Chair; Debera Green, Captiva Bluff; Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club; Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA.

Visitors: Mary Sperow; Donald Drake; Gay Septon; Brittnee Williams, Biscayne Estates; Janice Williams, Biscayne Estates; Angelica Rodriguez, Capper Road; Vivian Brown, Dunns Crossing HOA; Lacy Septon, Amelia View HOA; Khalilah Hall; Barry Fine, Capper Road; Michele Suda, Capper Road.

Zoom: Mario Chatman, Cambridge Estate HOA; Pat Medley; Donna Philbrick, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo Neighborhood Assoc.; Ashely McDonald, Sunshine Realty; Josh Cockrell, The StellaRea Group

Staff and Elected Officials: Lt. Joe Van Delinder, JSO; Chiquita Moore, Operations Director; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Donald Tuten, JEA; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Charles Benson, MCCD; Michelle Worley, State Rep. Angie Nixon's Aide

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** CPAC approved May's summary.
- 3. Elected Officials:**
 - Darryl Willie, Vice Chair Duval County School Board, reported that this year's enrollment is up by 2500 students. Vice Chair Willie stated that temperature checks, washing and sanitizing of hands, surfaces, as well as social distancing are in place this school year. Vice Chair Willie advised that it is strongly encouraged that students and staff wear masks, however there is an opt out form for those who chose not to. Vice Chair Willie reported that they are working on correcting any transportation pick up and drop off issues that have occurred over the first few days of school being in session. Darryl Willie may be reached at willied@duvalschools.org
 - Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative Angie Nixon, announced that they will go back into committee sessions starting September. Mrs. Worley announced that Representative Nixon is working on addressing some of the various issues throughout Duval County. Representative Nixon has reached out to various City Council members to discuss the drainage issues, as well as the odor that can be smelled off and on in various communities. Ms. Worley also announced that on Saturday, August 14, 2021, they will be hosting a Farm Share event at the Johnson Family YMCA, located at 5700 Cleveland Rd. Representative Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
- 4. Chairs Report:** Chair Green announced that the CPAC Chairs quarterly meeting with the mayor's staff is scheduled for Friday, August 13, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. If you have a specific concern or topic of interest that you would like brought up at this meeting, please email it to Mrs. Godwin-Ware at Michelllegw@coj.net. Chair Green also announced that the chair and vice chair elections are to take place in November and at least three volunteers are needed for the

nominating subcommittee. Chair Green asked that those who are interested contact Mrs. Godwin-Ware.

5. Presentation: None

6. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Joel Van Delinder, introduced Zone 6 Assistant Chief Craig Waltrip. Assistant Chief Waltrip will be moving to Zone 3, and Assistant Chief Brad Shivers will be replacing Assistant Chief Waltrip. Lt. Van Delinder reported that there were 299 car theft and burglary crimes in Zone 6, because 80 percent of the owners leave their car doors unlocked. City wide 368 firearms have been stolen out of unlocked vehicles. Lt. Van Delinder stated that JSO's traffic unit is working with trucking companies and their truck drivers to alleviate the issue of trucks parking on the side of the road. Lt. Van Delinder advised that when a call is made anonymously an officer has no one to report to so you may think someone has not check out the issue when in fact an officer has. Unfortunately, because the report was anonymous, they have no one to follow up with.
Lt. Joel Van Delinder may be reached at (904) 696-4335
- **Neighborhood Department** – Chiquita Moore, Operations Director, reported that:
- The quarterly CPAC Chairs meeting will be held Friday, August 13, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. Please be sure to provide any major issues or concerns to Dr. Green to be brought up during the meeting. If the issue is not pressing, please call 630-City (2489), or feel free to submit your request using the MyJax.Custhelp.com website. Ms. Moore ensured CPAC members that all concerns brought to the Chair's meeting through Dr. Green will be followed up on in a timely manner.
- Ms. Moore thanked JSO for assisting and responding quickly to resolve the issue of the semitrucks parking in the Blue Grass/Northwood community.
- The budget hearings will begin Thursday, August 12, 2021, with the Finance Committee, and the Mayor's administration through Friday, August 27, 2021. Anyone who is interested in the meetings may attend in person at City Hall in Council Chambers, or can find the live stream video of the meeting by visiting <https://www.coj.net/city-council/standing-committees/finance/budget-information>.
- The Landlord Training Program scheduled for September 21, 2021, hosted by the Housing Department was postponed due to concerns related to COVID-19. The updated information regarding the training will be sent to Ms. Godwin-Ware to be distributed.
- Please share that The City of Jacksonville is still facilitating the mortgage relief program. There is close to \$2 million left in funding for this program. Those in need who don't already have an MyJax account must create one at www.MyJax.Custhelp.com. Applicants must submit a completed application and all required documentation through their MyJax account. For more information please call (904)630-2489.
- Clarification on guidelines for the Emergency Rental Assistance have been obtained from the Federal Government, which should help move applications along. COJ has been awarded a second tranche of funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance. For more information, please go to <https://www.coj.net/erapfaq>.
- JSO is recruiting crossing guards. The position is part-time and those who are interested should visit the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office website <https://www.jaxsheriff.org/Careers/School-Crossing-Guard.aspx>.
- Additional funding has been given to assist in adding three additional COVID-19 testing sites. Those sites will be located at Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., Clanzel T. Brown Community Center, 4545 Moncrief Rd., Emmett Reed Community Center, 1093 W. 6th St., Cuba Hunter Community Center, 4380 Bedford Rd., and the Beaches location (former Kmart shopping center) 540 Atlantic Blvd. For more information about the sites please visit the COJ.net website.
- The Animal Care and Protective Services has extended its Back-to-School Pet Adoption for another week. Also Saturday, August 14, 2021, ACPS will provide free pet microchipping, update already registered chip information, and check chip registration from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For details please visit the ACPS website <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/animal-care--protective-services.aspx>.
- Jacksonville Parks and Recreations registration for after school program Club Rec for ages six through 12 years old, and Teen Warehouse for ages 13 through 18, began August 4, 2021. The

program will run Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. through May 26, 2022. Please visit the parks departments website for more information <https://www.coj.net/departments/parks,-recreation-and-community-services/recreation-and-community-programming/after-school-with-jaxparks>.

- Mrs. Godwin-Ware is part of the Neighborhood Department and can work with those of you who are interested in starting or reactivating a neighborhood or tenant association in your neighborhood.
- A back-to-school drive will be held at Emmett Reed Community Center & Park, 1093 West, 6th St. Backpack and school supply's will be available for those in need. Chiquita Moore may be reached at (904) 255-8902 or chiquitam@coj.net
- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Sonita Young, Chief of Staff, reported that Duval County Public School has a graduation rate of 90.2 percent, and of those graduates 92 percent are reading on grade level. This means these students satisfied the 10th grade Florida State Assessment in reading or received a concordance score on the SAT or ACT for the 2020 school year. DCPS is still awaiting the final data for the 2021 school year. Ms. Young also announced that many questions regarding back to school can be found on DCPS website <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/>. Ms. Young announced that because of the many bus delays, an additional communication tool has been added to the DCPS website under transportation. The communication link will provide any updates regarding delays. Ms. Young reported that on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, DCPS will provide vaccine clinics through a partnership with the Department of Health to eligible students and staff. The clinics will be located at all secondary schools, providing staff and students access to the vaccine during the school day. The vaccine will be available to the public on Saturday. Ms. Young also announced that the COVID-19 dashboard will be used again this year to report the number of students and staff with confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. Please visit <https://c19sitdash.azurewebsites.net/> to view the dashboard. Sonita Young may be reached at Youngs1@duvalschools.org
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon, reported that the Heckscher Drive Timucuan Trail from Big Talbot Island to Little Talbot Island is expected to be completed Spring 2023. The Timucuan Trail is part of the larger trail network know as the East Coast Greenway, stretching from Florida to Maine. Mr. Dixon also reported that Jacksonville National Cemetery Road project will be opened in mid-August. The Jacksonville Rotary Club will host a ribbon cutting ceremony in the fall. Mr. Dixon will provide the CPAC with the dates soon. Derek Dixon may be reached at (904) 360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported that through The Center for Adult Learning and Jacksonville Public Libraries, those 18 and older may take advantage of free services being offered, such as English language classes, GED Prep, and Citizenship preparation. More information can be found on the Jacksonville Public Library website www.jaxpubliclibrary.org. Jackie Spiritas may be contacted at (904) 992-7101 ext. 220 or spiritas@coj.net
- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, reported that 1,407 inspections were completed in the month of July. This fiscal year a total of 13,236 inspections were completed. A total of 300 snipe signs were collected in the month of July. Mr. Benson announced that Senate Bill 60, County and Municipal Code Enforcement was signed into law. The new law states that code inspectors may not investigate a potential violation if the complaint is submitted anonymously. The person who reports the potential violation must provide his or her name and address for an inspection to be conducted. Charles Benson may be contacted at (904)255-7299 or Cbenson@coj.net
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Donald Tuten, Government Relations Specialist, reported that JEA is currently preparing for hurricane season. Mr. Tuten encouraged the CPAC Members to become familiar with the JEA website and review the storm Center and Outage Center links on JEA's website. For more information and to view the sites, visit www.JEA.com. Mr. Tuten also reported that 35 neighborhoods in Jacksonville have failing septic tanks. The Bilmore C, Beverly Hills East, Beverly Hills West, and Christobel neighborhoods are in the most need of phase out because of environmental safety issues. Donald Tuten may be reached at (904) 838-0389 or tutedf@jea.com

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – CPAC member Mike Getchell and Erin Abney, City Planner I:
The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed 11 Land Use and Zoning applications, and five recommendations were made:

New Business

- **2021 - 0366 – Conventional Rezoning: 0 Lem Turner Road:** This application seeks to rezone 1.79 +/- acres from PUD to RMD-A to meet the market areas increasing demand for affordable housing options. The CPAC oppose the request for conventional rezoning and would prefer the project to be a PUD, which would allow for community input.
- **2021 - 0414 – Conventional Rezoning: 0 Clark Road:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 5.08 +/- acres from Commercial Community General-1 (CCG-1) to Residential Medium Density-D (RMD-D) to develop the property with residential dwellings. The CPAC oppose the request for conventional rezoning and would prefer the project to be a PUD, which would allow for community input.
- **2021 – 0523 – Planned Unit Development (PUD): 1247 Pecan Park Road:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 212.84 +/- acres from Residential Rural-Acres (RR-Acre) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to develop the property with 456 single family dwellings with 50 foot wide and 5,000 square foot lots. The CPAC oppose the project due to the proposed lot size of 50 ft. wide lots, and the need for additional parking, or widening of the road to allow for the safe passage of vehicles when vehicles are parked on the street.
- **AD 21 – 38 – Administrative Deviation – 2354 Gayland Road:** This application seeks to reduce the required front yard setback from 20 feet to 5 feet for a carport. The CPAC oppose the project application due to the inadequate setback of 5 ft.
- **AD 21 – 48 – Administrative Deviation – 4105 Dunn Ave:** This application seeks to reduce landscaping requirements and increase off-street parking spaces from 6 to 11. Companion application to E-21-45. The CPAC oppose the project application due to the reduction of landscaping.

Erin Abney may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or Eabney@coj.net

8. New Business – None

9. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

10. Adjourn: Vice Chair Fenning adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Hybrid – Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W., 32218 and Zoom

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, September 8, 2021, starting at 4:30 p.m.** Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., W. 32218 and Zoom

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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](#)