

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 8, 2024, Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 1986 6982 Passcode: 636927

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members In-Person: Christina Purdy, Chair; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA, Vice Chair; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Jacquelyn Woods, Cedar Estates Community Assoc.; Shirley Lowry.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Ernest Surmons, Glenda Meadows HOA; Sandy Simpson, Chimney Lakes HOA; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch.

Visitors: David Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Phyllis Mattox, NEFHSC; Rae Walker, Sheriff's Watch District 4; John Chapman, Freedom at Arbor Mill; Lewen Brunson, Blue Zone Jax; Jason Roberts, Sheriff's Watch District 4; Chris Jones, Cedar Hills Estate.

Visitors via Zoom:

Staff and Elected Officials: Jessica Denson, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, District 9; Captain Ben Kodatt, JFRD; Lt. Jeremy Garriott, JSO; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Clarence Harper, MVA; Brian Naples, MCCC; Jackie Gregson, Parks, Recreation and Community Development; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Purdy called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The CPAC approved the March 11, 2024 summary.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:** Jessica Denson, Executive Assistant to Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray District 9, was present to answer questions and address concerns from members in Council District 8. Ms. Denson advised that council members are not allowed to share their position on an issue with constituents, especially if it will be coming up for a vote. Sharing their position will cause a council member to lose their vote. Council members listen to their constituents to make an informed decision before voting.
- 4. Presentation:** None.
- 5. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Lt. Jeremy Garriott provided the crime stats for March 2024.
 - Lt. Jeremy Garriott from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) provided the crime statistics for March 2024. The number of violent crimes against property has decreased by 29%, and crimes against property have decreased by 14%. However, motor vehicle thefts and thefts from motor vehicles have slightly increased. Citizens should not leave valuables and firearms in their cars. Stolen guns will likely fall into the wrong hands and be used for a crime. Lt. Garriott may be contacted at (904) 573-3165.
- 6. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD) –** Capt. Ben Kodatt reported:
 - The new Marine Station has been operating for a month and has received eight calls.
 - JFRD is preparing for the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, which ISO provides to the fire department and insurance companies. The ISO scores a fire department's performance against its organization's standards to determine property insurance costs. The ISO assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) on a scale from 1 to 10. A rating of one is the best score possible and assists with lowering homeowner insurance premiums. Capt. Kodatt may be contacted at (904) 630-0284.
- 7. Chair's Report:**
 - Chair Prudy announced that Mrs. Kathleen Collins, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, has provided feedback on the four Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommendations made by the Southwest CPAC on February 21, 2024. One of the four recommendations came back as feasible, two items are being taken care of, and one is not applicable. A discussion was held regarding item

two of the Southwest CPAC CIP recommendation, the installation of sidewalks on Lambing Road from Noroad to Wagenhals Road. Bill Fonferek motioned to resubmit item number two, Bruce Tyson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Fiddlers Green Golf Course will no longer be under the previous management. As of April 1, 2024, the City of Jacksonville has taken over facility maintenance. They are working on reopening the facility for golfing and intend to continue letting high schools hold their Cross-Country Track meets there, as well as allow frisbee golf. The restaurant may be turned into a senior center, and new stables for the Mounted Police Force will also be built on the property.
- The Jacksonville North Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic and Domiciliary ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 11 a.m. at 145 Heron Bay Rd. The clinic will open to patients on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, and the domiciliary is estimated to open Monday, April 29, 2024.
- The CPAC Chairs will meet with the mayor's staff on Friday, May 10, 2024. CPAC members are encouraged to send their concerns to Mrs. Godwin-Ware or see Chair Purdy after the meeting.
- She and Bernice Gremer are enrolled in the 2024 CommUniverCity training, and they are having a wonderful time and learning a great deal.

8. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
 - During March, the Westside branches issued 573 new library cards to customers, and 43,000 people visited the six Westside branches.
 - The library is accepting donated books. Contact your local library and tell them how many books you plan to donate and how many boxes you will drop off. Tax receipts are available.
 - Duval residents who cannot come to the library due to temporary or permanent disability or illness are now eligible to receive library materials for free. Traveling Tale Kits and lendable technology such as Chromebooks or hotspots can not be mailed. For more information, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/booksbymail>.
 - This week is National Library Week. The Jacksonville Public Library will also celebrate National Poetry Month in April. Several programs and drop-in activities will be held at various branches throughout Jacksonville. On Saturday, April 13, 2024, meet poet Lola Haskins at the Willow Branch Library from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and participate in the Writers Lab Workshop: There's No Place Like Poem with instructor Anna Claire-Hodges at noon. To register, visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com.
Lynne Baldwin may be contacted at (904) 338-4383 or LBaldwin@coj.net.
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** - Cheryl Riddick, Director of Customer Engagement, reported that:
 - The My Ride 2 School ridership has increased by 80 %, from 7,821 in August 2022 to 37,710 in January 2024, totaling over 213,000 student trips. The top five routes are routes 3, 1, 19, 13, and 14. Before boarding, students must provide a valid school ID. Students can choose from 34 JTA bus routes, including First Coast Flyer, which stop at or near local schools. For more information on the My Ride 2 School Program, visit the JTA website at www.jta.com.
Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or Criddick@jtafla.com.
- **Military of Veterans Affairs (MVA)** – Clarence (Chip) Harper, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported that:
 - Food Farmacy events will be held for active-duty military families with military ID every second Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the fourth Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 390 Mayport Rd, Atlantic Beach, FL.
 - Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.'s Veterans Service Unit has partnered with the City of Jacksonville's Military Affairs and Veterans Department to host Ask-A-Lawyer events for Veterans from 9 a.m. to noon. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call the MAVD at (904) 255-5550 or visit the MAVD website at <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/military-affairs-and-veterans-department/events/all-events/ask-a-lawyer-jala>. Walk-ins must arrive before 11 a.m.
 - Memorial Day Observance is Monday, May 27, 2024. The ceremony will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, 1145 East Adams St. The pre-ceremony begins at 8 a.m., with the main ceremony beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Navy Band Southeast and the Voices of Jacksonville will present music.
 - Military Spouses Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. For more information and to register, visit the

MAV website at www.jacksonville.gov/msno.

- Mayor Deegan is supporting the MAV's efforts to find a location for the future veteran's community center. The center will serve the needs of the community of veterans and military families. Clarence Harper may be contacted at (904) 255-5537 or ClarenceH@coj.net.

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)**—Brian Naples, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that:
 - In March, 1,215 cases were completed, totaling 3,688 year to date. A project in the Hyde Park community resulted in 206 cases. The next project will start next week along the Normandy Boulevard corridor from Cassat Avenue to Cecil Field.
 - A vehicle can be considered a junk vehicle when it is without a tag, has flat tires, looks inoperable, or is on jack stands. Brian Naples may be contacted at (904)255-7083 or BNaples@coj.net.
- **Parks, Recreation, and Community Service (PRCS)** – Jackie Gregson, Parks District Manager, provided an update on park renovations.
 - The timber sale at Cecil Fields's new fairgrounds location is almost complete.
 - Cecil Field Aquatics Center's roof repair will begin on April 17, 2024.
 - Funding for the McGirts Creek Preserve Wetland Restoration project was approved. Work will begin later this year.
 - A portion of the Otis Road Trailhead will be closed for about a week beginning April 15, 2024, for improvements.
 - Road repairs for Pope Duval Park have been scoped out, and approval is waiting to be sent to procurement to go out for bid.
 - Monticello Preserve maintenance road has been cleared. PRCS is working with FEMA to obtain reduced fuel funding and mitigate the wildfire risk.
 - The road work for Pope Duval Park has been scoped out and is waiting for approval to send to procurement for bidding.
 - Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park's nature center is now open. The Boardwalk repairs at the park will begin soon.
 - Trailhead development and ecological restoration work for Yellow Water Trailhead will be going out to bid soon. Work is estimated to begin at the end of the year.
 - Preparation for this year's summer programs has begun. Lifeguard openings are available. Lifeguards will be paid \$15.50 an hour. Please visit <https://www.coj.net/employment> for a listing of the current job openings.
 - Citizens may track the park's progress by visiting the Parks Recreation and Community Services website <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming.aspx>.Jackie Gregson may be reached at (904) 255-7936 or JGregson@coj.net.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** - Chair Purdy reported that the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed eight applications and recommended approval of all eight applications.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0224 - Conventional Rezoning – 13525 Beaver St. W.:** The applicant seeks to rezone approximately 15.75 acres from CCG-1 to Industrial Light (IL) (2.72 acres) and Recreation Open Space (RSO) (13 acres) to allow for uses compatible with the area.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0002 - Conventional Rezoning—4714 Shelby Ave.:** The application seeks to rezone 1.27 acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Residential Low Density 40 (RLD-14) for single-family residential infill development.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0235 (WRF-24-03) - Road Waiver Frontage – 0 Dawsons Creek Dr.:** The applicant seeks to reduce the required road frontage from 80 feet to 0 feet for property located within the zoning district of RR-Acre to build 1 single-family dwelling.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0239 - Exception - 5393 Roosevelt Blvd.:** This Exception seeks to allow the retail sale and service of all alcohol for on-premise consumption in connection with a restaurant.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0244 – Sign Waiver – 7320 103rd St.:** The applicant seeks to reduce the minimum setback from 10 feet to 5 feet for an existing pylon sign along 103rd Street.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0245—Administrative Deviation - 7320 103rd St.:** The applicant seeks to reduce the perimeter landscaping buffer between VUA and the abutting property from a minimum width of 5 feet to 0 feet along the east property line.

- **E-24-22—Zoning Exception - 0 Summerfield Lane:** This Zoning Exception seeks to allow a Borrow Pit to meet Part 9 standards within the Zoning District of Agriculture (AGR).
- **V-24-07 – Variance – 632 Pinebrook Dr. E.:** This Zoning Variance seeks to allow for an increase in the permitted square footage of an accessory Structure from 1,098 sq. ft. (50%) to 2,400 Sq. ft. (108%) Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 or AHetzel@coj.net.
- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that the TRUE Commission met on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 4 p.m. in City Hall's Don Davis Room. The Procurement Department is going through a rewrite of the procurement ordinance. The chief of Procurement spoke with the Commission and took information and questions back with him. Members were provided a report about the public venue operator ASM Global. Mr. Tyson will give a copy of the report to Mrs. Godwin-Ware to send to the CPAC.
- **Parks Safety Council (PSC)** - The Park Safety Council met on Monday, March 25, 2024. The Council still did not have a quorum. Various ways the PSC could continue to move forward were discussed. The City Safety Office will work with the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department to increase membership so the PSC can conduct business.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business – None

12. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report: Michelle Godwin-Ware announced that 2024's Neighborhood Awards applications are available. Applications are due Thursday, May 23, 2024, no later than 6 p.m. <https://www.jacksonville.gov/neighborhoodawards>.

Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or Michelllegw@coj.net

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

14. Adjourn: Chair Purdy adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **May 13, 2024, 6:30 p.m.** In person at Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 821 7431 0303 Passcode: 693048. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: **May 13, 2024, 5:30 p.m.** In person at Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 821 7431 0303 Passcode: 693048. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

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

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