

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 14, 2022, Meeting Summary

Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 5805 6180 Passcode: 977007

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members In-Person: Dr. Willie Crosby, Chair; Christina Purdy, Vice-Chair; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Jackie Woods, Cedar Hills Estates Community Association; Dewey Walker, Springtree HOA.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Linda and Darrell Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair, Inc.; Bill Fonferok, Westland Communities HOA,

Visitors: Jenny Watson, Cedar Hills; Danny Grabill, Westside Baptist Church; Cheryl Grabill, Westside Baptist Church; Dave Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Jose Lazcano, MHPA.

Zoom: Chris Ramseyer, Watermill HOA; Thomas Martin, Watermill HOA.

Staff and Elected Officials: Lt. Mike Senterfitt, JSO; District Chief Allen Mason, JFRD; Donald Tuten, JEA; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Chris Billings, MCCD; Michael Hoffman, MCCD; Roy Birbal, Public Works; Tracy McGeathay, JTA; Mike Williams, Environmental Quality Department.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The March 14, 2022, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:** None
- 4. Presentation/Guest Speaker:** Mike Williams, Environmental Branch Manager, spoke on the enforcement of noise violations. Mr. Williams explained land classification rules and how the rules affect determining if the noise decibel levels are too high for a specific type of property. Mike Williams may be reached at (904) 255-7120 or mcwilliams@coj.net.
- 5. Chair's Report:** Chair Crosby reminded CPAC members that the St. Johns River Celebration 27th Annual Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Chair Crosby invited everyone to join him at McGirts Creek Regional Park, 8435 118th St. The event is a great community service opportunity for students. After the cleanup, participants are invited to visit the Riverside Arts Market, 715 Riverside Ave, for a free lunch and t-shirt for participating in the clean-up.
- 6. Staff Reports:**
 - Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Mike Senterfitt reported that though JSO is involved with the noise ordinance, there is only one noise meter at each substation and only three officers in District 4 who know how to operate that meter. Noise must be measured from the complainant's property line and registered at 60 decibels or over to be considered a violation. These violations do not apply to moving vehicles. It's a violation of a person's first amendment right to stop or ticket someone for playing their music loudly in a moving vehicle. Zone 4 is short-staffed, calls must be prioritized from the most serious to the least, and noise complaints are not a high priority. Lt. Senterfitt reported an increase in accidents and speeding through neighborhoods. Lt. Senterfitt advised CPAC members to be patient with the traffic unit. Unfortunately, the traffic unit consists of up to six officers who cover zones four, five, and six Monday through Friday. Lt. Michael Senterfitt may be reached at (904) 573-3165.
 - Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – District Chief Allen Mason reported that JFRD provides and installs free smoke detectors for any qualifying Jacksonville resident living in a single-family or two-

family residence. The department will also install replacement batteries in existing smoke detectors at no charge. For a free smoke detector or batteries replaced in an existing device, please call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or register by visiting the MyJax website [MyJax Customer Help](#). District Chief Mason advised that even if residents replace the batteries in their smoke detectors every year, most smoke detectors are only good for ten years. After ten years, smoke detectors should be replaced. The manufacturing date should be located on the smoke detector to help determine if it is time to replace it. JFRD will try to assist residents who own hard-wired smoke detectors with replacing their backup batteries. Chief Mason reported that a fire station will be placed at Firestone Road near Wilson Boulevard. A marine unit will be installed at Naval Air Station Jacksonville to better assist with water rescues near the Buckman Bridge. The 911 backup Center at Cecil Field is now operational.

District Chief Allen Mason may be reached at (04)255-3281 or amason@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Electrical Authority (JEA)** – Donald Tuten, Government Relations Specialist, reported that JEA is taking measures to secure infrastructure, communication lines, and the Internet because of the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Mr. Tuten also reported that JEA is installing Global Positioning Systems (GPS) units on all service vehicles, allowing JEA dispatchers to locate the closest truck in an area when there is an outage. JEA was recognized as the 14th best midsize company to work for in Forbes out of 500 companies in America. Mr. Tuten announced that JEA has various positions available for those interested in becoming part of JEA's team. Please visit [JEA Careers](#) to view job openings. Donald Tuten may be reached at (904) 838-0389 or tutedf@jea.com.
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
 - The Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library, located at 6887 103rd St., will celebrate the grand opening of its new Children's Department on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Library Director Tim Rogers will make the opening remarks, and Council Member Brenda Priestly-Jackson will host the "Drop Everything and Read" activity at 11:30 a.m.
 - The annual Best of Elementary Art Show will begin March 11, 2022, and run through April 11, 2022, at the Highlands, Pablo Creek, Southeast, and Charles Webb Wesconnett regional libraries.
 - Beginning March 21, 2022, the Kids Hope Alliance and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund will kick off "Celebrate Reading Week," a community-wide literacy event. The event is to improve the reading proficiency and literacy of local youths in third grade. The week will include a creative writing contest where students ages 6-18 are invited to enter and will be eligible to win 100 dollars. In celebration of the event, a luncheon hosted by ReadJax will take place Wednesday, March 23, 2022, featuring author Ty Allan Jackson. To purchase a ticket for the Read Jax luncheon and more information about the contest, please visit [ReadJax Luncheon Registration](#).Lynne Baldwin may be reached at (904) 338-4383 or at LBaldwin@coj.net.
- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Chris Billings, Senior Code Compliance Officer, reported that 317 inspections were completed in the Normandy Village neighborhood. Systematic inspections will be conducted in the Murray Hill, Riverside, and Avondale neighborhoods beginning March 14, 2022, through March 28, 2022. A total of 1271 inspections were completed In Zone 4 during the month of February. Mr. Billings reminded CPAC members that per Senate Bill (SB) 60, citizens must provide a verifiable name, phone number, and address when requesting an inspection. Vice-Chair Purdy motioned that the CPAC write a letter to their State Representatives and voice their concerns with State Bill (SB) 60. Bruce Tyson seconded the motion. The CPAC passed the motion. Chris Billings may be reached at (904)255-7085 or cbillings@coj.net.
- **Public Works (PW)** – Roy Birbal, Chief of Public Buildings, provided a copy of the Department of Public Works Active Monthly Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Project list and was available to answer any questions. Roy Birbal may be reached at (904) 255-4330 or rbirbal@coj.net.
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Tracy McGeathey, Communications Relations Manager, reported that the My Ride 2 School pilot program will run through May 27, 2022. The program provides middle and high school students attending all Duval County Public Schools, private or charter schools in Duvall County, a free ride to and from school. Ms. McGeathey announced that JTA would light the

Acosta Bridge from 5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. throughout March using different colors to observe several events. JTA is hiring for various positions. For more information, please visit [JTA FLA Careers](#). Tracy McGeathey may be reached at (904) 633-8544.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Chair Crosby reported that the Southwest CPAC Land Use and Zoning subcommittee reviewed four Land Use and Zoning applications. The LUZ subcommittee had no objections to any of the applications. Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 AHetzel@coj.net.
- **Cecil Field** – Mr. Tyson presented on the new development taking place at Cecil Commerce Center and Cecil Airport.
- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Mr. Tyson provided a copy of February's Taxation Revenue Utilization Expenditure (T.R.U.E) Commission meeting minutes for the CPAC member's review.

8. Unfinished Business - None

9. New Business – None

10. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report: Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, announced that she has emailed the scheduled dates for ethics training to CPAC members. Ms. Godwin-Ware reminded CPAC members that per Executive Order No. 2014-03, members are required to take ethics training every four years. Michelle Godwin-Ware may be contacted at (904)255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net.

11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

12. Adjourn: Chair Crosby adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: April 11, 2022, 6:30 p.m. In-person at Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 810 5805 6180 Passcode: 977007. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

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Summary prepared by Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net.

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