

Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

February 13, 2020 Meeting Summary

The Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Dr., 6 p.m.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members – Tyrona Clark-Murray, Chair; Doretha Tompkins, Vice Chair; Elaine Billups, Better Living; Roxsan Currier, Marietta Senior Center; Jacqueline Harrington, Grand Park; Mildred Jennings, Sherwood Forest; Carlotta McIntosh, Moncrief Springs; Linda Moore, North Riverside CDC; Velma Rounsville, Timber Oaks; Larry Solomon, Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates; Rhonda Boyd, Timber Oaks HOA; Linda Kittles, Ribault Manor; Tim Rossetter, Marietta Senior Center.

Excused – Murphy Nmezi, Royal Terrace; Waynetta McGraw, Jacksonville Ranch Club II.

Visitors – Kim Pryor, Urban Core CPAC Chair; Antonia Bryant, Council on Elder Affairs; Rosemary Thornton, Council on Elder Affairs; Al Chester, Chester for Congress; Nancy Wood; Henry Scott, North Riverside CDC; Kim Perry; Kafil Tunsill, Sherwood Forest; Judy James, Edward Waters College; Lynette P. William, Magnolia Gardens; Nabau Ali, District 10.

Elected Official and City Staff – Nikki Evans, At Large Group 2 Council Assistant; Ellis Burns, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Paula Renfro, Duval County Public Schools; Sharon Kirkes, Jacksonville Public Library; Berdell Knowles, JEA; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Office; Michael Pearson, Municipal Code Compliance; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Chris LeDew, Public Works; Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office; Stephen Sigel, State Attorney's Office.

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present.
- 2. Elected Official:** Nicole Evans, Assistant to At Large District 5 Council Member Ron Salem (NEvans@coj.net; 630-3409), announced that, Council member Salem has introduced 2020-0068 to appropriate \$200,000 (\$100,000 contribution from private source and \$100,000 City match from reserve for federal programs) to implement an anti-vaping health awareness educational campaign for children under age 18 on the consequences of vaping.
- 3. New Business:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray recused herself as Chair and handed the gavel to Vice Chair Doretha Tompkins. Now acting as a CPAC member, Ms. Clark-Murray shared information on E-20-001, which is close to her neighborhood. This exception seeks to allow an auto storage yard at 255 McDuff Ave. S. in the CCG-2 Zoning District. Ms. Clark-Murray expressed several concerns with this exception. Ms. Clark-Murray made a motion to have the CPAC's support to attend the Planning Commission meeting and express the CPAC's agreement with the Planning Department in their denial of this exception. Larry Solomon seconded and the motion unanimously passed. Vice Chair Doretha Tompkins handed the gavel back to Chair Tyrona Clark- Murray.
- 4. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports**
 - Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** Roxsan Currier met with City Planner Kaysie Cox and other members of the LUZ Subcommittee and reviewed several applications. The members agreed that the applications reviewed did not require CPAC action.
 - Transportation:** Larry Solomon shared that the 2020 Public Participation Plan from the North Florida TPO is available on the organization's website at northfloridatpo.com.
 - TRUE Commission:** Velma Rounsville stated that there was nothing to report because the February TRUE Commission meeting was cancelled.

5. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** Lt. David Fahey (David.Fahey@jaxsheriff.org) reported that JSO is hiring 90 officers. Correction officers will receive a \$5,000 signing bonus. JSO would like to have its Real Time Crime Center staffed 24 hours a day. JSO has partnered with the International Association of Chiefs of Police for an effectiveness assessment, the final results of which are due in March. The Public Alert and Warning System, through FEMA, allows text messages to be sent within a given perimeter. No opting in is required, and it is solely based on physical location. The next Sheriff's Watch meeting for this sector is in the Legends Center at 6 p.m. on March 2.
- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com: 632-5522), reported that beginning February 1, you can get free rides from JTA to and from grocery stores in the Northwest Planning District. Services are available Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. simply by calling 515-2458. Service to the Jacksonville Regional Transit Center (JRTC) will begin March 1. Additional information on all JTA services is available at jtafla.com.
- **Public Works:** Chris LeDew, Chief of Traffic Engineering (clעדew@coj.net: 255-7533), reviewed the issues that were discussed at the November meeting, when he last visited the CPAC. A copy of his report is included at the end of this summary. Chair Clark-Murray asked Mr. LeDew to review the intersection at Melson Avenue and 20th Street. She reported that there is a large pot hole, the rail crossing is very rough, and there is standing water where there is no drainage.
- **JEA:** Berdell Knowles, reported that the septic tank phase out program is a joint program through the City and JEA. Two neighborhoods were selected based on a matrix of conditions, Biltmore for water and sewerage, Beverly Hills for sewerage only. In order for septic tanks to be phased out 70% of the residents had to agree. These two communities should be complete by 2023. Cristobell is the next community to receive septic service, but there is no timeline to report when that will begin.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Michael Pearson, Senior Municipal Code Compliance Officer (MPearson@coj.net: 255-7011), reported a total of 1,682 inspections were completed in January. A systematic inspection was completed in the Woodstock neighborhood citing over 400 issues. Please report issues to MyJax at 630-CITY.
- **Neighborhood Services Office:** Amy Holliman, CPAC Coordinator (aholliman@coj.net: 255-8260) announced that 2020 Neighborhood Awards will be given to outstanding projects or programs that were delivered during 2019. Neighborhood Award nominations are still being accepted through close of business March 6, 2020. The inaugural award program will be held on April 30, 2019 at the Main Library from 6 – 8 p.m. For more information and to download the application visit coj.net/neighborhoodawards.
- **Jacksonville Public Libraries:** Sharon Kirkes, Dallas Graham Branch Manager (skirkes@coj.net: 630-0922 X 220), reported that the 22nd branch of the Jacksonville Public Library will be built on 12210 New Berlin Road in north Jacksonville. It is planned to open between 2023 and 2024. The Bradham Brooks library is now open after renovations. The Westbrook branch is going to be closed for three weeks beginning February 18, 2020 to have new carpet installed. For more information about the Jacksonville Public Library, go to jaxpubliclibrary.org.

- **Duval County Public School:** Paula Renfro, Executive Director of Professional Development (renfrop@duvalschools.org), reported that six elementary schools with low enrollment are being considered for consolidation. The schools include Carter G. Woodson and St. Clair Evans Academy, John Love and Long Branch, and Brentwood and North Shore. Public meetings have concluded and those reports will be sent to the superintendent for a final decision. For additional information visit DCPS's website at dcps.duvalschools.org.

6. Public Comments

- **Rosemary Thornton**, Chair of the Council on Elder Affairs (COEA), announced that Aging True is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to elderly homebound individuals who are in need. If you are interested contact Jucinda Legend at 807-1203. If any member of the CPAC would like to have a COEA member attend their neighborhood meeting, please contact Carrence Bass at 255-5413. A safety and security seminar will be held March 11, 2020 at the City Extension Office. The Senior Fish-A-Thon is at Hannah Park on March 27, 2020. If you are over 55 and interested in joining, or would like more information, please speak with Rosemary or COEA Executive Director Carrence Bass at 255-5413 or cbass@coj.net.
7. **Adjourn:** Velma Rounsville motioned to adjourn the meeting and Elaine Billups seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2020, 6 p.m. at
The Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr., Community Room**

To receive supplies for your neighborhood clean-up, please contact Dan Durbec with the City of Jacksonville Clean It Up, Green It Up program at 255-8276 or ddurbec@coj.net.

A copy of the audio recording of this Urban Core 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 here: [Public Records](#).

Public Works Report to the Northwest CPAC

NWCPAC	Traffic Engineering Issues	2/13/2020
1	Kings Rd. at Spires Rd.	Request left turn signal phase FDOT Rd. Does not meet criteria to change.
2	Kings Rd. at Fairfax St.	Request left turn signal phase FDOT will install a eastbound to southbound left turn phase as part of ongoing resurfacing project.
3	Soutel Dr. at Lonnie Miller	Manhole Bumps Road Diet project includes resurfacing.
4	Clyde Dr.	Manhole Bumps
5	Howell Dr.	Manhole Bumps
6	Beaver St F: Edgewood Ave. T: McDuff Ave.	Manhole Bumps FDOT road
7	Myrtle Ave. F: Kings Rd. To: 8th St	Manhole Bumps
8	Moncrief Rd. at Rowe	RRFB RRFB installed, complete.
9	Moncrief Rd. at 45th St.	RRFB In procurement, next advertise for design.
10	45th Ave. at Voorhies	RRFB RRFB installed, complete.
11	Van Gundy At Champlain	All-Way Stop Complete.
12	Soutel at Norfolk Ave.	Intersection project Design 90% done. Construction to starting August 2020.
13	Pearl at 44th St.	Signal rebuild Construction this year.
14	Kings Rd. at Spires St.	Ped Crossing Has crossing. Need details.
15	Baker Ave.	No Trucks Sign Consulting planning dept. Large business on Baker Ave.
16	Beaver at NB I-95 Ramp	Faded pavement markings FDOT Rd. Sent request for maintenance.
17	Flooding issues	Morris Ave. over Sidewalk, Gentlewood subdivision Sent to Engineering to evaluate.
18	Flooding issues	NewTown Drainage, Beaver and Acorn Sent to Engineering to evaluate.
19	Flooding issues	110 W. 17th St., Can't get into apartments when flooded. Sent to Engineering to evaluate.
20	Ribault Scenic Bridge	Project completed in December 2019. DONE.
21	Old Plank Rd. F: Bulls Bay Hwy. T: Marrietta Cir.	Broken sidewalk needs repair Sent to RWSM for repairs
22	Jammes Rd. F: Wilson T: 103rd St.	Broken sidewalk needs repair Sent to RWSM for repairs

Submitted by Chris LeDew, Director of Traffic Engineering