

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

February 11, 2021 Meeting Summary

Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd., 6 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 945 4736 3670 Passcode: 583430

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Rhonda Boyd, Chair; Tyrona Clark-Murray, Vice Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Ass.; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Brenda Nmezi; Royal Terrace Community; Dr. Murphy Nmezi; Royal Terrace Community.

Visitors – DeAndre Jackson; Thomas Parrish

Elected Official and City Staff – The Honorable Brenda Priestly Jackson, City Council Member District 10; The Honorable Warren Jones, DCPS Board, The Honorable Darryl Willie, DCPS Board; Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to Florida House of Representative Angie Nixon; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Matt Cipriani, JFRD; Berdell Knowles, JEA; Lt. John Gay, JSO; Stephanie Miller, JPL; Christopher LeDew, PW, Thomas Register, Municipal Code Compliance; Michael Pearson, Municipal Code Compliance; Michael Chao, Chief of Municipal Code Compliance; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Coordinator; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development.

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Rhonda Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Elected Officials:

- Brenda Priestly Jackson, City Council Member, District 10, reported that the City of Jacksonville and Jacksonville Electricity Authority (JEA) collaborated on providing utility relief assistance to Duval County residents affected by COVID-19. The Mayor recently announced that the City of Jacksonville had 950 additional COVID-19 vaccines and opened a pop-up COVID-19 vaccine site at Clanzel Brown Senior Center. 475 underserved citizens aged 65 and older were vaccinated. On March 1, 2021, Council District 10 will have a community meeting at Lincoln Villa Senior Center (7866 New Kings Rd) at 6 p.m.

Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson may be reached at BPJackson@coj.net or (904) 255-5210

- Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative Angie Nixon, Florida House District 14, reported that Representative Nixon's new office is located at 3890 Dunn Ave. The office phone number is (904)924-1500.
- Darryl Willie, Vice Chair, Duval County School Board, District 2, reported that the half-cent sales tax citizen oversight committee will meet on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 1 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. The board is advocating for teachers to be added to COVID-19 first responder vaccination list. He also mentioned that currently, Duval County has a 90.2% graduation rate.

Vice Chair Willie may be reached at willied@duvalschools.org

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary: January's meeting summary was approved by the CPAC with corrections to items #7. Replace Elaine Billups name with Velma Rounsville as persons reporting TRUE Commission subcommittee.

4. Unfinished Business: Vice Chair, Tyrona Clark-Murray attended the Planning Commission Meeting on February 4, 2021 and City Council meeting on February 9, 2021 to oppose LUZ applications 2021-0005 and 2021-0006. Application E-20-84(6655 Old Kings Road) was deferred; Planning Department must make a recommendation.

5. New Business: None

6. **Chairs Report:** Chair Boyd opened the floor for CPAC members give their concerns to address at the CPACs Chair Meeting on Friday, February 12, 2021.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** Roxsan Currier reported that LUZ Subcommittee members reviewed four land use and zoning applications and suggested to oppose one application. CPAC Members motioned to oppose the application.
 - **2020-0745 – Planned Unit Development (PUD)** - Sunshine Organics and Compost, RE# 111121-0000.: This application seeks to rezone 10.92± acres of land from IL to PUD to allow for a solid waste/compost facility.
- **TRUE Commission:** Velma Rounsville reported that the Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission met Thursday, February 4, 2021. The TRUE Commission received five auditor's reports from the City Council's Auditor's Office. The annual report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 included two performance reports, seven special projects, and reviews of legislation. The Audit Committee identified 21 findings and seven opportunities for improvement to protect city's operations and assets; reviewed 523 legislative bills and the Mayor's budget which created a total savings of \$3.2 million. Visit www.coj.net to view the full report. The committee stated there are still issues with 1Cloud system, which delayed the City's current quarterly report.
 - Members of the TRUE Commission exchanged views on/about potential study topics and how to schedule and invite speakers. Topics included: City of Jacksonville crime rate, Jacksonville Small & Emerging Business Program (JSEB), Prenatal Health Care in underserved communities, City's vehicle accidents, and a review of the progress of the Special City Council Committee.
 - On February 9, 2021, the commission held a workshop to discuss the proposed ideas for the T.R.U.E Commission work program; estimated times for projects are as follows: Q1-Q2 JSO crime prevention spending, risk management, city's vehicles accidents; Q1-Q3 City of Jacksonville crime/police spending parallel to other cities; Q2 JSEB; Q3 Primary health Care; Q4 JSO Budget.
 - Commission voiced concerns of lack of adequate membership.
- **Transportation:** Vice Chair Clark-Murray reported on the February 3, 2021, North Florida Transportation Planning Operation (TPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.
 - North Florida TPO CAC reviewed the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The program is currently funded for five years; however, the projects extend to 2045.
 - North Florida TPO CAC is working on Smart North Florida Project. The project provided internet access for underserved communities; will start in the Eastside area.

8. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Lt. John Gay reported that property crimes rates are low. However, violent crime rates are rising. JSO had over 430 vehicle burglaries, almost half of burglarized vehicles were unlocked. Lt. Gay encouraged citizens of Duval County to keep their vehicles secured to help prevent such crimes from occurring. He invited CPAC members to become a part of Zone 5 Sheriff's Watch. Members may obtain information from Teresa Anderson-Wright by calling the Zone 5 Sub-station at (904)470-8900 or email Teresa.Anderson-Wright@jaxsheriff.org for the Zoom invitation information. Please visit www.jaxsheriff.org to report tips for crimes or for more information. JSO has a new mascot named Justice. Justice will participate at community outreach events and programs for the youth. JSO is currently hiring for numerous positions. Visit www.JoinJSO.com to apply. Lt. Gay may be reached at (904) 384-8028

- Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD):** Matt Cipriani, Chief, reported that the fire engines usually staff three people; however, JFRD received funding from Jacksonville SAFER Grant, which allowed JFRD to hire a fourth person to man the fire engines. Adding a fourth person will help JFRD run more efficiently.

Chief Cipriani may be reached at (904) 630-0850
- Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA):** Berdell Knowles, reported that JEA has a new CEO named Jay Stowe. Mr. Knowles encouraged CPAC members to beware of scams; JEA will never call customers to request on the spot payments. Due to the COVID-19, all free efficiency and irrigation assessments are offered virtually by phone. These assessments help lower the cost of the utility bill. Please call (904)665-6000 to schedule an assessment.

 - Vice Chair Tyrone Clark-Murray requested an update from JEA concerning the Beverly Hills, Biltmore, and Christobel communities septic tank project at a future meeting. Mr. Knowles will provide an update.
- Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Stephanie Miller, Executive Assistant of Library Services, reported that the Dallas Graham Library officially opened on February 1, 2021; the branch renovated the flooring. All branches in NW CPAC district have expanded operations hours and offer curbside pickup. JPL offers adult/ teen programs via Zoom. For more information visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org or call (904) 255-2665. AARP started free tax preparation on February 15th at all library locations, by appointment only, no walk-in appointments will be accepted. Appointment registration will begin on Friday, January 22 by visiting to www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide, where they can search nearest locations by ZIP code or by calling (904) 701-3462.

Stephanie Miller may be reached at (904) 255-6185 or sstokes@coj.net
- Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD):** Michael Pearson, Municipal Code Compliance Officer Senior, reported that in January, MCCD completed 1,271 inspections in the Northwest District. MCCD will conduct a systematic inspection in the Grand Park area on Monday, February 22, 2021. He promoted the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR), which provides abatement services required at no cost to Jacksonville residents who qualify. 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 on applying:

<https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>.

Mr. Pearson encouraged NW CPAC members to call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or www.myjax.custhelp.com to report MCCD cases in the Northwest District.

Michael Pearson may be reached at MPearson@coj.net or (904) 627-6080.
- Public Works (PW):** Christopher LeDew, Chief of Traffic Engineering, explained PW is a huge department; the Traffic Engineering Division is responsible for roadway and traffic signs, stripes, and traffic signals in Jacksonville. Also, the division conducts engineering studies for traffic safety and compacity issues to develop Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Chief LeDew provided updates on the following projects:

 - A Department of Transportation (DOT) road near Spires Avenue and Kings Road; request to install a midblock pedestrian crossing in the middle of Campus Towers Apartment and Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen. Chief LeDew submitted the request to DOT and DOT conducted a study. Chief LeDew was informed that DOT criteria has changed, and DOT will reevaluate the pedestrian crossing. He will continue to work with DOT on this issue.

- Land repurposing project on Edgewood Avenue near the Murray Hill area to convert a four-way roadway to a three-way roadway; 60% of the project design is completed; construction will begin in 2022. The project will allow more parking and bicycle lanes.
- Five Points area project is construction is 50% completed, the project will allow pedestrians to walk without danger to local shops.
- Moncrief Road Beautification Project (34th street to 35th street), the project will include installation of pedestrian safety signals and more street lighting. The city is currently working on the design.
- The Public Works Department is actively working on land repurposing project in the Brooklyn Area, near Forrest Street and Margaret Street to convert a four-way roadway to a two-way roadway.

These projects are aimed to slow down traffic, make roads safer, more pedestrian and bicyclist friendly.

- Vice Chair Tyrone Clark expressed her concerns at the corner of Lee and Bay Street; between Prime Osborne Convention Center and Lofts at LaVilla Apartments. Heading north towards downtown area, the lines need restriping. It is a hazard for vehicles making a left turn on Bay Street.
- Thomas Parrish expressed his concerns with the railroad track on Moncrief Road, South of 45th street; the road needs to be smooth. Chief LeDew will forward the issue to staff.
- Chair Boyd stated at the corner of Ribault Avenue and Trout River Blvd, the pavement is damage; needs to be repaved. Chief LeDew will inform the pavement and stormwater maintenance staff.
- Thomas Parrish mentioned a potential sink holes near Broward Road and Villanova Circle, Howell Drive and Harbor View Drive. Chief LeDew will inform staff.

Christopher LeDew may be reached at CLeDew@coj.net or (904) 255-7528

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA):** Cheryl Riddick, Director, Customer Engagement, reported that JTA has partnered with City of Jacksonville and the Florida Department of Health for Duval County to provide safe, clean, and reliable transportation to available COVID-19 vaccination locations. Additionally, JTA has expanded the coverage of its ReditRide Zones. Healthcare workers and citizens aged 65 and older can ride free on JTA and ReditRide services by simply showing their work identification or Florida Identification. For more information go to www.jtafla.com
Cheryl Riddick may be reached at (904) 632-5522 or Criddick@jtafla.com
- **NSO-** Chair Boyd thanked Michelle Godwin-Ware for assisting Northwest CPAC and introduced NW new Neighborhoods Coordinator Jessica Denson.

Jessica Denson gave a brief description of her background with the City of Jacksonville and informed the CPAC Members of the CBCR Community Clean-Up for Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 9am- 11am. Volunteers can meet at Edwards Waters College Campus, 1658 Kings Rd (32209) or J.P. Small Memorial Park, 1701 Myrtle Ave N (32209). Good Career is hosting a hiring event for Northrop Grumman on February 18, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applicants may apply online at <https://bit.ly/3sPo4bs>

Jessica Denson may be reached at jcdenson@coj.net or (904)255-8260.

9. Public Comments

- Elaine Billups stated Better Living Community Association, Inc holds a hybrid meeting every third Saturday at 10 a.m. The physical meeting is located at the Mitchell Center (1010 Acorn Street). She would like a representative from the City of Jacksonville to give an update on the drainage project for New Town area. Request will be added to CPAC SIR Report.
- Vice Chair Tyrone Clark-Murray encouraged the NW CPAC Members to attend the City Council Meeting on February 23, 2021

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

The next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 6 p.m. 7866 Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd.

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The next Land Use and Zoning Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. 7866 Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Rd.

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Summary prepared by Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8260 or Jcdenson@coj.net. A copy of the audio recording of this Northwest 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: [Public Records](#).

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