

North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 11, 2024, Meeting Summary

Oceanway Senior Center, 12215 Sago Ave. W

Zoom Meeting ID:

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Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Charles Barr, Vice Chair; Jennifer Casey, Parque Diane HOA; Tommy Ruffin, Council Appointee District 8; Vicki Drake, Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Assoc.; Sasha Pearson, Victoria Preserve HOA 2; Sharon Bivins, Blue Grass Northwood; Bob Austin, Blue Grass Northwood; Stephanie Oglesby, Community Assoc. of Harts Estates; Jane Love, Amelia View; Dot Mathias, Charter Member; Joseph Tate, Copper Hill, HOA; Larry Henderson, Victoria Preserve HOA.

Zoom: Aletha Mikell, Victoria Preserve HOA 2; Sharon Johnson, Jacobs Way HOA; Kelvin Postell, Greater Works Church, Inc.; Sylvester Wilkins, Alta Lakes CDD; Vera Jones-Wilkins, Alta Lakes, CDD;

Visitors: Paul Forte; Ronnda Jamison, Greene Meadows; Russell Vraniear, Edwards Creek; Chysta Bowman, Tree of Life; Michael Bowman, Tree of Life; Donald Drake; Pacho Rodriguez; Winglace McHayle, Two Angels Academy; Collin Wynter, Green Meadows.

Zoom: Victoria Schultz, DCPS; Janetta Jone; Christina Salas; Donna Philbrick, SMN, Inc.; Lynn Vandenhoy, SMN, Inc.; Pat Medley; Sharon Sumlar Jones; 813-361-8407.

Staff and Elected Officials: Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., District 8; Bethany Bryan, Executive Assistant to Council Member Mike Gay, District 2; Sgt. Kwasi Dingle, JFRD; Devon Holland, JPL; Lisa Buggs, JPL; Don Tuten, JEA; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Alec Barnes, MCCC; Dave McDaniel, Public Works.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Vice Chair Charles Barr called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The August 14, 2024 summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials Report:**
 - Bethany Bryan, Executive Assistant to Council Member Mike Gay, District 2,** announced:
 - Council Member Gay will begin hosting bi-monthly community meetings for District 2. The first meeting scheduled for District 2's Northside is September 12, 2024, starting at 6 p.m. at Spirit of Life Church, 2636 New Berlin Rd. The next meeting will be held in District 2's Southside on October 3, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Ed Austin Park – PAL Building 3450 Monument Blvd.
 - District 2 constituent concern forms were made for residents to help better follow up on the concerns or questions in the District. Both flyers were left on the sign-in table.

Bethany Bryan – (904) 255-5156 or BethanyB@coj.net.

Council Member Reggy Gaffney Jr., District 8, announced:

- The City Council will vote on the budget on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. The meeting is open to the public.
- Dunn Avenue is a state road managed by the Florida Department of Transportation. Funding must be acquired for a traffic light at the VC Johnson Road and Dunn Avenue intersection. As well as the Braddock Road and Dunn Avenue intersection.
- A new traffic light will be placed at Armsdale Road and Duval Road, and a new bridge with a higher elevation will be built on Harts Road. Construction will begin in October.
- Council Member Gaffney Jr. encouraged CPAC members to continue contacting him about concerns in Council District 8. He also advised that he is not always aware of every development in Council District 8 because not all applications have to come before the City Council if they are already zoned for the correct use of the area.

- Aletha Mikell expressed her concern regarding the safety of children walking to and from school because semi-tractor trailers are driving along Duval Road to Dunn Avenue. Council Member Gaffney asked Mrs. Mikell to email that information to Mrs. Godwin-Ware, who will forward it to the correct person.

Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr. - (904) 255-5208 or RGaffneyJR@coj.net.

4. Chair Report: Vice Chair Barr reported that:

- Kathleen Collins, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, provided the CPAC with an update regarding the North CPAC's CIP recommendations and advised that the budget is still being reviewed for approval by the City Council. An update on what was included in the mayor's proposed CIP was provided. A community center at Sheffield Park was not included. However, pickleball courts have been completed, restrooms have been renovated, new trees have been planted, and construction of new sports fields will begin at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Godwin-Ware will send a copy of Mrs. Collin's email to CPAC members and visitors.
- Vice Chair Barr announced that it was time to form the chair nominating subcommittee and asked for at least three volunteers. Larry Henderson with Victoria Preserve Home Owners Association, Reverand Joe Tate with Copper Hill Homeowners Association, and Sasha Pearson of Victoria Preserve 2 volunteered.

5. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) – Sgt. Kwasi Dingle reported that:

- The City of Jacksonville provides free smoke detectors that are good for ten years to people who don't have one. Citizens can call 630-CITY to request a battery-operated smoke detector. Flyers were left on the sign-in table with detailed information on how to request a new smoke detector.
- A smoke detector battery should be checked or changed monthly, and electrically wired smoke detectors should be replaced every ten years. Newer homes usually have detectors that are wired into the house and have an emergency battery for backup. JFRD does not replace the smoke detectors that are wired to your home. Fire is a silent killer where the smoke causes most deaths
- Smoke detectors are not typically placed in the garage. However, placing a carbon monoxide detector in your garage is a good idea. The City of Jacksonville does not provide carbon monoxide detectors.
- Carbon monoxide detectors should be placed in a home with gas appliances or a wooden stove. If all the appliances in your home are electric, there is no need for a carbon monoxide detector.
- Emergency generators should not be run inside the home, too close to your home, or in the garage because carbon monoxide poisoning, a silent killer, is possible.
- Do not use the stove or oven to heat your home. Carbon dioxide could build up in the house and cause carbon monoxide poisoning
- Double-sided locks are not safe. Many people think they know where the key is, and when disoriented from smoke, carbon monoxide, or sleep, they can not find it in time.

Sgt. Kwasi Dingle – (904) 630-0434 or KDingle@coj.net.

6. Staff Reports.

• **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Don Tuten, Governmental Affairs reported:

- JEA now has dedicated staff members who are part of JEA's Solar Concierge program. The program's goal is to provide citizens with as many resources and information as possible to assist with making a fully informed decision before purchasing and installing any rooftop solar system.
- During hurricane season, JEA continues using its Power Restoration 1, 2, 3 processes to quickly assess and repair service to facilities, customers, and address isolated outages. CPAC members can visit https://www.jea.com/storm_center/power_restoration_process/ to learn more about Power Restoration 1, 2, 3.
- Residents can track their electric and water usage using the Track Your Usage link. This link allows citizens to monitor their usage, assisting in reducing consumption. The link can be found at the bottom of JEA's website homepage. To track your usage, please visit JEA's website at www.jea.com.

Don Tuten - Dtuten@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Devon Holland, Executive Assistant I, introduced Lisa Buggs, who oversees the Highlands Library. Mrs. Holland reported:

- September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Jacksonville Public Library encourages residents to sign up for a library card if they don't have one. Residents of Duval County may sign up for a library card in person at any Duval County Public Library or online by visiting the Jacksonville Public Library website: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/services/get-library-card>.
- A new library catalog upgrade is on the way to enhance the browsing and borrowing experience. The new system is scheduled to launch on October 10, 2024, with a transition week starting October 1st through October 9th. Customers can still borrow ebooks, eAudio books, Magazines, TV/Movies, and Music from Hoopla during the transition period. Stream films from Kanopy, access LinkedIn Learning and other digital platforms, and use public computers and print documents.
- The Jax Book Fest will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024, and Saturday, September 21, 2024, at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St. A free writers' and publishing workshop has been added to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring authors, Vashti Harrison, Jason Reynolds and Gabriel Zevin from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The focus is free writing, self-publishing workshops, and networking opportunities with local writers' groups. On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the main event will feature local authors' readings, Lit Chat interviews, and activities for all ages. For more information, visit the Jacksonville Public Library website: https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/bookfest?utm_source=web+site&utm_medium=bookfest&utm_campaign=JaxBookFest2024_homepage&utm_id=JaxBo.
- The library tries to have materials that interest everyone to read. If there is a particular book a citizen is interested in or concerned about, a request can be made to purchase or review the book.
- Mrs. Buggs said the libraries are public buildings run by the City of Jacksonville. Highlands Library is on the list of public building landscaping and beautification projects. It is uncertain where it is on the list.

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Lisa Buggs - (904)255-6463 or LBuggs@coj.net

- **Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD)** – Alec Barnes, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that:
 - Two MCC Officers have completed 405 inspections in the last 30 days. This fiscal year, 5,494 inspections have been completed within Planning District 6.
 - Mr. Rodriguez inquired about a nuisance property on which he has submitted multiple tickets regarding trash piling up since November 2023, located at 3720 Capper Rd. Mr. Barnes advised he would meet with Mr. Rodriguez after the meeting to discuss.

Alec Barnes - (904) 903-0001 or ABarnes@coj.net.

- **Public Works (PW)** – Dave McDaniel, Chief of Mowing and Landscape Maintenance, reported that the drainage system has been overwhelmed by the heavy rain Duval County is experiencing. Public Works is working on a solution. The grass is being cut on time. Unfortunately, the grass in many ditches is underwater and will be taken care of once dried.
- Paul Forte informed Mr. McDaniel that three locations along Owens Road hold large amounts of water that is dangerous to motorists. Mr. McDaniel stated he would take the information to his supervisor, Steve Long.
- The mowing is done on a rotating schedule. Mowing and edging are scheduled 21 times a year. Parks are mowed four times a month.

Dave McDaniel - (904) 255-4301 or McDaniel@coj.net.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports.

- **Governmental Affairs (GA) and Planning & Development** – Vice Chair Barr and Erin Abney, Chief of Current City Planning.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee reviewed six applications. Letters of recommendation will be submitted to the Planning Commission, City Council, and the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee for two applications:

New Business

- **2024-0670– Planned Unit Development: 0 Main Street North:** The applicant seeks to rezone 33.10 acres from Residential Rural-Acre (RR-Acre) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to permit a maximum of 118 single-family dwellings. A motion was made and seconded to object to the application. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.

- **2024-0672 – Conventional Rezoning: 2241 Ed Johnson Rd.:** The applicant seeks to rezone 46 acres from RLD-100/RR-Acre to RLD-50 to allow for the development of single-family dwellings consistent with lot sizes of RLD-50. A motion was made and seconded to object to the application. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.

Erin Abney - (904)255-7817 or EAbney@coj.net.

- **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware reminded CPAC members that The Neighborhood Awards finalist will be notified on or before Monday, October 7, 2024. The award ceremony will occur on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., at 6 p.m.

Michelle Godwin-Ware - (904) 255-8236 or Michellelegw@coj.net.

8. **Unfinished Business** – Vice Chair Barr announced that Stephanie Gordon Ogelsby volunteered to represent the North CPAC on the Taxation, Revenue, Utilization Expenditures (T.R.U.E) Committee. Larry Henderson also volunteered to represent the North CPAC on the T.R.U.E Committee. The Vice-Chair asked each volunteer to tell the CPAC about their qualifications briefly. After hearing each volunteer's qualifications, the CPAC voted. Stephanie Ogelsby won eight to two to represent the North CPAC on the T.R.U.E Commission.

9. **New Business** - None

10. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** Sharon Bivins volunteered for the Chair nominating subcommittee.

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** Vice Chair Barr adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **Wednesday, October 9, 2024**, 5:30 p.m. Hybrid - **Oceanway Community Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W., 32218, and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

Next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting: **Wednesday, October 9, 2024**, 4:30 p.m. **Oceanway Community Center**, 12215 Sago Ave. W. 32218 and via Zoom. Meeting ID: 869 9318 1164 Passcode: 595972.

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