

## **Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **June 13, 2024**

Hybrid Meeting: Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, 32208 and via ZOOM.

#### **Meeting Attendance**

**CPAC Members:** Victor Coleman, CPAC Chair, Central Fairfax Community Association; Sallie Barnes, Robinson's Addition Neighborhood Association; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association, Inc.; Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins, Pebo Corp.; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Constance DeVaughn, Woodstock Neighborhood Association; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Camika Jerido, USA Unlimited, Inc.; Ginny Winters, Pickettville Civic Club; Leroy Kelly, Carver International.

**Excused:** Rhonda Boyd, CPAC Vice Chair, Timber Oaks HOA; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA; Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrace; Cynthia Brown, Robinson's Addition Neighborhood Association; Roxie Powell, Woodstock Neighborhood Association.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Paula Renfro, Duval County Public Schools; Lt. Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Yuri Blackburn, Jacksonville Public Library; Jennell Milton, JEA; Mike Sulayman, JEA; Assistant Chief Harry Massey, JSO; Jeremy Norsworthy, JTA; Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs and Veterans Department.

**Guests:** Pamela Strickland, North Jacksonville Trout River Manor; Marva Tyson, Edgewood Manor Association; Dr. Brenda Boston-Hudson; Carol Gamble; Anthony Porter, USA Unlimited, Inc.; Latrina Dondell, The 32209 Experience; Ertha Mack; Helen Williams; Jeanette Coleman; Deb Janison; Laureen Husband, Feeding NEFL; Carrie Griggs; Aaron Griggs; Debra Cotton; Ken Goldman; Yvonne Ward, Moncrief Spring; P. Griggs; Rhonda Hart-Sparks; Sylvia Warner, Carver International; Antonia Bryant; Carolyn Hill; Jaclyn Turner, Partnership for Child Health; Vanette Williams; Bervinda Mincey; Thaisha Correias, NSO Intern.

**ZOOM:** Nabaa Ali, Doretha Tompkins, Riverview; Ernest Smith; Renettelott; Gari Savage, Office of Florida State Senator Tracie Davis; DeWayne; Brad Straley; Meri Schwabacher; Tom McLeod, Panama Park Neighborhood Association; Roxie McLeod, Panama Park Neighborhood Association; Rosalisa Harden; Beverly Taylor-Mack; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC; iPhone 6.

#### **Meeting Summary**

**1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** NW CPAC Chair, Victor Coleman, called the June 13, 2024, meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Edwina Henry verified that a quorum was present.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Prior to the start of the full NW CPAC Meeting, Chair Victor Coleman reminded those participating via ZOOM that they separate themselves from any distractions, cell phones, laptops, kids, dogs, and etc., so that we may have their undivided attention.

Because there is a full agenda tonight, Mr. Coleman also asked if presenters would stay after their presentations, if there are questions to be addressed, so that we can continue to follow the agenda.

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary:** The May and June 2024 NW CPAC Meeting Summaries will be addressed at the August NW CPAC Meeting.

**3a. Presenter:** Ms. Jennell Milton, JEA Government Relations Coordinator and Mickhael Sulayman, Senior Manager for Programs and Special Projects, JEA – to discuss the Septic Tank Phase Out Program. Mr. Sulayman also noted that he is a professional engineer in the State of Florida.

- Mr. Sulayman provided a brief overview of the program.
- He discussed the matrix which determines the order that the phase out projects are designed and constructed.
- He also provided a project status and stated that he will be available after the meeting to discuss specific and individual questions.
- In 2016, the City of Jacksonville City Council passed Ordinance 2016-490, which among other things, mapped the priority areas identified by the Duval County Health Department and created a way to rank those areas and neighborhoods according to criteria established by the Ordinance. It also provided some oversight for the Department of Public Works.
- Because JEA is an independent agency, it has an interagency agreement with the City of Jacksonville for the Septic Tank Phase Out Program specifying how JEA is to manage the work and provides some funding.
- JEA is responsible for managing the program and for community outreach to the neighborhoods that are on the septic tank phase out list.
- There are roughly 60,000 septic tanks within Duval County and 22,000 of those are in the failure area.
- 70% of the homeowners must agree and sign-up for the program to be taken off the septic system and converted onto the JEA sewer system.
- Once the 70% consensus is achieved, JEA can begin the engineering, which can be broken up into several different phases.
- The JEA contractor demolishes the septic tank on the property and connects the structure to the new sewer system – this is unique in the State of Florida.
- With the Septic Tank Phase Out program, everything is paid for through a city program, including the connection from the house or the structure to the right of way line.
- Due to the size of some neighborhood areas some phase outs can take multiple years to complete.
- JEA is currently working on outreach to the Riverview Neighborhood to obtain 70% participation. It is by far the largest area to convert. Currently Riverview is at 22% of the required 70% participation rate.
- The JEA Project Outreach Team has met with individual residents at the Bradham and Brooks Library on Edgewood Avenue; and they have an office there where they meet with residents every Monday through Friday.
- In response to a question about fecal matter leeching into neighborhood ditches, Mr. Sulayman reiterated that the septic tanks are governed by the Health Department and should be contacted for those kinds of concerns.
- Ms. Yvonne Ward, President of the Moncrief Springs Neighborhood Association, requested JEA to come out to their community meeting, Thursday, June 20, 2024, to explain the process to residents.
- Ms. Milton and Mr. Sulayman will meet with Ms. Ward and others after the CPAC meeting to address their specific concerns.

**Jennell Milton** - (904) 665-5002 or [miltjl@jea.com](mailto:miltjl@jea.com)

**3b. Presenter:** Laureen Husband, EdD, Vice President, Public Policy and Community Engagement, Feeding Northeast Florida, gave an overview of her organization and the services provided.

- On September 28, 2024, Feeding Northeast Florida will be celebrating 10 years of service to the community, at their new location: 5245 Old Kings Road, 32254, from 6 pm to 10 pm. This is a ticketed event.
- Feeding Northeast Florida provides over 90,000 pounds of food in their 12-county area daily.
- They have a food pantry and a food distribution program.
- The organization has community advocates who will attend community meetings and listen to concerns and will connect persons with needed resources.
- Dr. Husband indicated that she met Mr. Coleman, NW CPAC Chair, just after the Family Dollar shooting. Feeding Northeast Florida had community advocates on the ground and within 24 hours had started supplementing food and talking to neighbors about the various challenges they were facing.
- Feeding Northeast Florida also has corner markets, which are really small grocery stores on wheels. They currently have four corner markets. They stock food and other household items such as laundry detergent, bleach, toilet paper, diapers, etc.
- The mini-grocery stores also partner with healthcare providers. They have nutritionists and dieticians on the team to discuss healthy food choices, especially for those neighbors with chronic health conditions, such as kidney disease or diabetes.
- Feeding Northeast Florida also has a policy advocacy team, which tracks issues such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and other federally funded food programs.
- To find a food pantry, go to [www.feedingnefl.org/food-food-now](http://www.feedingnefl.org/food-food-now) and enter your address or zip code.
- In addition to food distribution and nutrition education, Feeding Northeast Florida also provides SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Applications, client id cards, doordash home deliveries, hypertension and diabetes support resources. Contact [rachel@feedingnefl.org](mailto:rachel@feedingnefl.org).
- 5245 Old Kings Road has a processing kitchen, where they will teach people culinary skills – partnering with FSCJ and Goodwill. Goodwill will recruit, Feeding NE Florida will do the training and there are chefs and dieticians on staff.
- Dr. Husband announced that she was recently appointed to be the Chair of the Duval Food Policy Council. She will be working with Mayor Deegan and the City Council to enact robust agricultural policies benefitting the community.
- Dr. Husband will stay after the meeting to answer specific questions.

**Dr. Laureen Husband** – (904) 513-1333 or [LHusband@feedingnefla.org](mailto:LHusband@feedingnefla.org)

**4. Elected Officials Report:** Ms. Gari Savage, Legislative Aide representing Florida State Senator Tracie Davis, District 5, made the following announcements:

- In September, Senator Davis will host a community baby shower.
- The teachers' lounge event is usually held in August.
- Details to follow.

**Gari Savage**, District Office: (904) 359-2575 or Tallahassee Office: (850) 487-5005

**5. Chair's Report:** Chair elected to table his report until the end of the meeting.

**6. Staff Reports:**

**JTA** - Jeremy Norsworthy, Contract Specialist, discussed JTA's ten-year Transit Development Plan.

- Every five years, JTA is required to evaluate its services, ensuring that it meets the needs of the community and that it is operating efficiently.
- JTA reviews its transit plan annually to make sure it is making progress.
- Currently, JTA is collecting feedback on services by attending CPAC meetings, other community meetings, and engaging the public.
- Mr. Norsworthy indicated that he will share his presentation via email to the CPAC.

**Jeremy Norsworthy**, (904) 632-5522 or [jnorsworthy@jtafla.com](mailto:jnorsworthy@jtafla.com)

**JPL** – Yuri Blackburn, Manager, Highlands Regional Library, discussed several summer programs:

- The summer learning program's opening party was held on June 6, 2024, with 180 in attendance, at the Highlands Branch. Children received free books, participated in various activities and received special treats.
- The Highlands Regional Library (1826 Dunn Avenue, 32218) is also serving summer lunch every weekday from 1 pm to 2 pm, now through August.
- The Highland Branch is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to be a summer lunch site, along with the Bradham and Brooks Library (1755 Edgewood, 32208) which will serve lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm; and The Webb Wesconnett Library (6687 103<sup>rd</sup>, 32210) which will serve lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm. through August.
- The Highlands Regional Branch is offering a "Live from the Library" program every Thursday between 10:30 and 11:30 am. Attendance is limited, so please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before the program starts. Please check the library's website for details and schedules.: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org>

**Yuri Blackburn**, (904) 255-6407 or [Yjewitt@coj.net](mailto:Yjewitt@coj.net)

**Parks, Recreation and Community Services** – not present.

**JSO** – Assistant Chief Harry Massey provided the following updates:

- District 5 had a total of 9,936 calls for service. The Assistant Chief also noted that these and other crime statistics are available for viewing on [www.JAXSheriff.org](http://www.JAXSheriff.org)
- 1,807 traffic citations were written over the past 30 days.
- Crimes against persons are down 5.16%, year to date, and down 18% for the past 30 days.
- Crimes against property are down 3.8%; however Assistant Chief Massey stated that there seems to be a surge in thefts to new homes under construction.
- Approximately 20 businesses have reported stolen cash registers and JSO is following-up, but asks that if anyone sees anything out of place to give them a call and they will send someone out to investigate.
- There have been 67 burglaries in the past 30 days, compared to 49 in the previous 30-day period. Six people have been arrested.
- Motor vehicle thefts were up 4% over the last 30 days: 50 vehicles stolen in the last 30 days and 46 stolen vehicles in the previous 30 days.

- Assistant Chief Massey encouraged everyone to attend their community's Sheriff Watch meetings. For District 5, the next meeting is July 8 for the Baldwin and Tango Sectors; and July 9 at the Edward Waters College for the Quebec, Romeo and Sierra Sectors.
- During the May Northwest CPAC Meeting, several members brought up traffic complaints, especially in the Soutel Drive area. JSO conducted a traffic deployment over a few weeks and wrote 122 traffic citations and 71 written warnings.
- A traffic deployment was also conducted along Rowe Avenue, which yielded 88 traffic citations and 114 written warnings.
- In the Broadway and Commonwealth, eastern McDuff areas, JSO wrote 12 traffic citations and 21 written warnings.
- Assistant Chief Massey is hopeful that the community will see improvement in the number of traffic complaints. Please forward additional concerns and he will follow-up.

**Assistant Chief Harry Massey** – (904) 470-8900 or [JSODistrict5@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSODistrict5@jaxsheriff.org)

**JFRD** – Lieutenant Clarence Hodge brought greetings on behalf of Director, Fire Chief Keith Powers, and thanked the CPAC Chair for having him on the agenda to discuss hurricane preparedness.

- Hurricane Season runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Lieutenant Hodges stated that since 1980, hurricanes have devastated the southern region of this country causing roughly 1.3 trillion dollars in damage, and that each event causes billions of dollars in damages and sometimes loss of life.
- Lieutenant Hodges asked how many in attendance had emergency preparedness plans in place? He also asked if they knew their evacuation zones, or if they had a hurricane kit?
- He suggested that a hurricane kit should include the following: copies of insurance papers, flood policy paperwork, medications for several days, have a way to monitor the storm (via battery power, radio, etc.), bring your cell phone and charger,
- Precautions to take include: fill up gas tanks, make accommodations for pets, register family members with special needs with [www.myjax.custhelp.com](http://www.myjax.custhelp.com), never drive through standing water, be aware of downed power lines, etc.
- As a reminder, Lieutenant Hodges said home generators should never be used inside of the home, and to make sure it has adequate fuel.
- Lieutenant Hodge will stay after the meeting to address any specific questions/concerns.

**Lieutenant Clarence Hodge** – (904) 255-3284 or [Hodge@coj.net](mailto:Hodge@coj.net)

**MCCD** - Michael Pearson, Code Compliance Supervisor, District 5. Mr. Pearson is the new MCCD Supervisor for the Northwest CPAC. He has been with the City of Jacksonville since 2016 and has held every enforcement position in the division. Mr. Pearson gave the following report:

- There are a few ways to create a case for Code Enforcement:
  - download the myjax app, and create an account with [www.myjax.com](http://www.myjax.com)
  - call (904) 630-2489 (CITY), the most popular option. When creating a case or reporting more than one concern, please provide an address for the location, the violation(s), provide a brief description of the violation, then per SB 60, you will need to provide your name and address and it would be helpful to have your phone number so that MCCD can provide an update on the case/concern.

- The Jacksonville Assistance Relief (JAR) Program is designed to help property owners who are cited and need help with making corrections to the property. There are several criteria which must be met in order to qualify.
- As a new MCCD Supervisor, Mr. Pearson has inherited some new neighborhoods – Riverview is one of them and he plans to have his team of code enforcement officers spend some time there, as there are some streets he would like to focus on. Details to follow.
- Lastly, Mr. Pearson spoke on Ordinance 518.203 – The Junk Vehicle Ordinance. He stated that any vehicle can be a junk vehicle and can be towed off private property by Code Enforcement. The criteria for Junk Vehicles: the car is inoperable, does not have a license plate, or the car has an invalid registration.
- Mr. Pearson will leave his business card on the registration table, so please feel free to contact him with any specific questions.

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**Military Affairs and Veterans Department** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Manager, discussed an upcoming event for Military Spouses:

- Thursday, June 20, 2024, is the annual Military Spouses Night Out, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena. The event is free and open to U.S. and Allied Military Spouses of active-duty, reserve, guard and retired service members. A valid military ID and registration for the event are required: [www.jacksonville.gov/MSNO](http://www.jacksonville.gov/MSNO)

**Tiffany Morales** – (904) 255-5524 or [tmorales@coj.net](mailto:tmorales@coj.net)

**Neighborhood Services Office** – Edwina Henry, Neighborhood Coordinator, commended the NW CPAC for having a record number of submissions for the Neighborhood Awards. Seven out of 22 overall submissions came from the NW CPAC.

**Edwina Henry** – (904) 255-8260 or [EHenry@coj.net](mailto:EHenry@coj.net)

**Duval County Public Schools** – Paula Renfro, Chief Academic Officer, reported on the following:

- Ms. Renfro attended eight commencement ceremonies and stated that DCPS graduated a large number of high school seniors.
- The Duval County Public School Board voted Dr. Christopher Bernier as the new school Superintendent. He starts July 1, 2024.
- Dr. Kriznar is attending a community meeting tonight to get input on the Master Facilities Plan, otherwise she would have been in attendance tonight, as she is a strong advocate for the NW CPAC.
- The next Facilities Master Plan community meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at the Paxon School for Advance Studies, which is in school board member Warren Jones' district. Please plan to attend, if you are available, to learn more, ask questions and give feedback on the Master Facilities Plan.
- Earlier today, DCPS had two swearing in ceremonies. One ceremony was for Jackson Short, the new DCPS Police Chief. The other ceremony today was for Penny, the newest drug canine. Penny is specially trained to detect fentanyl.

**Paula Renfro** – (904) 390-2000 or [RenfroP@duvalschools.org](mailto:RenfroP@duvalschools.org)

## 7. Old Business – None.

## 8. New Business – NW CPAC Chair Coleman, announced three items for new business:

- The City of Jacksonville will host a Career Fair on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Prime Osborn Convention Center.
- The NW CPAC responded to the Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, Ms. Kathleen Collins's feedback on our 2025-2029 CIP Request:
  - "...the following represents the top priority from Planning District 5... the project is Woodstock Neighborhood Association, Woodstock Park and Community Center... there are two primary areas of concern. 1. Drainage upgrade and 2. Resurface the parking lot..."
- The NW CPAC would like to acknowledge and welcome our newest member, Mr. Anthony Porter, Alternate Representative for USA Unlimited, Inc. Mr. Porter was presented with his new members' packet, which also includes a letter of appointment from Mayor Donna Deegan.

## 9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)** – Leroy Kelly, Subcommittee Chair: A total of six (6) projects were reviewed. Only one application was opposed:
  - Ordinance 2024-0279, 810 McDuff Avenue North; RE #056745-0000 – seeks to rezone the property from Commercial Community General-1 (CCG-1) to a Planned unit Development (PUD) to add a parking lot for temporary automobile storage and automobile wrecker service. Approval is not recommended due to the negative impact the proposed development would have on the residential area, diminishing the quality of life for the neighborhood and it does not add value to the community.

It was properly moved and seconded that the LUZ Subcommittee Report be accepted. Motion carried.

- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Not present.

## 10. Public Comments:

- **Camika Jerido**, USA Unlimited, Inc., announced that they will be hosting their third annual Summer Safety event on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 11 am to 3 pm. at Mallison Park, 3151 Lenox Avenue, 32254.
- **NW CPAC Chair, Victor Coleman**, announced that the Central Fairfax Community Association will hold a community meeting, Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Dallas Graham Library (2304 N. Myrtle Avenue, 32209) to discuss property taxes, wills, living trusts, adoptions and other legal services. These workshops are offered each month.
- On Saturday, June 29, 2024, the Central Fairfax Community Association will host its annual Health, Wellness and Resource Fair, at the James Weldon Johnson Gymnasium, 1840 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 32209. There will also be a live DJ and "one of the best car shows in northeast Florida."
- Sunday, June 16, 2024, is Father's Day. NW CPAC Chair Victor Coleman wished all of the fathers' a Happy Father's Day.
- **Thaisha Correias**, FSCJ Intern with the Neighborhood Services Office, announced that her internship was ending in July 2024, and she wanted to say how much she admires the time

CPAC members take to come and advocate for their communities. She hopes to be able to attend the CPAC meetings in her community.

**11. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.**

The next Northwest CPAC Meeting is Thursday, August 8, 2024 – in Room #124, at 6 pm. The Community Room will not be available due to Election Activities.