

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 13, 2022, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

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Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Dr. Donald Green, Chair; Jamie Lacy, Vice-Chair; Vicki Drake, DCPS PTA/PTS Assoc.; Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend Island; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 7; Jane Love, Amelia View; Michael and Shelley Wozniak, Lydia Estates; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Deborah Green, Captiva Bluff HOA; Joseph Tate, Copper Hill HOA 4; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Bessie Williams, Copper Hill HOA; Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Jim Sumara, Heckscher Drive Community Club; Ingrid Montgomery, Victoria Preserve HOA; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA.

Zoom: Josephine Fiveash-Porter, Northlake HOA; C; Matt Stone, Marshwinds HOA.

Visitors: Paul Forte, Eden Group; Dotty Boland, Amelia View HOA; Donald Drake; Larry Henderson; Victoria Preserve HOA; Cheryl Coakley; Brittnee William; Janice William; Carol McWilliams; Mincy Pollock Assistant; Mincy Pollock, Mayoral Candidate; T.R. Hairline, Rogers Tower.

Zoom: Donna Philbrick, San Mateo NA; Lynn Vandenhoy, San Mateo NA; Christina Salas; Pat Medley; Mary Sperow.

Staff and Elected Officials: Jennifer Walter, ACPS; Lolita Smith, JSO; Byron Jackson; JFRD; Michael Bernard, JFRD; Robert Smith, Public Works; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Office; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Keith Meyerl, Parks, Recreation & Community Services; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Robert Bautochka, MCCC; Dave McDaniel, Public Works.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair 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 March 9, 2022, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials:** None
- 4. Presentation:** Robin Smith, Chief of Engineering Construction Management, answered questions from the CPAC about the anticipated start of various improvements to roads and intersections in Planning District 6. Mr. Smith advised that money was added to the budget to resurface many of the roads throughout Duval County because of the increased use of trucks. Mr. Smith provided the following updates:
 - The Harts Road Bridge will be raised next year.
 - The City has signed contracts to start the construction of sidewalks along Cole Road west of I-95 and Main Street.
 - The redesign of a new bridge to replace the three timber bridges on Creek Road is in process. Public Works is hoping to get funding to start construction next year.Robert Smith may be reached at RobinSmith@coj.net or (904) 255-8710.
- 5. Chair Report:** Chair Green announced that he received a letter from Teresa Eichner, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, requesting the North CPAC's participation in soliciting suggestions from the various neighborhoods located in Planning District 6 to add to the Capital Improvement Plan. The CPAC should send their suggestions to Ms. Eichner no later than June 17, 2022.
- 6. Staff Reports:**
 - Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Assistant Chief Lolita Smith introduced herself to the North CPAC. Chief Smith encouraged members also to consider joining Sheriff's Watch. Zone 6 has two Sheriff Watch Sectors, Sector P and Sector Q. For more information about meetings, please call (904) 630-8688. Chief Smith reported that the JSO SWAT team partners with the Municipal Code Compliance Department to conduct investigations when there may be drug-related activities. Chief Smith also announced that JSO is adding bicycle officers in different neighborhoods for added police presence.

Assistant Chief Lolita Smith may be reached at (904) 630-4335.

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – District Chief Byron Jackson reminded CPAC members that JFRD provides and installs free smoke detectors for qualifying Jacksonville residents living in single-family or two-family residences. JFRD also installs replacement batteries in existing smoke detectors at no charge. Please call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or register by visiting the MyJax website [MyJax Customer Help](#) for more information. District Chief Mason and Captain Michael Bernard reported:
 - Fire extinguishers may be purchased at big box stores such as Home Depot, Lowes, or Walmart. These extinguishers are good for 10 to 12 years but should be replaced after ten years.
 - Chief Jackson explained that although the Fire Department can access homes with burglar bars and doors, please keep the key readily available in case of an emergency. If the key is kept in a lockbox, residents may also reach out to JFRD to provide the combination to the lockbox. This information can be included in the emergency dispatch notes for your home.
 - Chief Jackson provided a list of neighborhood pharmacies with medication drop-offs. Medications must be in their original containers, and personal information must be removed. The drop-off is for pills only, no liquids. Needles and sharp items can be disposed of in the trash if they are in a hard plastic container and the opening is secured with duct tape.
 - Samples of the Deterra Drug Disposal pouches were available at the meeting. Captain Bernard explained how they are used to deactivate and dispose of unused, unwanted, and expired medications. The bag only works for medicines in pill form, not liquid medications.
 - JFRD no longer installs infant/child safety seats. JFRD has partnered with Nemours Children's Hospital, which conducts child safety seat inspections and can help you install a car seat. Reduced cost car seats for those in need are available. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (904) 202-4302.
 - Captain Bernard briefly discussed that zip code 32218 is the most prevalent for overdoses in the City. Captain Bernard provided the CPAC with Nasal Narcan to have available if they ever encounter someone experiencing an overdose.

District Chief Byron Jackson may be reached at (904) 255-3283.

- **Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS)** – Jennifer Walter, Chief of Animal Care and Protective Services, announced that spring and summer are ACPS's busiest seasons because of the birth of so many kittens. Ms. Walter reported:
 - Currently, there are 250 dogs and 30 cats in the ACPS shelter; 150 are ready and available for adoption. Those interested in adopting may visit the shelter located at 2020 Forest St. Tuesday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - ACPS asks citizens to resist taking kittens when they see them in their neighborhood without their mother. It is very likely that the mother is nearby hunting for food and will be returning to her kittens. The best way to help is to spay and neuter the adult cats in the neighborhood.
 - It has been reported that 92 percent of loose dogs in the community belong to someone; 70 percent are found less than a mile from their home, and 42 percent are located less than 400 feet from their home. Ms. Walter advised that the best way to get pets back to their owners is not to bring them to the shelter right away but to keep them in their community.
 - Many people do not know where the shelter is located, leading to only 17 percent of animals being reclaimed by their owners.
 - ACPS will host two adoption events. The first event will occur on Friday, April 22, 2022, during the Earth Day Celebration downtown at James Weldon Johnson Park. The second event is part of Kanine Social's Woofstock Music Festival located at 580 College St. on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
 - If you are interested in fostering an animal or volunteering at the shelter, please email jaxpets@coj.net for more information.
- ACPS currently has a promotion for microchipping at the shelter. Duval residents qualify to get their pet microchipped for free if the pet is up to date on its rabies vaccines and has a City license. If your pet is not updated on its rabies vaccine and license, ACPS will give the pet a vaccine for free, and you pay \$20 for the license and microchip. The shelter is located at 2020

Forest St. and is open Tuesday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jennifer Walter may be reached at (904) 255-7372 or jenniferw@coj.net.

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

- The library is sponsoring the Jax Student Poetry Contest. The theme of the competition is “Celebrating Jacksonville’s Bicentennial Birthday.” The contest is open to students in Duval County in grades 4 through 12. Original poems must be submitted by Saturday, April 30, 2022. Cash awards will be awarded.
- The Jacksonville Public Library has partnered with the Duval County UF Extension Office to provide a wide range of workshops. The next workshop, Life Lit: Dealing with Insect Pests in the Landscape, is scheduled for the Highlands Regional Library on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. No materials are needed to join the next workshop.
- The Friends of the Library will hold two book sales in April. The Friends of the Bill Brinton Murray Hill Branch Library will hold the first book sale at 918 Edgewood Ave. S., on Saturday, April 16, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Friends of the Beaches Branch Library will hold the second book sale at 600 3rd St., on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, through Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

• **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV)** - Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported:

- The final day for free tax assistance is Monday, April 18, 2022. You may call (904) 255-5550 to make an appointment.
- MAV is now fully staffed and welcomes Arnie Florendo as the newest Veterans Service Officer and welcomes the return of Ken Johnson.
- The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Monday, May 30, 2022, at the Veteran’s Memorial Wall located between TIAA Bank Field and the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, 1145 East Adams St. The pre-ceremony will begin at 8 a.m. with music from the Navy Band Southeast and the Jacksonville Children’s Choir. The ceremony will start at 8:30 a.m.
- If you are interested in receiving a copy of MAV’s newsletter, please send your email to TMorales@coj.net.

Tiffany Morales may be reached at (904) 255-5524 or TMorales@coj.net.

• **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Robert Bautochka, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that a total of 2,145 inspections were completed in March. A total of 7,953 cases have been completed since the start of the fiscal year 2020. A total of 451 snipe signs were removed in the last 30 days. Mr. Bautochka reminded CPAC members that the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief (JAR) Program still has funds available. Please visit the Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD) website for more information: [Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program](#).

Mr. Bautochka provided the following updates from the March CPAC meeting:

- 5100 Heckscher Dr. and the four adjacent lots were cited for nuisance violations.
- MCC officers could not locate the dumpsters and roosters that were said to be in the Highlands area.
- 14410 Yellow Bluff was cited for the number of nonoperational vehicles on the property. Many of the cars have been removed.
- Charles Benson, Code Compliance Supervisor, will follow up at the next meeting regarding San Mateo’s issue with the property located on Glenn Drive.
- The homeless camps at Dunn Avenue and Wingate Road have been cited under the MCC purview and were sent to the JSO Blight Task Force.
- 1234 Elaine was cited for residential violations
- 12218 Yellow Bluff was cited for nuisance, and MCC officers regularly monitor the area for dump trucks.

Robert Bautochka may be reached at (904) 255-7055 or rbautochka@coj.net.

Charles Benson may be reached at (904) 255-7299 or Cbenson@coj.net.

• **Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS)** – Keith Meyerl, Chief of Recreation & Community Programming, reported the following:

- Summer Camp will start the second week in June at 11 sites; Oceanway is one of the popular campsites and usually fills up quickly.
- Summer camp fees are \$95 for each two-week session. A voucher program is available for those

who cannot afford the cost. A total of 200 vouchers are available, and recipients are selected by lottery. You must register online by Monday, April 18, 2022, to be part of the drawing. The drawing will take place on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

- JaxParks is hiring lifeguards for the summer. Pay starts at \$12 per hour. Training for the lifeguard positions will be offered. Please call (904) 255-6777, (904) 255-4271, or email bealifeguard@coj.net for more information
- The annual Fish-A-Thon will take place Friday, April 15, 2022, at Hanna Park, 500 Wonderwood Dr., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is required. For more information and transportation, please call (904) 255-5667.
- Many of the Senior Centers are now open. Each center serves breakfast twice a week and lunch daily. Transportation to and from the centers is available for most of the locations. Oceanway Senior Center is one of them. Please visit the Senior Services website [Jacksonville Senior Centers Calendars](#) for the list of the operating Senior Centers and activities,
- Oceanway, North Shore, and Eartha H. Napoleon Park's playground equipment will be replaced this year. Capital Improvement money funds these projects.

Keith Meyerl may be reached at (904) 255-7936 or Kmeyerl@coj.net.

- **Neighborhood Services Office (NSO)** – Lisa Ransom, Manager of the Neighborhood Services Office, announced the opening of its annual awards competition for 2022, "Make Every Connection Count." The 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program is designed to recognize the efforts of the organized neighborhood and civic groups in Duval County. Groups will be awarded for activities that emphasize volunteerism, leadership, and collaborations that benefit their community with programs, events, artwork, or that physically and/or socially improve or beautify Jacksonville neighborhoods. The last day to apply for the 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program will be Friday, June 3, 2022. The 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 East 1st St., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ms. Ransom also announced that the Neighborhood Services Office provides communities interested in doing cleanups with free cleanup supplies. Those who have never attended a CPAC meeting are encouraged to pick up their supplies at a CPAC meeting. In addition this will bring new people to CPAC meetings.

Lisa Ransom may be reached at (904) 255-7834 or lransom@coj.net.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs and Planning & Development** – Jamie Lacy, Governmental Affairs Chair, and Erin Abney, City Planner II, reported that the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed 12 Land Use and Zoning applications with the CPAC, and four recommendations were made. One item was tabled until the developers can meet with the Heckscher Drive Community.

New Business

- **Oppose 2022-0192 – Planned Unit Development: 0 Dunn Avenue (RE:004256-0690):** This application seeks to rezone approximately 6.45+/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to develop the property with 112 multi-family residential units. The CPAC opposes the application because it is inconsistent with the surrounding zoning.
- **Approved with Conditions 2022-0196 – Planned Unit Development: 0 Broward Road (RE:022105-0010):** This application seeks to rezone approximately 16.19 +/- acres from Commercial Community General -1 (CCG-1) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to develop the property with 114 townhomes containing two units in each building, "paired villas." The CPAC recommends an additional sound barrier or landscaping be provided to lessen the noise from the units adjacent to I-95.
- **Oppose 2022-0198 – Planned Unit Development: 0 Main Street North (RE:108096-0000):** This application seeks to rezone approximately 30.11+/- acres from Residential Rural Acre (RR-Acre) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to develop the property with 108 single-family dwelling units. Agriculture (AGR) to Planned Unit Development. The property will be developed with 100 single-family dwellings. The CPAC is opposed to 50 ft. lots and would like the lot sizes to be increased to 60 ft.
- **Oppose 2022-0200 - Planned Unit Development: 0 Lem Turner (RE: 019521-0020):** This application seeks to rezone approximately 19.09+/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to develop the property with a maximum of 300 multi-family dwelling units. The CPAC opposes the application for two reasons. One, the developers and the CPAC had come to a compromise in 2006 regarding the use of the property. The developer agreed to build townhomes on the property instead of apartments. Two, the plans for the property are not

consistent with the area.

- **Tabled 2022-0239 – Planned Unit Development: 4100 Heckscher Dr.:** This application seeks to rezone approximately 27.40 +/- acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow for the development of 300 multi-family dwelling units along with the existing commercial uses to the north. The CPAC has tabled this application. The developer has scheduled a meeting with the Heckscher Drive community to discuss their plans.

All motions to approve the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee recommendations were seconded and approved by the CPAC members.

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

8. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report – None

9. New Business – None

10. Old Business - None

11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- Many residents voiced their concerns about the need for repairs and expansion of the roadways in Planning District 6. Robert Smith said he would go back to his supervisor, inform him of the concerns, and see if they could come back to the CPAC to discuss the roadway plans.
- Jamie Lacy said that she is still having a stormwater drainage issue after putting in numerous tickets and visits from Public Works. Robin Smith, Chief of Engineering Construction Management, said he would go back and look at the tickets to find out why the issue has not been addressed.
- Sharon Bivens said she had sent several affidavits with photos to ACPS about her neighbor's dog running loose. Ms. Walters said she would speak with Ms. Bivens after the meeting and review the case.

12. Motion to Adjourn: Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid - Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218 and Zoom

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**, 4:30 p.m. Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W. 32218

Summary prepared by Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Coordinator, Neighborhood Services Office, (904) 255-8236 or MichelleGW@coj.net.

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](#).