

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 8, 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; Tyrone Clark-Murray, Vice-Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Jaqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Dr. Murphy Nmezi; Royal Terrace Community; Lana Suggs, Carver International

Visitors – Lillie Riggins; Leroy Kelly; Joe McClure; Nabaa Ali; Jacquelyn Nash; Antonia Bryant; Tiphonie Mattis; Henry Scott; Shirley Thomas; Dale Moe; Kim Stephens-Perry; Brandon Smith; Hunter Jones

Elected Official and City Staff – Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to Florida House of Representative Angie Nixon; Warren Jones, Duval County School Board; Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board; Nicole Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member Ron Salem; Bryan Mosier, Neighborhoods; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Paula Renfro, DCPS; Lt. John Gay, JSO; Stephanie Miller, JPL; Derek Dixon, FDOT, Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Jessica Denson, NSO; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development.

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Rhonda Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Staff confirmed that a quorum was not present.

2. Elected Officials:

- Nicole Evans, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Ronald Salem, announced on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, City Council approved the legislation to name the field at J.P. Small Memorial Stadium to Henry L. Aaron Field located at 1701 Myrtle Avenue North. Nicole Evans may be reached at (904)255-5179 or nevans@coj.net

- Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board, stated the Sales Surtax Oversight Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Rutledge Pearson will be the first groundbreaking site to use the half-cent sales tax funds. On April 14, 2021, at noon, DCPS will host a Zoom session to allow local business to become a vendor. For more information go to www.duvalschools.org

Darryl Willie may be reached at (904)390-2374 or willied@duvalschools.org

- Warren Jones, Duval County School Board, encourages CPAC Members to contact their local school principals for support. DCPS currently has 22 turnaround schools (D average school). 95% of the students who attend a turnaround school must pass the Florida Standards Assessment to change the school grade. DCPS Florida Standards Assessment testing will start on April 5, 2021, and will continue over the next several weeks. Warren Jones stated the DCPS recently added Ribault Middle School, Ribault High School, and Andrew Jackson High School to the list of six schools for a name change. There will be a total of nine schools considered for a name change. The DCPS students, alumni, faculty, school advisory councils, and stakeholders are encouraged to submit their vote to the superintendent and then the superintendent will present the recommendation to the Duval County School Board who will make the final decision. For more information visit www.dcps.duvalschools.org

Warren Jones may be reached at (904) 390-2372 or Jonesw2@duvalschools.org

- Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative Angie Nixon, Florida House District 14, stated that she reported CPAC Member Larry Solomon's concern regarding flooding at a bridge near US-1 and Richardson Road to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Michelle Worley may be reached at (904) 924-1500

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary: March meeting summary was reviewed by the

CPAC. The approval was postponed due to the absence of a quorum.

4. Unfinished Business: None

5. New Business: CPAC Member Elaine Billups stated she submitted MyJax service request number 200819-000059 on August 19, 2020, requesting a sidewalk replacement at the corner of Logan Street and Minnie Street leading towards the entrance to Voting Precinct 912. She was informed the sidewalk would be replaced before June 2021 but recently she was informed the project would be completed by September 30, 2021.

6. Chairs Report: Chair Boyd reminded the CPAC Members that the Northwest District 2021 Capital Improvement Projects recommendations letter is due May 21, 2021. The final NW CPAC CIP Subcommittee hybrid meeting will be held Monday, April 19, 2021, located at the Lewis Cobb Community Center, 4511 Portsmouth Avenue. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** Vice-Chair Tyrone Clark-Murray reported that LUZ Subcommittee members reviewed two new Land Use and Zoning applications and no recommendations were made.
- **TRUE Commission:** Velma Rounsville reported that the Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission met Thursday, April 1, 2021. The Mayor's Office asked the commission to support the six-cent gas tax increase; however, the commission has not decided to support the gas tax increase at this time. The TRUE Commission received an update on why the Supervisors Elections Office has two payroll systems. The Supervisors Election Office uses the City's payroll system for the regular full-time and part-time employees; the second payroll system is used for temporary employees that only work throughout early voting and election day. The TRUE Commission compared Jacksonville Sheriff's Office with 14 other cities police departments and noticed JSO budget is higher than all the cities except Louisville Kentucky. It was discovered that all the cities had a surge in murders in 2019 and 2020. The TRUE Commission will reach out to JSO to recruit a representative from their department to give updates about crime prevention programs. The TRUE Commission's next meeting will be May 6, 2021.
- **Transportation:** Vice-Chair Tyrone Clark- Murray reported the North Florida Transportation Organization (TPO) CAC met on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. The NF TPO CAC discussed the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) projects that will be implemented over the next five years.

8. Staff Reports

- **Neighborhoods Department:** Bryan Mosier, Director of Neighborhoods, informed the CPAC Members that the Housing and Community Development Division is hosting a \$4,500,000 COVID-19 Mortgage Relief Program. The program started March 31, 2021, with almost 500 applications applied on the 1st day. To apply visit www.myjax.custhelp.com.

The City of Jacksonville partnered with United Way and JEA with a \$29 million Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program to assist residents who have a loss of income related to COVID-19. The program has received almost 4,000 applications. The deadline for application will be April 9, 2021.

The Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) hosted a free pet adoption event Easter weekend; 21 animals were adopted, and 10 animals went to a sleepover (a short-term stay outside the shelter). To adopt a pet, you may visit ACPS at 2020 Forrest Street Tuesday – Friday from 12 p.m.- 7 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Director Bryan Mosier may be reached at bmosier@coj.net

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Lt. John Gay, reported that crimes in the Northwest District have declined compared to previous years. 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 is currently hiring for a number of positions. Visit www.JoinJSO.com to apply. Lt. Gay briefly discussed the JSO Co-responder program to offenders with mental health issues.

Lt. Gay may be reached at (904) 384-8028

Chair Boyd asked Brian Jefferson, the liaison for the Community and Law Enforcement, State Attorney Office, Community Crime Strategy Unit, to inform the CPAC on what the State Attorney Office has for mental health offenders. Mr. Jefferson stated the State Attorney Office has a mental health court that concentration on offenders dealing with mental health. For more information call (904) 255-2500

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS):** Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent, stated DCPS is currently administrating the Florida Standards Assessment to students. The Federal Government waived the state exam, but the State of Florida has not been waived. Superintendent Greene launched a math challenge for 3rd -5th grade students. Highlights of the challenge will be posted on www.dcps.duvalschools.org

DCPS high school graduations will be held at each school stadium. Deputy Superintendent Kriznar announced DCPS will host a robust program for students this summer to accommodate learning deficiency students may have experienced because of at home learning and the delayed start of the school year.

Deputy Superintendent Kriznar may be reached at kriznard@duvalschools.org

Paula Renfro, Chief Academic Officer explained the advanced placement (AP) courses offered at the DCPS high schools allow the student to obtain college credits while attending high school. DCPS received data that states 4 out of 5 students enrolled in DCPS are in AP courses which is equivalent to over a million dollars worth of potential college expenses saved.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, DCPS has served 12 million meals to students through school pickup or bus deliveries.

Chief Academic Officer Renfro may be reached at renfrop@duvalschools.org

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):** Derek Dixon, Transportation System Manager, reported the reconstruction entrance ramp project at I-10 and US 301 is scheduled for completion in Spring 2022.

Derek Dixon may be reached at (904)360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):** Stephanie Miller, the Executive Assistant of Library Services, reported that the following libraries will reopen:
 - Brown Eastside Branch will reopen on Thursday, April 13, 2021; hours of operation will be Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
 - Maxville Branch will reopen Monday, April 19, 2021; Hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 - Westbrook Branch will reopen on Monday, April 26, 2021; hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

JPL is presently hiring. Please visit www.coj.net to apply. JPL offers virtual preschool programs. For more information visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org.

JPL will host pop-up vaccination sites at the following library branches:

- Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library - Saturday, April 10, 2021
- Jacksonville Main Library- Sunday, April 11, 2021

The pop-up sites will be administering the Johnson and Johnson vaccination. Sites will open at 10 a.m.

Stephanie Miller may be reached at (904) 894-9658 or sstokes@coj.net

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD):** Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor Zone 3, stated since the last meeting, MCCD Zone 5 has completed 2025 inspections in the Northwest District. MCCD will conduct a systematic inspection in the Lackawanna area starting Monday, April 12, 2021. MCCD has a program called the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR), which provides abatement services 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>.

Bradley Clayton may be reached at (904) 255-7038 or bclayton@coj.net

CPAC member Velma Roundsville stated she submitted MyJax service request number 210330-001362 through the City concerning concrete pieces and junk sitting outside a house near the road for several weeks. Mr. Clayton stated he will give the service request number to Brian Naples, Zone 5 MCCD Supervisor to investigate.

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA):** Cheryl Riddick, Director, Customer Engagement, reported that JTA has transformed two 40-foot buses into vaccinations pop up sites. One bus is used to administrate the vaccine and the other is used as a post-vaccination spot. As of April 6, 2021, 1760 vaccinations have been administrated. The buses are booked for April. JTA maintenance team will renovate two more buses into vaccination sites. For more information go to www.jtafla.com
Cheryl Riddick may be reached at (904) 632-5522 or Criddick@jtafla.com

9. Public Comments

- Vice-Chair Tyrone Clark- Murray encourage the public to join the Northwest CPAC. You may contact Jessica Denson at (904)255-8260 or jcdenson@coj.net
- Tiphonie Mattis asked the CPAC members to have a representative from St. Johns River Water Management District present information regarding dredging in the Ribault River and Trout River at a future CPAC meeting

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, April 8, 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, May 3, 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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