

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

May 10, 2023, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community 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; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood NA; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA; Larry Henderson, Victoria Preserve HOA; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Joseph Tate, Copper Hill Assoc; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA; Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Vicki Drake, Duval County Council of PTS/PTA; Jane Love, Amelia View; Matt Stone, Marshwinds HOA.

Zoom: Josephine Fiveash-Porter, Northlake HOA; Glenn Fowler, Northside Business Leaders.

Visitors: Paul Forte; Charles Barr; Jerry Edwards; Barry Farmer; Donald Drake; Mary Sperow; Pat Hilleman, Amelia View; Paul Forte; Ernestine Feggans; Glory Gresham, Turtle Creek; Robert Gresham, Turtle Creek; Tameka Holly; Marynose Hamrick; K. Postall, Greater Work Church; Stephanie Oglesby, Harts Estates.

Zoom: Donna Philbrick, SMN, Inc.; Pat Medley; Lenell Cunning; Janetta Jones; Ernestine Johnson; Sharon Sumber, Mark Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood NA.

Staff and Elected Officials: Cantrece Jones, Acuity Design Group (ADG); Byron Jackson, JFRD; Chuck Ford, JSO; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhood Department Director; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, NSO; Kaysie Cox, PDDt; Stephen Nutts, PDD; Charles Benson, MCCD; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Victoria Schultz, DCPS.

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 April 12, 2023, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials Report:** None
- 4. Chair Report:** Chair Green announced that CPAC chairs will meet with the mayor's staff on Friday, May 12, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. Chair Green asked CPAC members to send their concerns to Ms. Godwin-Ware or to see him after the meeting. Chair Green announced he would serve on the DCPS Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee starting this summer. The committee includes 22 representatives from several community organizations and an appointee by each school board member. The committee monitors how the revenue from the surtax is spent and helps keep the public informed on the progress and implementation of the plans. Chair Green will be reporting to CPAC members.
- 5. Presentation:** Cantrece Jones, CEO of Acuity Design Group (ADG), announced that she is working with the City of Jacksonville's Transportation Department regarding a new project called Venture Out Jax. The project will focus on transportation policy, long-range planning, and project development. Using Venture Out Jacksonville's interactive map will allow individuals to identify transportation, infrastructure, and safety issues throughout Jacksonville. Citizens may visit the Venture Out Jacksonville website at [Venture Out Jacksonville 2025 \(ventureoutjax.com\)](https://ventureoutjax.com). For more information or assistance imputing information, contact Ms. Jones at (904)619-8605 or cjones@adgmark.com. The map is to identify long-term transportation issues. If you have immediate maintenance issues, please use the MyJax app or call (904) 630-CITY (2487).
Cantrece Jones may be reached at (904) 619-8605 or CJones@adgmark.com.

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

- JSO and the Traffic Engineering Division are aware of the traffic congestion while enhancing New Berlin Road. JSO is doing everything possible to alleviate stress during high traffic. Extra patrols and off-duty units have been added to the area.
- Coffee With a Cop will be held on Monday, May 17, 2023, at McDonald's at the River City Marketplace starting at 8:30 a.m. Multiple police officers will be there to meet with the public and enjoy a cup of coffee on JSO.
- JSO is planning a sheriff's walk sometime in July in District 6. Chief Ford will provide the exact location and date at the North CPAC meeting in June.

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

7. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) – Capt. Byron Jackson reported:

- Hurricane season begins June 1, 2023, and runs through November 30, 2023. If you haven't already done so, download the JaxReady App, which is brought to you by the Emergency Preparedness Division and Information Technologies Division of the City of Jacksonville. The app provides newsfeeds for emergency preparedness, weather updates, threat levels, and evacuation information. Please visit <https://www.jaxready.com/> for details.
- Special medical needs shelters are available during an evacuation. Individuals with special medical needs must pre-register annually if they plan to stay at a special needs shelter. To register, please visit the JaxReady website [JaxReady - Special Medical Needs Registration](#) or contact the Emergency Preparedness Office by phone at (904) 255-3174 to register.
- The first of two Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holidays begins May 27 through June 9. The second Sales Tax Holiday will run from August 26 through September 8. The tax savings allow Floridians to save money when preparing disaster supply kits. Eligible tax-free items include portable generators, batteries, coolers, and fire extinguishers. To view the list of Sales Tax Holiday eligible items, visit <https://www.FloridaDisaster.org>.

Captain Byron Jackson may be contacted at (904) 255-0000.

8. Staff Reports.

- **Neighborhoods Department** – Chiquita Moore, Director of the Neighborhoods Department, reported that:

- Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) will offer \$5 pet adoptions through May.
 - Playgroup Rockstar Event, ACPS, 2020 Forest St., Saturday, May 13, 2023.
 - Mother's Day Adoption Event, ACPS, 202 Forest St., Sunday, May 14, 2023.
 - Woofapaloosa Adoption Event. Oakleaf Plantation PetSmart, 9515 Crosshill Blvd., Ste. 113, Saturday, May 20, 2023, and Sunday, May 21, 2023.
- Mosquito season has begun. Citizens may call 630-CITY (2489) to schedule a mosquito inspection and spray. A mosquito truck will be sent out to spray the site if a justifiable number of mosquitos are found. To decrease the number of mosquito infestations, check anything that can hold water, such as birdbaths, flowerpots, and gutters.
- 2023 CommUniverCity training begins Tuesday, May 16, 2023, and ends Saturday, June 10, 2023.
- Those interested in organizing a clean-up may contact Dan Durbec at Ddurbec@coj.net or register for a cleanup at <https://www.jaxNHOrg.coj.net>. Equipment such as gloves and garbage bags are supplied.
- All ice cream truck stands or carts selling prepackaged goods must comply with the local ice cream truck ordinance as stated in Section 250 Miscellaneous Business Regulation Part 11. Vendors can contact Jimmie Carter, Manager of Regulatory Compliance Consumer Affairs, at (904) 255-7198 or JimCarter@coj.net for more information.

Chiquita Moore may be reached at (904) 255-8902 or ChiquitaM@coj.net.

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Victoria Schultz, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Services, reported:

- Summer Boost programs begin June 12, 2023, for elementary students at various elementary schools throughout Jacksonville. Please visit the DCPS site at [Summer Programs / Welcome \(duvalschools.org\)](#) for a list of summer boost programs,
- Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) has begun. The test is used in primary and secondary Florida public schools to measure a student's reading, writing, mathematics, and science achievement based on the state's grade-level standards.

- Duval County Public Schools will have more than 7,000 students graduate starting May 19, 2023.
- Enrollment for kindergarten has opened. A few seats are available for magnet schools and special transfer schools.
- All students can access doctors, therapy, and psychiatrists through Hazel Health Services during the summer.
- DCPS received a grant to recruit mental health workers, including guidance counselors.
- Superintendent Dr. Greene will be retiring. The School Board will discuss selecting an interim superintendent during their next meeting scheduled for May 16, 2023, at 9 a.m., at the Duval County Public School Board, 1701 Prudential Dr., 6th Floor, in Conference Room 613.
- DCPS will install the Evolv Security System in every high school in Duval County by the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. The system can detect concealed weapons and other threats using advanced digital sensors that the students and visitors must walk over and through. The system is much quicker and can determine if someone is carrying a personal item or a weapon.

Victoria Schultz may be reached at SchultzV@duvalschools.org.

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon, Transportation System Manager District 2 Urban Planning Office, reported:

- Replacement of the Simpson Creek Bridge is near completion. This project is part of the Timuquana Trail Multi-Use Path Project. It will include two 12-foot travel lanes, two 10-foot shoulders, and a 10-foot-wide paved multi-use Timucuan Trail that will connect to the existing trail at the Little Talbot Island State Park entrance and extend to the Big Talbot Island State Park Big Pine Trailhead north of Houston Avenue. The expected completion is in the summer of 2023.
- A 1.5-mile segment of the Timucuan Trail will be part of the East Coast Greenway, which enters the city at Fernandina Beach along A-1-A and then makes its way through 13 counties before reaching Key West. The trail will be completed in the summer of 2023.
- The I-95 bridge repair rehabilitation over the Nassau River. The estimated completion date is early 2025.
- The I-95/I295 North Interchange Operational Improvement project will improve traffic flow, safety, and increase capacity. Residents should expect lane closures and nighttime detours throughout the project. The estimated completion date is spring 2024.
- CPAC members can check the FDOT advisory for nighttime closures on the FDOT website at <https://nflroads.com>.

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:
 - The Lit Chat interview for June will feature author Susan Orlean. The discussion will take place on Friday, June 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in person at the Main Library in the Hicks Auditorium, Virtual Room 2. Please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com to register for the event.
 - Early voting continues through May 14, 2023, at most library locations. To find library locations open for early voting, visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com.
 - The All Together Now summer reading program will begin June 1, 2023, and ends August 12, 2023, at all Jacksonville Public libraries. Residents of all ages may participate in the free, fun, and educational programs. For details about the summer reading program, visit the JPL website at www.jpl.com.
 - The Jacksonville Main Library is hosting the Duval Comic and Zing Festival on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.jpl.com for more details.

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:
 - A total of 1,500 inspections were completed during April 2023. More than 10,000 inspections have been completed this year to date.
 - A total of 304 litter signs along the rights-of-way and in the medians have been collected; citations were written for 13 of those. More than 3,200 signs have been collected year to date, with a total of 86 citations. The proceeds from the citations go back into the MCC division and JTA to help keep the community beautiful. Anyone can remove and dispose of litter signs in the

- rights-of-way and medians.
 - 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. For more information, visit the Municipal Code Compliance Divisions website at <https://www.coj.net/Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program>.
 - Mr. Benson provided updates regarding several concerns made by CPAC members:
 - MCCD will continue to monitor the cited properties along Dunn Avenue. The contract to clean the Citgo Gas Station has gone out for bid. MCC officers are monitoring the property daily until the cleaning is completed.
 - Citizens may contact MCC if an issue has been closed and they feel it was a mistake. The primary point of contact is the officer assigned to the case. Residents may also email Code Enforcement at CodeEnforcement@coj.net.
 - Mr. Benson encouraged CPAC members to call 630-CITY (2489) and submit tickets using the MyJax website, www.myjax.cust.help.com.
- Charles Benson may be reached at CBenson@coj.net.

9. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.**

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Vice Chair Lacy, Kasey Coxy, City Planner II, and Stephen Nutt, City Planner I.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed six applications. Recommendations for two applications were made:

New Business

- **MM-23-10 – Minor Modification to a PUD: 0 Braddock Road:** The application is requesting to make a minor modification to the existing written description of PUD (2021-0532) to remove the street tree requirement in the Villages of Westport and modify the master site plan for revisions to the park sizes and configurations. The subcommittee recommends that the applicant keeps in line with the currently established guidelines of developers paying into the tree fund if they do not plant the required number of trees. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
 - **2023-0300 – Conventional Rezoning: 926 New Berlin Rd.:** The applicant requests to rezone approximately .79 acres from CO to CCG-1 to allow more intensive commercial uses along New Berlin Road and Pulaski Road. The subcommittee made a recommendation to oppose the application. The CPAC recommends a PUD to allow the surrounding community to provide their input. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously. Stephen Nutt may be contacted at (904) 255-7849 or SNutt@coj.net.
- 10. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Coordinator, announced that the 2023 Neighborhood Awards competition applications are available. The award program is meant to recognize organizations and neighborhood groups that have improved the quality of life in their neighborhoods and communities. Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or Michellelegw@coj.net.

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business – None

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

14. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Dr. Green adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

NO MEETING IN THE MONTH OF JULY

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m.** Hybrid - **Oceanway Community Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218, and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 4:30 p.m.** **Oceanway Community Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W. 32218 and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

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