

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 8, 2023, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

Zoom Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164

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Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Dr. Donald Green, Chair; Jamie Lacy, Vice Chair; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA; Larry Henderson, Victoria Preserve HOA; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Jim Sumara, HDCC; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA; Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Jane Love, Amelia View.

Zoom: Josephine Fiveash-Porter, Northlake HOA; Glenn Fowler, Northside Business Leaders; Joseph Tate, Copper Hill Assoc.

Visitors: Charles Barr; Jerry Edwards; Mike Gay; Barry Farmer; Mary Sperow; Pat Hilleman, Amelia View; Paul Forte; Brittnee Williams, Biscayne Estates; Janice Williams, Biscayne Estates; Ernestine Feggans; Mario Chatman, Cambridge Estate HOA; Roberta Smith; Janetta Jones, Smith Pointe HOA; Christina Salas, Cedar North HOA; Tim Bacon, Blue Grass Northwood.

Zoom: Donna Philbrick, SMN, Inc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, SMN, Inc.; Lenell Cuning; Victoria Schultz, DCPS; Caitlyn & Cathlynn; Mary Sperow; Earnestine Johnson; Sharon Sumlar Johnson.

Staff and Elected Officials: Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., District 7; Roshanda Shine, Executive Assistant to CM Reggie Gaffney Jr.; Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Ron Salem, Council Member District 2 at Large; Jamar Smith, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; Chuck Ford, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Don Tuten, Jacksonville Electric Authority; Jackie Spiritas, Jacksonville Public Libraries; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Charles Benson, MCCD; Dave McDaniel, Public Works.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Dr. Donald 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 February 8, 2023 summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials Report:**
 - Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., District 7, announced that he and five residents from the Oceanway community met with Chick-fil-A on Thursday, March 2, 2023, to discuss their concerns with the proposed plan for a new Chick-fil-A location across the street from First Coast High School. Council Member Gaffney Jr. said that after meeting with Chick-fil-A, he was informed that they are researching other sites in Planning District 6 to develop a new Chick-fil-A restaurant. A final decision has not been made to move the location. Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr. may be reached by calling his office at (904) 255-5207 or emailing RGaffneyJr@coj.net.
 - Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ron Salem, announced that Council Member Salem had created a composting pilot program. The program will start sometime in March with restaurants that have opted into the pilot program in the Riverside and Avondale community. The program will divert waste from landfills by collecting the restaurant's food waste and taking it to a compost facility. Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255-5146 or NEvans@coj.net.
- 4. Chair Report:** Chair Green announced that the CPAC would soon get the request from the mayor's office for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommendations. Chair Green said that during the CPAC chairs' meeting with the mayor's staff, he asked what the CPAC needs to do to increase the probability of their CIP recommendations being selected. He requested that

someone from the mayor's team follow up with the CPACs to inform them whether items from their recommendations were chosen.

5. Presentation: None

6. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Assistant Chief Chuck Ford reported that:

- Zone 6 crime statistics still look good and continue to trend down. JSO is preparing to place more officers at the various beaches and shopping centers for spring break.
- The City Council passed panhandling ordinance 2022-0574. The Office of the General Council, the Sheriff's Office, and the Chief of Special Events will meet to create a plan for all officers to follow going forward. It will take 30 to 45 days to educate citizens, and then JSO will move forward with more enforcement of the new ordinance.
- Citizens may sign up for a Ride Along by coming to the Zone 6 Substation and completing the appropriate paperwork. You must be at least 16 years old. Those under 18 years of age must have written parental consent or notarized consent from a legal guardian.
- On Thursday, March 9, 2023, a neighborhood walk is scheduled for the Chestnut Oats area off Harts Road from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Assistant Chief Charles Ford may be reached at (904)696-4335.

7. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) – Lt. Jamar Smith reported that:

- Daylight Savings is Sunday, March 12, 2023. We will be moving our clocks forward, and this is also an excellent time to make it a habit of checking the batteries in your smoke detectors. Residents who need a smoke detector can call 630-CITY (2489) to request one.
- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors at least six to 10 feet away from the home, siding, deck rails, and overhang. Residents should stay clear of overhanging leaves and wood piles. If possible, do not grill on a wooden deck or balcony. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area. Never leave the grill unattended.

Lt. Jamar Smith may be contacted at JamarS@coj.net.

8. Staff Reports.

- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Don Tuten, Government Affairs, reported that the JEA Board of Directors unanimously approved a base rate increase that will go into effect in April. This could mean a lower rate for some residents and an increase for others. Those who do not own energy-efficient appliances or live in older homes may see more of an increase. For more information, please visit JEA's website at www.jea.com.

Don Tuten may be reached at Tutedf@jea.com.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Jackie Spiritas, Executive Assistant I, reported:

- The community is invited to two community input meetings to meet with PQH Group Design to share their ideas for the design of the new library coming to New Berlin Road. The meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 4 p.m. and Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 7 p.m. Both sessions will occur at the Spirit of Life Lutheran Church, 2636 New Berlin Rd.
- The Jacksonville Public Library has partnered with Duval County Public Schools and will display the Best of Elementary Art Show winners at libraries throughout town. The Best of Elementary Art Show runs from March 21, 2023, through April 25, 2023.
- The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Aid is available at various Jacksonville Public Library locations. Services will run through April 15, 2023. You must register online or by phone. For more information, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com.
- This month's Lit Chat interview will feature bestselling author Tommy Orange. The discussion will occur on Friday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. You can attend the Main Library's Hicks Auditorium in person or join the live stream via Zoom. Attendees must enter the Main Library from the entrance at 304 N. Main St. Please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com to register.
- The deadline for the Book Review Writing Contest entries is March 10, 2023. The contest is open to all Duval County youth. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to four grade groups. Kindergarten thru 2nd grade, 3rd thru 5th grade, 6th thru 8th grade, and 9th thru 12th grade. Please visit www.jpl.com for more details.
- Early voting has begun at various locations around the City. To find available early voting library locations, please visit www.jpl.com.

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Charles Benson, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 1,333 inspections were completed in February 2023. Mr. Benson announced that Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) applications are still available. The JAR program assists with required abatement services at no cost to qualifying citizens. 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/Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program](https://www.coj.net/Jacksonville%20Assistance%20and%20Relief%20Program)
 - Mr. Benson provided updates regarding several concerns made by CPAC members:
 - The Food Mart at 819 Dunn Ave. was cited for trash.
 - MCCD Officers did not see any semi-trucks on Capper Road during their last inspection, but removed several signs while in the area. MCCD will continue to monitor the site.
 - MCCD and JSO have joined a partnership and will monitor the homeless encampment at 10606 Monaco Drive.
 - The semi-trucks that were parked on Lord Nelson Boulevard have been removed.
 - The dumpster area of the Northwood Apartments, 1601 Dunn Ave, is now clear of trash, debris, rubbish, and garbage. Both rear entrances to the property were locked to prevent access to rear dumpsters from Biscayne Boulevard.

Mr. Benson encouraged CPAC members to call 630-CITY (2489) to report issues or submit a complaint by visiting the MyJax website, www.myjax.cust.help.com. Mr. Benson also reminded CPAC members that complaints must have a name and address associated with them.

Charles Benson may be reached at CBenson@coj.net.

- **Public Works (PW)** – Dave McDaniel, Chief of Mowing and Landscape Maintenance, reported that:
 - The tree planting package for Gold Star Parkway is out to bid.
 - JEA will bury the transmission lines along the corridor of the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Dave McDaniel may be reached at (904) 255-4301 or McDaniel@coj.net.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Vice Chair Lacy and Erin Abney, City Planner I.

The N. CPAC, Governmental Affairs Subcommittee, reviewed eight applications and recommended objecting to Ordinance 2023-0127.

- **Ordinance 2023-0127 – Conventional Rezoning: 0 Outback Road (RE:107669-0300):** To object to the applicant's request to rezone approximately 1.09+/- acres from PUD Ordinance 2006-0770 to CCG-1 to allow for commercial uses and not be limited in square footage as regulated by the current PUD. The CPAC would like to see the application go from a PUD to a PUD to continue allowing public input about what is being built. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.

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

- **10. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Coordinator, reminded CPAC members that on Thursday, October 19, 2023, the Neighborhood Service Office will host the third annual Neighborhood Awards Program. The CPAC's 30th anniversary will be celebrated during this year's award ceremony. More details will be available at a later date. Mrs. Godwin-Ware also announced that NSO is preparing for CommUniverCity 2023. More information will be available at a later date.

Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or Michelllegw@coj.net.

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business – None

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- Sharon Bivins reminded CPAC members that the North CPAC has scheduled a clean-up on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in conjunction with the St. Johns River Celebration. Members will be focusing on cleaning along Dunn Avenue. Those interested should meet at the Burger King at 937 Dunn Ave.
- Paul Forte announced that the Northside Business Leaders, Inc is hosting a mayoral candidate meet and greet on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza, 14670 Duval Rd., starting at 11:45 a.m. You may purchase a lunch ticket for \$ 20 if you would like lunch. The purchase of a lunch ticket is not required to attend the meeting. You may register by emailing northsidebusinessleadersclub@gmail.com. Registration is required.

- Solomon Olopade introduced himself to CPAC members and offered to assist members in better understanding construction plans.
- Larry Henderson suggested more CPAC members attend the City Council meetings.
- Brittnee Williams stated that more grocery stores are needed in the area. Council Member Gaffney Jr., District 7, said he would happily arrange meetings with the grocery stores suggested by the CPAC for Planning District 6. He asked for five volunteers that would be available to attend meetings with him once scheduled.

14. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Dr. Green adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: *Wednesday, April 12, 2023*, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid - **Oceanway Senior Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218, and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: *Wednesday, April 12, 2023*, 4:30 p.m. **Oceanway Senior Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W. 32218 and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

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