

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 8, 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; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Lana Suggs-Champion, Carver International; Leroy Kelly, Carver International; Waynatta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II; Kim Stephens-Perry, NJTRMNA; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Larry Solomon, Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates; Shirley Thomas, North Riverside CDC; Henry Scott, 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.

Excused- Bettye Scott, Ribault Manor

Visitors – Debra Cotton; Barry Farmer; Peggy Lee; Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins; Gill Bush; Patrieana Greene; Rosemary Thornton; Jacquely Harris; Jeanette Mitchell; Pastor Ruth Taylor; Thomas Parrish; Marsha Jackson; Emily Simmons; Althea.

Elected Official and City Staff – Tyrona Clark-Murray, Council Member District 9; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Scott Adams, JPL; J. D. Stronko, JSO; Damian Bell, JFRD; Brian Naples, Municipal Code Compliance; Brittany Figueroa, Planning and Development Department; Jessica Denson, NSO; Michelle Godwin-Ware, NSO; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs and Veterans; Keith Meyerl, Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Rhonda Boyd called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Jessica Denson confirmed a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The CPAC approved the August 2022 meeting summary.
- 3. Elected Officials:** Tyrona Clark-Murray, Council Member District 9, had nothing to report but encouraged CPAC members to contact her with any concerns.
City Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray can be reached at (904) 255-5161 or TClarkMurray@coj.net.
- 4. Chairs Report:** Chair Boyd welcomed visitors, Jackie Harris and Barry Palmer. Chair Boyd asked for volunteers for the 2022 nominating subcommittee. Volunteers that came forward were CPAC members Roxane Currier, Elaine Billups, and Lana Suggs-Champion. Chair Boyd asked for ideas and a planning committee for November's fellowship. Chair Boyd decided to revisit the November fellowship after the meeting.
- 5. Staff Reports**
 - Neighborhood Coordinator:** Jessica Denson announced that the Neighborhood Awards would take place Thursday, October 20, 2022, starting at 6 p.m. at Mary L. Singleton Senior Center, 150 E. 1st Street. Ms. Denson also announced that this would be her last meeting as the Northwest CPAC Coordinator. She has taken the position of Executive Council Assistant to City Council Member District 9 Tyrona Clark-Murray starting Monday, September 12, 2022. Michelle Godwin-Ware will assist temporarily as Northwest CPAC Coordinator until the position is filled.
Michelle Godwin-Ware can be reached at (904) 255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net.
 - Jacksonville Sheriff Office (JSO):** Assistant Chief J. D. Stronko provided an overview of the overall crime in the Northwest District in the last 30 days. Crime is down 10 %, and crime against property is up 3 %. A traffic analysis was conducted at North Edgewood Avenue in September from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. As a result, over 30 citations were written. Assistant Chief Stronko described the purpose of JSO's Drug Abatement Response Team (DART). The goal of DART is to collaborate with the Municipal Code Compliance Department, Landlords, and property owners to combat drug activity, prostitution, human trafficking, and nuisance properties.
Assistant Chief Stronko can be reached at (904) 470-8900.

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD):** Damian Bell, Fire Captain Prevention 40, reported:
 - Florida is at the height of hurricane season. Citizens can download the Jax Ready App to stay informed about evacuation zones, shelter locations, and much more. Citizens may register for AlertJax Notifications by visiting <https://www.jaxready.com/Alerts.aspx>.
 - Knox Box samples were made available to view. Homeowners may purchase a Knox Box for their homes to eliminate barriers and allow firefighters to quickly gain access to secured properties in an emergency without causing property damage. For more information on how to purchase a Knox Box, visit www.knoxbox.com.
 - Capt. Jackson 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](#).
 - Fire Prevention week begins October 9, 2022, and will run through October 15, 2022. JFRD will be conducting public education and outreach regarding home fire safety. JFRD will also host its annual Fire Prevention Week community event for schools during this week. Caption Damian Bell can be reached at DamianB@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Scott Adams, Highlands Regional Library Manager, announced the following:
 - Various courses are offered in the Jacksonville Public Libraries Adult Learning Section. Through adult learning, Duval County residents can learn English for Speakers of Other Languages and take General Education classes for free.
 - For the month of September's Junior Lit Chat, Newberry Medal-winning author Matt de la Pena is scheduled to discuss his latest work and writing process and answer attendees' questions on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mandarin Branch Library, 3330 Kori Rd. To register, visit the Jacksonville Public Libraries event site <https://jaxpubliclibrary.libnet.info/event/6635160>.
 - New York Times Bestseller Author Elizabeth Gilbert is scheduled as the adult Lit Chat Author. Ms. Gilbert will discuss her latest work and writing process and answer attendees' questions. The event is scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Main Library's Hicks Auditorium virtual room 2. 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>. On Saturday, September 24, 2022, there will be a writing workshop where registered students can come in person and spend three hours with Ms. Gilbert in an intensive writing workshop.
 - The Jacksonville Public Library has partnered with the Duval County Extension Office to offer gardening programs at various library locations. For a list of classes and sites, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org>. Scott Adams can be reached at (904) 255-6407 or SAdams@coj.net.

- **Parks Recreation and Community Services:** Keith Meyerl, Chief of Recreation and Community Programming reported the following:
 - The Lonnie Miller Park Splash Pad is scheduled to be completed in 30 to 40 days. Some supply chain issues have made it difficult to obtain some of the electronic parts needed to complete the job. The repaving of the park's walking path is scheduled to begin in October, and the refurbishment of the pavilion near the playground is scheduled to be completed in October.
 - The installation of new playground equipment has been completed at Beverly Hills Park/Lewis Cobb Community Center and Marion Park.
 - The playground and exercise equipment installation will occur at Forestview Park and Community Center.
 - The installation of playground equipment for Charles Reese Park is scheduled to start in October.
 - New football goalposts were installed at Panama Park. The playground will be replaced in 2023.
 - There are several after-school programs available at the various city parks and community centers. For a list of programs, please visit the Parks Recreation and Community Services website at [Parks Recreation and Community Services-Community Programming](#)
 - The Senior Games begin September 30, 2022, and run through October 8, 2022. There are several physical and non-physical games, activities, and social events that participants can

choose from. For more information, please visit the Parks Recreation and Community Services website [Seniors Forever Fit 50 Beyond Jacksonville Senior Games](#)
Keith Meyerl can be reached at (904) 255- 7936 or kmeyerl@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA):** Cheryl Riddick, Director, Customer Engagement, reported the following:
 - JTA has launched the JTA College Student Program. Full and part-time college students attending an accredited college or university can ride the JTA bus service for free. Students must confirm college enrollment to qualify and obtain a pass. Please visit the JTA website for details <https://www.jtafla.com/ride-jta/fares-passes/jta-college-student-program/>. Students enrolled in a non-accredited university can receive fifty percent off regular one, three, seven, or thirty-day passes.
 - JTA's "My Ride to School" Program was extended. This program is for Middle and High School students who are eligible to ride for free when they show their school identification. Cheryl Riddick can be reached at (904)632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com.
- **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV):** Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported the following:
 - Applications are being accepted online through September 13, 2022, to participate in the 2022 Veterans Day Parade. Citizens interested in filling out applications can visit the Military Affairs and Veterans website <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/events>. Jacksonville has the second largest Veterans Day Parade in the nation. Washington D.C. is first.
 - MAV will host an event for National Suicide Prevention Day at the Veterans Arena on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Jacksonville Elks Club #221, 1855 West Rd., will host an event where veterans can access many resources.
 - The 2022 Vetpreneur Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Florida State College at Jacksonville's Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. The event is free. For more information, please visit the MAV website <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/events/all-events/2022-vetpreneur-summit>.
- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD):** Brian Naples reported that MCCD completed 1,900 inspections in Zone 5 in the last 30 days. MCCD conducted a systematic inspection in the Lackawanna neighborhood. A total of 662 warnings were distributed that were primarily nuisance junk vehicles. 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. Brian Naples can be reached at BNaples@coj.net or (904) 255-7000.

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 six land use and zoning applications, and the following recommendations were made.
 - To deny ordinance 2022-0664-(PUD)- 1101&1103 Bulls Bay Highway, RE# 004831-0000. The ordinance seeks to rezone 11.41± acres of land from RR-Acre to IL to allow for industrial uses. The recommendations by the LUZ Subcommittee to deny ordinance 2022-644 was approved by the CPAC members.
- **T.R.U.E Commission:** No Report
- **Transportation:** No Report

9. **Public Comments:**

- Dr. Dana Kriznar with Duval County Public Schools thanked CPAC members and attendees for voting yes to the tax referendum.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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