

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 9, 2020 Meeting Summary

The Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Dr., 6 p.m.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Tyrona Clark-Murray, Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks; Larry Solomon, Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates; Brenda Ford, New Town Success Zone; Waynetta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II.

Excused – Doretha Tompkins, Vice Chair; Bertha Richardson, Better Living;

Elected Official and City Staff – Warren Jones, Duval County Schools; Sarah Green, Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships; Ellis Burns, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Jim Paris, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Matt Cipriani, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue; Sharon Kirkes, Jacksonville Public Library; Bryan Mosier, Neighborhoods Department; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Office; Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Office; Michael Pearson, Municipal Code Compliance; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Dana Kriznar, Duval County Public Schools; Paula Renfro, Duval County Public Schools; Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office; Ashley Brooks, State Attorney's Office.

Visitors – Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrace; Judy James, Edward Waters College; Thomas Parrish, Harbor View; Fred Atwill, N. G. Wade Investment Co; Cheyanne Seal; Kristie Seal; Nancy Wood; Jewel Flornoy, Magnolia Garden; Nabea Ali; Horace Pender; Rosemary Thornton, Council on Elder Affairs; Michael Moore, Woodstock.

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. **Presentation:** Sarah Green, with the Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships, presented information on the upcoming 2020 Census. She stressed the importance of completing the Census so that the area population is properly counted to ensure funding sources based on Census Tract data are allocated correctly. You can respond to the Census by phone, in person or online. Data collection occurs during March and April 2020. Census takers who come to your door will have several forms of identification available. Always confirm the identification of anyone who comes to your door. If they do not show identification and claim to be a census taker, or ask you for personal information like social security numbers, bank or credit card account numbers, money, or donations, call the police.
3. **Previous Meeting's Summary:** Velma Rounsville motioned to approve the November 14, 2019 meeting summary. Elaine Billups seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. **Elected Officials**
 - **Duval County Public School Board Chair**, Warren Jones (jonesw2@duvalschools.org; 390-2372), announced that, the school board continues to wait on the decision from a judge to determine if DCPS can hire outside legal counsel to present their case for having a half-cent sales tax for the sole purpose of funding capital maintenance or replacement of some of Duval County's aging schools. Florida House Bill 1027 will allow voters decide if they want an elected or an appointed School Superintendent. In 2012 when Nikolai Vitti was selected, Duval County had a 67 percent graduation rate. After the hard work of Dr. Vitti and Dr. Green, Duval County graduation rate has risen to 86.5 percent.

- **District 10 Council Member**, Brenda Priestly Jackson (BPJackson@coj.net; 255-5210), shared the 10 reasons why she felt so strongly about filing resolution 2019-8940-A “encouraging the JEA Board to take formal action to rescind Invitation to Negotiate at the next JEA Board Meeting.” The District 10 Neighbors Advisory Council will host a town hall meeting on January 29 at 6 p.m. in the Legends Center and on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Webb Wesconnett Regional Library (6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL 32210).
5. **Unfinished Business:** In order to move forward with the appointment of Velma Rounsville to the TRUE Commission, CPAC members must vote on the recommendation. Roxsan Currier motioned that Velma Rounsville be appointed to represent the Northwest CPAC on the TRUE Commission. Larry Solomon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 6. **Chair’s Report:** Tyrona Clark-Murray reviewed the functions of the CPAC and the meetings and events that she has attended to represent the Northwest CPAC. These include meeting with the Charter Revision Commission to discuss codifying the CPACs (changing them from an Executive Order to inclusion in the City Charter) and meeting with the Polish Delegation to talk about how CPACs function in the community. Tyrona Clark-Murray reminded everyone that the Capital Improvement Plan will be contacting the CPACs for projects to include in the CIP. Take the time to note the areas that are in need capital improvement.
 7. **Subcommittee and Liaison Reports**
 - **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** Roxsan Currier met with City Planner Kaysie Cox and other members of the LUZ Subcommittee and reviewed several applications. The members agreed that the applications reviewed did not require CPAC action.
 - **Transportation:** Larry Solomon shared that there was nothing significant to report.
 8. **Staff Reports**
 - **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue:** Chief Matt Cipriani (MatthewC@coj.net), along with three other fire fighters demonstrated how fire protective gear is worn and shared that the suits are now decontaminated before use. The rate of cancer is 15 percent higher among fire fighters compared to regular rates because of the chemicals to which they are exposed. The City of Jacksonville has made a large investment to decrease that cancer rate by having suits decontaminated both on site and after the event. Jacksonville is on the forefront of this effort.
 - **Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office:** Lt. James Paris (James.Paris@jaxsheriff.org) introduced Assistant Chief Ellis Burns (Robert.BurnsIII@jaxsheriff.org; 470-8902) who reported that he would attend CPAC meetings. As the Zone Commander, he is responsible for almost 170 police officers, seven lieutenants, and 17 sergeants. In the previous 30 days, crime is down in most categories. Lt. Paris is a member of the violent crime task force that targets the known violent offenders that are frequently in the area. A new shot detection system identifies markings on bullet casing and can determine if a gun is linked to a previous crime. A Sheriff’s Walk is planned for Saturday, January 18, 2020, beginning at the Lewis Cobb Community Center at 4511 Portsmouth Ave, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - **Neighborhood Services Office:** Lisa Ransom, Manager (lransom@coj.net; 255-7834) announced that CommUniverCity is full with 55 people registered. The Neighborhood Award Program begins accepting applications on Friday, January 17, 2020 for awards for the 2019 calendar year. The inaugural award program will be held on April 30, 2019 at the Main Library from 6 – 8 p.m. The 2020 Neighborhood Awards will be given to

outstanding projects or programs that were delivered during 2019. For more information and to download the application visit <https://www.coj.net/neighborhoodawards>,

- **Neighborhoods Department:** Bryan Mosier, Neighborhoods Director (bmosier@coj.net: 255-8260), reported that the review of the Matching Grant applications is almost complete and that those eligible for the grant will be notified very soon. A special pet adoption will take place at Animal Care and Protective Services, at 2020 Forest Street, during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend on Saturday, January 18 through Monday, January 20, 2020. If you are unable to adopt, consider fostering. To prevent standing water where mosquitos incubate remember to “tip and toss.” Tip over outside containers that hold water and toss any unneeded containers that may hold water.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Michael Pearson, Municipal Code Compliance Officer Senior (MPearson@coj.net: 255-7011), reported that in the last month there were 1,513 inspections in the district. Assistant Chief Ellis Burns commended Code Enforcement staff for their cooperation with the sheriff’s office as they work together to resolve neighborhood issues.
- **Florida Department of Transportation:** Derek Dixon, Transportation Systems Coordinator (derek.dixon@dot.state.fl.us: 360-5653), was excused from the meeting, but submitted the following written report: The New Kings Road Resurfacing and Sidewalk Project is 92 percent complete with estimated completion February 2020. Lighting, sidewalk and paving work is left to complete. The Interstate-295 resurfacing from Trout River to Biscayne is 97 percent complete with an estimated completion late January 2020, with only some punch list items left to complete. Ribault River Bridge Replacement Project on Howell Drive is 85 percent complete, with an estimated completion spring 2020, construction still underway. For more information visit fdot.gov.
- **Duval County Public School:** Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent (kriznard@duvalschools.org; 390-2046), reported that working group meetings are scheduled to help determine the outcome of select schools that are smaller with lower enrollment. These are open to the public and will take place at St. Clair Evans Academy, tonight, January 9, 2020 at Long Branch Elementary on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. and at Brentwood on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6 p.m. The School Choice Expo is Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duval County Public Schools’ graduation rate is higher than ever at 86.5 percent. Jean Ribault Senior High School increased 8.7 percent and is at 95.9 percent graduation rate. For more on DCPS visit their website at dcps.duvalschools.org.
- **Jacksonville Public Libraries:** Sharon Kirkes, Dallas Graham Branch Manager (skirkes@coj.net: 630-0922 X 220), reported that Bradham Brooks Library will be closed for the installation of new carpet and shelves. Reopening is planned for early February 2020. The Jax Book Fest will return for its fourth year Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Library in downtown Jacksonville, 303 North Laura St. The Dallas Graham Branch Library hosts a teen space every school day from 3 - 5:30 p.m. There is a study area and a social area to accommodate teens in the neighborhood. For more information about the library, go to jaxpubliclibrary.org.
- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com: 632-5522), reported that new fares took effect November 30. New schedules are highlighted in yellow. JTA staff is scheduled to begin moving into the newly constructed Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center on February 24, 2020 and routes will change to include

the JRTC on March 30, 2020. JTA Ambassadors will be available on busses and at hub stops to answer questions and assist riders. JTA operations will remain on Myrtle Avenue. Additional information on all JTA services is available at jtafla.com.

- **State Attorney's Office:** Brian Jefferson, Community Prosecution Coordinator (BrianJ@coj.net), shared that January is Human Trafficking awareness month. Please share the provided information flyers your neighbors. The State Attorney's Office, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Florida Legal Aid, Jacksonville Legal Aid and Florida State College at Jacksonville are providing a seal or expungement event at FSCJ's Downtown Campus on January 22, 2020. Staff will assist with filing a petition to have criminal records expunged or sealed.

Public Comments

- **Rosemary Thornton**, Chair of the Council on Elder Affairs (COEA), expressed the importance of the Sheriff's Watch meetings and teamwork with fellow members. She also announced that the COEA has districts that are not represented. If you are over 55 and interested in joining, or would like more information, please speak with Rosemary or COEA Executive Director Carrance Bass at 255-5413 or cbass@coj.net.
9. **Adjourn:** Velma Rounsville motioned to adjourn the meeting and Elaine Billups seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2020, 6 p.m. at

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To receive supplies for your neighborhood clean-up, please contact Dan Durbec with the City of Jacksonville Clean It Up, Green It Up program at 255-8276 or ddurbec@coj.net.

A copy of the audio recording of this Urban Core 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 here: [Public Records](#).