

## Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee May 9, 2024

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

### Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members:** Victor Coleman, CPAC Chair, Central Fairfax Community Association; Rhonda Boyd, CPAC Vice Chair, Timber Oaks HOA; Sallie Barnes, Robinson's Addition Neighborhood Association; Elaine Billups, Better Living Community Association; Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins, Pebo Corp.; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Constance DeV Vaughn, Woodstock Neighborhood Association; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Roxie McLeod, Panama Park Neighborhood Association; Bettye Scott, Ribault Manor; Ginny Winters, Pickettville Civic Club; Cynthia Brown, Robinson's Addition Neighborhood Association; Leroy Kelly, Carver International.

**Excused:** Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrace; Roxie Powell, Woodstock Neighborhood Association; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks HOA.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Jessica Denson, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 9; Warren Jones, Duval County Public School Board Member, District 5; Paula Renfro, Duval County Public Schools; Lieutenant Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Yuri Blackburn, Jacksonville Public Library; Jenell Milton, JEA; Assistant Chief Harry Massey, JSO Zone 5; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance Division; Chris LeDew, Public Works; Jimmie Carter, Office of Consumer Affairs; Jonette Buxton, JSO Zone 5; Tina Meskel, Planning Commission District 5; Inv. T. Porter, SAO.

**Guests:** Yvonne Ward; Van Henderson; Errol Schell; Marva Tyson; Shalene Estes, Forestar; Jeanette Coleman, Central Fairfax Community Association; Tracye Tyson; Bervinda Mincey; Carol Gamble; Brenda Boston-Hudson; Antonia Bryant; Jaime Williams, City Rescue Mission; Hayley Spring, Blue Zones Project-Jacksonville; Ovena Daniels; R.K. Lee; Vivian Brown; Carrie Griggs.

**ZOOM:** Doretha Tompkins; Rhonda Hart-Sparks; Ernest Smith; Anthony Porter, USA Unlimited, Inc.; Denise Dean; Patricia Balkcom; Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs and Veterans Department; Lana Suggs-Champion; Camika Jerido, USA Unlimited, Inc.; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC; Shirley Thomas, North Riverside CDC; Tina; iPhone 6.

### Meeting Summary

**1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** NW CPAC Chair Victor Coleman called the May 2024 Meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Edwina Henry verified that a quorum was present.

### Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary:** The Northwest CPAC April 2024 Meeting Summary was approved.

**3. Presenter:** Jimmie Carter, Manager of Regulatory Compliance – Consumer Affairs spoke on the City of Jacksonville's efforts to identify and mitigate human trafficking.

- Mr. Carter distributed flyers with the National Human Trafficking Hotline number listed: 1-888-373-7888. Callers may also text INFO or HELP to 233733 (BEFREE).
- The flyer also contained a working definition of human trafficking, pursuant to Chapter 787, Florida Statutes, Section 787.06:
  - Human trafficking means transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing, enticing, maintaining or obtaining another person for the purpose of exploitation of that person.
- The City of Jacksonville Ordinance Code Chapter 250 was amended to create subsection 250.125 – Public Lodging, Gas Station, and Convenience Store Establishment Human Trafficking Public Awareness.
- In accordance with Ordinance 250-125, the Office of Consumer Affairs is required to inspect all convenience stores and gas stations. Ensuring all stores are registered in the data base, employees have completed the proscribed training for human trafficking awareness and human trafficking signs have been posted.
- JSO is the primary enforcement agency for compliance with the ordinance, JFRD and the Office of Consumer Affairs will provide secondary support in reporting violations to JSO. The Office of Consumer Affairs has implemented a public Awareness Outreach Program, explaining the requirements of the ordinance.
- Please contact JSO to report any suspicious activity at (904) 630-0500 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

**Jimmie Carter** – (904) 630-CITY or (904) 255-7198 – [JimCarter@coj.net](mailto:JimCarter@coj.net)

**4. Elected Officials Report:** Jessica Denson, Executive City Council Assistant to the Honorable Tyrona Clark-Murray, Council District 9, offered the following updates:

- City Councilmember Clark-Murray will be hosting a "Speak Up, Speak Out" rally on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. She is asking all teachers, staff, parents and students to come out and speak up in support of public education and the teaching profession at the City Council public hearing. Councilmember Clark-Murray will meet everyone at the James Weldon Johnson Park, across from City Hall, at 4:45 pm. Everyone is encouraged to wear yellow. Flyers are on the registration table.
- The City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Jaguars NFL Team will be hosting community meetings throughout the city. The closest community meeting for the Northwest CPAC will be Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6 pm at the Legends Center. The presentation will consist of an overview of the proposed renovations to the football stadium.
- LUZ Application 2024-0279 – PUD; 810 McDuff Avenue: Rezoning request from a CCG-1 to a PUD to allow the addition of a parking lot for temporary automobile storage and an automobile wreckage service. Ms. Denson stated that Councilmember Clark-Murray and members of the Woodstock Community met with the developer. The developer has deferred the LUZ Application.

**Jessica Denson** – (904) 255-5209 – [jcdenson@coj.net](mailto:jcdenson@coj.net)

**The Honorable Warren Jones**, Duval County Public School Board Member, shared the following:

- The Duval County Public School Board is in the process of hiring the next School Superintendent. There will be a community meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6 pm at the EverBank Stadium for the community to "meet and greet" the two finalists: Dr. Christopher Bernier and Dr. Daniel Smith. The finalists were selected by the Duval County School Board during a special Board meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.
- School Board Member Jones encouraged those who are interested to please join Jacksonville City Council Member Clark-Murray on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, to support traditional public education. The meet-up location is at James Weldon Johnson Park (across from City Hall) at 4:45 pm.
- The Duval County Public School Board will need to revisit the Master Facilities Plan that was approved in 2018, to replace and modernize the aging school system. The numbers and estimated costs to rebuild schools in 2018 versus 2023 has skyrocketed. For example, the estimated cost to build an elementary school in 2018 was \$29 million. Rutland Pearson Elementary School, which opened August 2023, was \$42 million. So now the School District is dealing with a \$1.4 billion deficit and is the reason for needing to revisit the Master Facilities Plan to determine which schools can be renovated and/or replaced and which schools will need to be consolidated.
- Public Meetings will be held in each of the Duval County Public School Districts for public feedback to help determine which schools need to be closed and why.

**Honorable Warren Jones** – (904) 390-2000 or [Jonesw2@duvalschools.org](mailto:Jonesw2@duvalschools.org)

**Paula Renfro**, Duval County Public Schools reported that the list of Community Meetings will be posted on-line at [Team Duval community invited to share their feedback on new Master Facility Plan – Team Duval News](#)

To share feedback, Team Duval stakeholders are encouraged to do the following:

- **Become familiar with the proposals:** Please visit [www.duvalschools.org/mfp](http://www.duvalschools.org/mfp) to learn more about each proposal.
- **Complete online survey:** Take 10-15 minutes to share feedback with the School Board and the district through an [online survey](#).
- **Attend a public forum:** There are several public forums scheduled where the community can share input directly. Each forum begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. to view the proposal exhibits and ask questions informally, followed by a formal meeting at 6 p.m. See the full list online.

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

**5. Chair's Report:** NW CPAC Chair, Victor Coleman, shared the following:

- The NW CPAC Membership is growing. We currently have 18 community members. He thanked each organization for their interest in being a member of CPAC.
- Chair Coleman asked CPAC Membership for any items/concerns for him to address at the CPAC Chairs' Quarterly Meeting, Friday, May 10, 2024.

## 6. Staff Reports:

**JEA** – Jennell Milton, Government Relations Coordinator for JEA. Ms. Milton provided the following updates:

- JEA customers are now receiving carbon-free nuclear energy from Plant Vogtle's Units 3 and 4. They are powering our community. JEA is currently utilizing 13% nuclear energy, which marks a big step for nuclear energy in our country and a key milestone for JEA, as they work toward clean energy goals.
- JEA will continue to diversify their portfolio to provide sustainable and reliable energy.
- JEA's residential and smaller commercial customers in Northeast Florida will have access to a comprehensive customer assistance program to provide an unbiased source of information on rooftop solar systems. In collaboration with Resource Collaboration, a sustainable energy solutions provider, JEA's Solar Concierge program will help ensure informed decision-making about potential solar installations by explaining project costs, time and potential impacts on their electric bills.
- Participating customers will be able to receive multiple solar installation project bids from verified contractors through tools on the website.
- This program will allow JEA to vet contractors, verifying that they meet business licensing and insurance requirements and that they have been trained by JEA experts on proper solar to residents' interconnection procedures.
- Ms. Milton also added that JEA does not endorse, guarantee, or warranty performance. JEA aims to improve the relationship between customers and the solar contractors to help prevent grievances stemming from such things as faulty installations or misleading assertions regarding potential energy savings.
- For more information go to: [www.jea.com/SolarConcierge](http://www.jea.com/SolarConcierge) or email [solarconcierge@JEA.com](mailto:solarconcierge@JEA.com)
- Due to taking several questions about "Septic Tank Phase Out" in the Northwest CPAC area, Ms. Milton will request a Septic Tank Phase Out Program Specialist to come speak with the NW CPAC. She will contact Ms. Henry with the details.

**Jennell Milton** – (904) 665-5102 or [miltj@jea.com](mailto:miltj@jea.com)

**JPL** – Yuri Blackburn, Manager, Highlands Regional Library, shared some highlights for upcoming events for the month of May:

- Program calendars for the various Northwest area libraries were left on the registration table.
- An update on the River City Readers' Program shows that participants have read over 863,000 minutes since the Reading Challenge began in January 2024. She is encouraged because every indication is that the program will meet and exceed one million reading minutes.
- Bradham and Brooks Branch Library, 1755 Edgewood Avenue, 32208, has a drop-in Family Night on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Also, on Saturday, May 11, 2024, Bradham and Brooks will host a Lit Chat interview with author, Sierra London, from 2 pm to 3 pm. Registration is required and may be done either in person or via ZOOM. A book signing will follow the Lit Chat interview.
- Friends of Bradham and Brooks will hold a Book Sale on June 6 & 7, 2024, from 10 am to 4 pm, 1755 Edgewood Avenue.

- The Brown Eastside Branch, 1390 Harrison Street, 32206, has a drop-in Family Night on Mondays from 6 pm to 7 pm and on Monday, May 13, 2024, the branch will hold a Drop-In Workshop on researching your historic home, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.
- The Highlands Regional Branch Library, 1826 Dunn Avenue, 32218, will hold its New Leaf Book Club Meeting on Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 12:30 am to 1:30 pm. Book Title: The Lost Man by Jane Harper. Registration is required to attend the event.
- Summer Learning starts in June. Adventure begins at your Library – please check the website for events calendar. [www.events.jaxpubliclibrary.org/events](http://www.events.jaxpubliclibrary.org/events)

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

**JSO** – Assistant Chief Harry Massey, District 5, Northwest, outlined the crime statistics for the last 30 days. He also noted that these same statistics are available on [www.jaxsheriff.org](http://www.jaxsheriff.org)

- 9,353 total calls for service, within the last 30 days.
- Crimes against persons, year-to-date, are down 3.7% and down 2.6% within the last 30 days.
- Crimes against property, year-to-date, are down almost 5% and up 51% within the last 30 days – due primarily to theft of motor vehicles.
- Assistant Chief Massey urged everyone to remember to lock their car doors and to not leave anything within easy view. He said these actions would help reduce crime tremendously.
- There have been 68 thefts from motor vehicles within the last 30 days, compared to 38 thefts from the previous 30 days.
- There have been 43 motor vehicle thefts in the last 30 days, compared to 35 thefts from the previous 30 days.
- The motor vehicle thefts are still predominantly Hyundais and Kias.
- Assistant Chief Massey asked everyone to be vigilant, especially near industrial complexes that have a lot of semi-trucks. He said to watch for anyone seemingly, random and out of place with their vehicle hoods up. They are stealing electronic computer modules from the semi-trucks and they are hard to catch. Please call JSO if you see anything.
- Last month (April 11, 2024), the CPAC gave JSO a list of traffic complaints. Massey sent out a traffic cop to investigate and JSO wrote up 21 warnings and 12 pay citations.
- Assistant Chief Massey announced the next Sheriff's Watch Meeting: Sub Station Baldwin will meet on May 13, 2024, at 6 pm at 850 Center Street. The Quebec, Romeo and Sierra Sectors will meet May 14, 2024, at 6 pm at 1697 Kings Road.

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

**JFRD** – Lieutenant Clarence Hodge, shared information and provided updates on the following:

- Poison prevention, taking prescribed medications and not altering medication dosage without consent of your doctor. Call Poison Control 1-800-222-1222.
- Lieutenant Hodge also discussed food safety concerns, cooking, handling and storage.
- Carbon monoxide is colorless and odorless but can be monitored with the combination smoke detector/carbon monoxide detector. Call (904) 630-CITY to request a free smoke detector.
- JFRD responded to over 200,000 calls for service last year, which also included fire related calls, as well as emergency rescues.

- To be proactive, Lieutenant Hodge recommends that anyone with special needs register with (904) 630-CITY or go online to [www.myjax.custhelp.com](http://www.myjax.custhelp.com) There is also a "Special Needs" site through the [www.jaxready.com](http://www.jaxready.com) app.
- Hurricane season is coming, so please be aware of shelter locations and evacuation routes, and Lieutenant Hodge encouraged everyone to develop an emergency preparedness kit.

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

**MCCD** – Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor, reported the following:

- Within the last 30 days, in the Northwest District, MCCD completed 1,623 inspections, with 11,928 year-to-date inspections.
- Please call (904) 630-CITY to report overgrown weeds/grass.
- The Atlantic Hurricane Season begins June 1. Please assess your property for dead or dying trees.

**Robert Bautochka** - (904) 255-7055 or [RBautochka@coj.net](mailto:RBautochka@coj.net)

**Public Works Department** – Chris LeDew, Traffic Engineering, in response to a comment, indicated that he would speak to the Chief of Mowing and Landscaping to let him know about mowers who blow grass clippings into the street. Mr. LeDew stated that doing so creates environmental hazards/concerns.

- Mr. LeDew discussed several traffic concerns and proposed solutions. Some projects will need a completed traffic study, some will need public comment and others will need to wait on the fiscal new year for funding.
- The McCoy's Creek Rehab Project is a drainage project and will be another segment of the Emerald Trail.
- Edgewood and McDuff is a high crash location and the department is looking to do some traffic calming projects to make the area safer. The area is currently undergoing a traffic study, which will be followed by public involvement, then a request for funding.

**Chris LeDew** – (904) 255-7528 or [CLeDew@coj.net](mailto:CLeDew@coj.net)

**Neighborhood Services Office** – Edwina Henry, Neighborhood Coordinator, introduced Ms. Thaisha Correias, a college intern from FSCJ, working with the Neighborhood Services Office. Ms. Correias will be attending all six of the CPAC Meetings to gain a better understanding of CPACs and how they function. She is also working on projects under the guidance of Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Office Manager.

Ms. Correias introduced herself to the NW CPAC and urged the CPAC to consider applying to the Neighborhood Award Program. The deadline for submissions is May 23, 2024, and the Awards Program will be held November 7, 2024.

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

**7. Old Business** – The NW CPAC submitted a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Request for 2025-2029. What are the next steps in the process?

- The CIP Administrator will review all CIP submissions and will provide feedback to the individual CPACs to determine next steps.

**8. New Business** – Ms. Tina Meskel, District 5 Planning Commissioner, introduced herself and indicated that she will be attending NW CPAC meetings as her schedule allows. The CPAC Chair thanked her for attending the CPAC Meeting.

**9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)** – Leroy Kelly, Subcommittee Chair: A total of 14 projects were reviewed.
  - Application 2024-0230, 0 Francis Road; RE #0414450-0010; 041449-0020 – seeks to rezone multiple properties from Commercial Community General (CCG-1) and Commercial Residential Office (CRO) to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to develop up to 88 townhomes. Ms. Shalene Estes, Entitlements Manager for Forestar, advocate for the application, was present, as was Ms. Margaret Tyson, representing the community. They both spoke at the LUZ Subcommittee Meeting. Ms. Estes was present at the April 11, 2024, LUZ Subcommittee meeting, where issues of concern were raised. Ms. Estes has since met with the community to address those concerns.
    - It was properly moved and seconded in subcommittee to approve.

Of the 14 Applications reviewed, only two were not recommended for approval:

- Application 2024-0276, 0 Pritchard Road, RE #003461-0020; 004339-0030 – Conventional Rezoning – seeks to rezone approximately 17.81 acres located along Pritchard Road from Rural Residential-Acre (RR-Acre) and Residential Low Density-60 (RLD-60) to Industrial Light (IL). Access to the properties would be through residential roads on Robinson Road.
  - approval is not recommended due to the negative impact the proposed development would have on the residential area. Access is through a residential area.
- Application 2024-0279, 810 McDuff Avenue, RE #056745-0000 – Planned Unit Development – seeks to rezone multiple properties from Commercial Community General (CCG-1) to a Planned Unit Development (PUD). The rezoning to PUD is being sought to add a parking lot for temporary automobile storage and automobile wrecker service to the permitted and permissible uses that are in the Commercial Community General-1 Zoning District. 0.65 acres.
  - Approval is not recommended as the proposed development 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** Velma Rounsville, Subcommittee Chair: Not present.

#### **10. Public Comments:**

- **Tiffany Morales** – Military Affairs and Veterans Department: Announced the Memorial Day Observance will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, at the Veterans Memorial Wall. The pre-ceremony starts at 8 am and the ceremony will begin at 8:30 am.
- **Constance DeVaughn** – announced that Woodstock Neighborhood Association and CPAC Member, Roxie Powell, is in the Lakeside Nursing Home, following an illness.
- **Yvonne Ward** – President, announced that Moncrief Springs Neighborhood Association is having their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024, 5 pm at Calvary Park. Everyone was invited to attend.
- **Ernest Smith, III** – had questions for Mr. Jimmie Carter and will contact him at his office.
- **CPAC Vice Chair Boyd** – raised questions about street vendors selling various fruit juice drinks without any visible means of sanitation. Mr. Carter also advised Ms. Boyd to contact him at his office with specifics and he will follow-up, he also added that without an official state food handlers license, the activity is illegal.

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

The next Northwest CPAC Meeting is Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 6 pm at the Legends Center, 5031 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville 32208 and on ZOOM.