

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 13, 2021, Meeting Summary

Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: 953 4177 6452 Passcode: 276301

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members In-Person: Dr. Willie Crosby, Chair; Christina Purdy, Vice Chair; Cecil Pines Adult Living Community; Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Peggy Meyers, Hyde Grove Terrace; Len Burroughs, MHPA.; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA

CPAC Members Via Zoom:

Visitors: Mary Rumph, Aisha Rumph, David Lowry,

Staff and Elected Officials: Warren Jones, Duval County School Board; Taj Johnson, Assistant to State Representative Angie Nixon; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Jeremy Wright, Public Works

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The August 9, 2021, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
- 4.** Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ron Salem, reported that Council Member Salem is the chair of the Finance Committee and several items from August's budget hearings will be voted on during Tuesday, September 14, 2021, council meeting at 5 p.m., located in City Hall Council Chambers. Ms. Evans reported that there was extra money in the budget this year because of Cares Act funding. Every Council Member has funding at their discretion to allocate to a 501(C)(3) of their choice. Council Members have until Friday, September 17, 2021, to choose their nonprofit organization. Once the selections have been finalized, a masters list of the organizations that were funded will be created. Councilman Salem felt the Mental Health Resource Center was a good place to place that money, as well as Walk Off Charities, which provides all children in Jacksonville a chance to learn and play baseball for free. Ms. Evans also reported that the Mental Health Offenders pilot program is no longer a pilot program. The program has been extremely successful. Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255 – 5146 or nevans@coj.net
- Taj Johnson, Legislative Aide to State Representative Angie Nixon, reported that Representative Nixon has formulated two Advisory Councils in District 14. The first council is made up of adults, the other is made up of middle school and high school students. Mr. Johnson also reported that Representative Nixon is working on the next Jax Melanin Market event scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021, located at 822 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Representative Nixon has also partnered with Jacksonville Transportation Authority's (JTA) Human Resource office, who will be there to provide employment information and will be accepting applications. Representative Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
- Warren Jones, Duval County School Board, reported that the school board voted to relocate the Duval County Public Schools headquarters to free up very valuable property. Board members will issue a "Intent to Negotiate" by the end of September to various companies who may be interested in purchasing the property. Mr. Jones reported that DCPS has implemented a mask mandate effective September 7, 2021, for all students. Schools are experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases in a short period of time. Schools have only been in session for less than a month and have already experienced 2300 COVID-19 cases. Based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the fast increase in cases; additional protocols needed to be put in place. Once a moderate threshold is reached, Superintendent Greene can remove the mask mandate. Mr. Jones also reported that the Health Department is experiencing a staffing problem, which is causing a delay in the contact tracing notifications and reports. DCPS is working with the Health Department and will use some of the Cares Act Fund to hire a private entity to provide contact tracing if necessary. Mr.

Jones reported that several educators were honored for their commitment to teaching economic and financial education. Three of the honorees were winners of a Regional Economic Educator and Leadership (REEL) Award, and one was recognized as the Economic Educator of the Year.

Warren Jones may be reached at jonesw2@duvalschools.org

- Matt Carlucci, Council Member at Large Group 4, spoke briefly about the gas tax and suggested CPAC members request Public Works provided a report on the types of projects that may come from the gas tax. Council Member Carlucci acknowledged that there is a major trash collection problem and advised that the City and private haulers are experiencing a labor shortage but are working to find a solution. Council Member Carlucci advised he will be happy to help in any way he can. Council Member Carlucci advised that redistricting is determined by the size of the population. Some areas of town have experienced tremendous growth compared to other parts of town. This will cause some council district lines to be redrawn. Council Member Carlucci advised that the Planning Department assists with the redistricting, and that Council Member Aaron Bowman is chair of the Redistricting Special Committee. Council Member Matt Carlucci may be reached at (904) 255-5218 or MCarlucci@coj.net

5. Presentation: None

- 6. Chair's Report:** Chair Crosby acknowledged the loss of Council Member Tommy Hazouri and his great work for the City of Jacksonville. Chair Crosby offered his condolences to Councilman Hazouri's family. Chair Crosby reminded CPAC members that volunteers are needed for the International Coastal Cleanup, which will be held Saturday, September 18, 2021. Dr. Crosby reminded CPAC members that he will be the site caption at Tillie Fowler Park from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

7. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Everyone is encouraged to renew their library card or get a new library card. The goal is for 75 percent of households in Duval County to be active library card users by 2029. Ms. Baldwin reminded CPAC member that the library is no longer charging overdue fines.

Lynne Baldwin may be contacted at (904) 338-4383 or at LBaldwin@coj.net.

- **North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (N. FL., TPO)** - Marci Larson, Public Affairs Manager, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (N.F.L., TPO), announced that the North Florida TPO Citizens Advisory Committee (N. FL., TPO CAC) has a vacancy on TPO's CAC for a Southwest CPAC representative now that Mr. Martin has retired from the committee. Ms. Larson explained the purpose of the committee, and encouraged the members to attend a N. FL., TPO CAC meeting. The CAC meets in person on the first Wednesday of the month, at 2 p.m. Meetings are not held during the month of January and July. The meetings are held at the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization Headquarters, 980 North Jefferson Street. The next meeting will be held on October 4, 2021.

Marci Larson may be reached the (904) 306-7513 or mlarson@northfloridatpo.com

- **Public Works (PW)** – Jeremy Wright, Facility Manager, reported that approximately 10.8 mile of the Jacksonville Baldwin Rail to Trail will be repaved. The notice to proceed will be issued on October 7, 2021. The Lenux Avenue sidewalk construction project between Old Middleburg Road to Memorial Park Boulevard is approximately 10 percent complete. The new kayak launch at Tillie Fowler Regional Park is 65 % complete. The contractor has built the pond, cleared the site and is in the final process of sub grading the kayak launch area. Mr. Wright also reported that 67 percent of the city-wide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb and ramp improvements are completed.

Jeremy Wright may be reached at (904) 255-4331 or wrightj@coj.net

8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee** – Chair Crosby reported that the subcommittee reviewed five applications. The LUZ subcommittee made suggestions to send one letter of recommendation for:
- **Ordinance 2021-0578 – Rezoning to Conventional Zoning – 5694 Morse Ave.:** The application seeks to rezone from RR-ACRE to RLD-50 to allow for the development of single-family residential homes. The full CPAC motioned and approved the suggestion to submit a letter of objection to the proposed application in support of the community members of Jacksonville Heights who are also opposed to the application.

Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 AHetzel@coj.net

- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that the Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures Commission met on Thursday, September 2, 2021, and has submitted several questions to the Sheriff's department regarding their budget for community outreach programs. Sheriff Mike Williams will meet with the T.R.U.E Commission during the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 4 p.m.

in the Don Davis room of City Hall to answer their questions. Mr. Tyson advised that the T.R.U.E. Commissions meetings are open to the public and invited CPAC members to attend October's meeting.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business – Chair Crosby selected William Fonferek, Len Burroughs, and Bruce Tyson as members of the nominating subcommittee. Bruce Tyson was selected as the Chair of the nominating subcommittee,

11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements – None

12. Adjourn: Chair Crosby adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: October 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m. In person at Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 953 4177 6452 Passcode: 276301. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: October 11, 2021, 5:30 p.m. In person at Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 953 4177 6452 Passcode: 276301. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

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

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