

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 9, 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.; Tom Martin, Watermill Masters HOA; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA; Linda Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair, Inc.; Darrell Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair

Visitors: William Tardiff, Mary Rumph, Aisha Rumph, David Lowry, Harlo Watkins, Rocheed Halim, Westland Oaks HOA

Staff and Elected Officials: Warren Jones, Duval County School Board; Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative Angie Nixon; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Sgt. George Alloush, JSO; Chief Burkhalter, JFRD; Tracy Pierce, DCSB; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Michael Hoffman, MCCD; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Donald Tuten, JEA.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The June 14, 2021, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Warren Jones, Duval County School Board, reported that it is strongly recommended that students and staff wear masks, however there is an opt out form for those who prefer not to wear one. Registration for Duval Virtual Academy was reopened early this month for the increasing number of parents who prefer that their students continue taking classes online. Duval Home Room is not offered this school year. Mr. Jones reported that school grades are out and compared to other districts Duval did well. Unfortunately, there were drops in student performance because of the pandemic. DCPS took a big step toward its goal and eliminated all school grades below an F and cut their D schools almost in half. The next goal is to decrease the D schools by 47 percent. Mr. Jones also reported that thanks to businesses in the community, 93 percent of the funds needed to cover the cost of renaming schools have been raised privately. No tax dollars, penny or other tax dollars will be used for the renaming transition. Warren Jones may be reached at jonesw2@duvalschools.org
 - Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative Angie Nixon, announced that they will go back into committee sessions starting September. Mrs. Worley announced that Representative Nixon is working on addressing some of the various issues throughout Duval County. Representative Nixon has reached out to various City Council Members to discuss the drainage issues, as well as the odor that can be smelled off and on in various communities. Ms. Worley also announced that on Saturday, August 14, 2021, they will be hosting a Farm Share event at the Johnson Family YMCA, located at 5700 Cleveland Rd. Representative Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
- 4. Presentation:** None
- 5. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Sgt. George Alloush, reported that homicides in the area are down, robbery to businesses are up, aggravated battery is up, residential burglaries are down by 22 percent, and arson has decreased. Sgt. Alloush also reported that JSO has been successful in locating missing individuals that are in critical condition, such as individuals with autism, tender age, and youth. Sgt. George Alloush may be reached at (904) 573-3165
- 6. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) –** Chief Burkhalter had no report but was available for questions.
- 7. Chair's Report:** Chair Crosby reminded CPAC members that nominations for the Annual Senior Citizens of the Year Award has been extended and entries may be submitted to the Council on Elder Affairs

(COEA), attention Carrence Bass, Senior Awards no later than Wednesday, August 11, 2021, by mail to 117 W. Duval St. Suite 215, 32202, by email CBass@coj.net, or online through the COEA's website <https://www.coj.net/departments/boards-and-commissions/council-on-elder-affairs/senior-citizen-lifetime-achievement-award>.

8. Staff Reports:

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Tracy Pierce had no report but was available for questions. Tracy Pierce may be reached at (904)390-2993 or PierceT@duvalschools.org
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon had no report but was available for questions. Derek Dixon may be reached at (904) 360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported that the Jacksonville Public Library partnered with Kids Hope Alliance for the Grab and Go summer lunch program that took place this summer. The Argyle, Bill Murray and Webb Westconnett libraries gave out over 1700 summer lunches. Ms. Baldwin announced that the renovation of Webb Westconnetts children department is on target, and the expected completion date is February 2022. Ms. Baldwin also announced that the Center for Adult Learning and Jacksonville Public Libraries, and will offer free English language, GED Prep, and Citizenship preparation classes for those who are 18 and older. More information can be found on the Jacksonville Public Library website www.jaxpubliclibrary.org. If you are unable to attend or access virtual classes, please call (904) 255-6135 to possibly arrange for in person classes. Ms. Baldwin reported that 30 people attended the community meeting at the Bill Murray branch library as part of the Urban Branch Facilities Master Plan study. Participants meet with consultants and were given a tour of the facility. Participants were then able to provide feedback to the consultants on what they would like to see in the future for Bill Murray library. Ms. Baldwin announced that all branches have returned to their previous hours of operation and the meeting rooms are available for use. You may make a reservation and view the list of hours on the Jacksonville Public Library website www.jaxpubliclibrary.org. Curbside pickup and drive through services are still available for those customers who do not feel comfortable coming into the building, as well as online services
Lynne Baldwin may be contacted at (904) 338-4383 or at LBaldwin@coj.net.
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Donald Tuten, Government Relations Specialist, reported that JEA is currently preparing for hurricane season. Mr. Tuten encouraged the CPAC Members to become familiar with the JEA website and review the storm Center and Outage Center links on JEA's website. For more information and to view the sites, visit www.JEA.com. Mr. Tuten also reported that 35 neighborhoods in Jacksonville have failing septic tanks. The Biltmore C, Beverly Hills East, Beverly Hills West, and Christobel neighborhoods are in the most need of phase out because of environmental safety issues. Donald Tuten may be reached at (904) 838-0389 or tutedf@jea.com
- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Michael Hoffman, Senior Code Compliance Officer, reported that in the month of July, 975 inspections were completed, and 10,355 inspections have been completed year to date. Mr. Hoffman announced that Senate Bill 60, County and Municipal Code Enforcement was signed into law. The new law states that code inspectors may not investigate a potential violation if the complaint is submitted anonymously. The person who reports the potential violation must provide his or her name and address for an inspection to be conducted. Tickets that are submitted anonymously will be closed out and a request for contact information will be made so the investigation can continue.
Michael Hoffman may be contacted at (904)255-7104 or lhoffman@coj.net

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee** – Chair Crosby reported that the subcommittee reviewed ten applications. The LUZ subcommittee made suggestions to send a letter of recommendation for:
- **Ordinance 2021-0535 – Planned Unit Development (PUD) – 0 Radio Lane:** The application seeks to rezone from RLD-60 to a PUD to permit infill of residential development consistent with area trends. The full CPAC motioned and approved the suggestion to request more information before approval. Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 AHetzel@coj.net
- **Cecil Field Report** – Bruce Tyson reported that several new projects will take place soon in the Cecil area. Mr. Tyson reported that the new aircraft control tower is completed and the ribbon cutting ceremony took place on July 23, 2021. Mr. Tyson also reported that the Cecil Spaceport now has its own website, Cecilspaceport.com where you can find additional information regarding the new traffic control tower and spaceport mission control. The spaceport is meant to meet market demands of increasing governmental aerospace missions and commercial use.

- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that the Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures Commission met on Thursday, August 5, 2021 and reviewed five audit reports presented by the Auditor's Office. Mr. Tyson advised that the Commission is still in need of members. As of now there are only six commission members and there should be a total of 19.
- **Transportation** – Tom Martin provided the following report regarding the North Florida Transportation Planning meeting on August 4, 2021. Organization (TPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting:
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved the FDOT request to amend FY2021/22 through FY 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The projects approved in the FY2021/22 through FY2025/26 TIP but were authorized or begun prior to July 1, 2021. The projects then "Roll Forward" into the first year of the FY2021/22 – FY2025/26 TIP. The list of projects may be found on North Florida TPO's website under Citizens Advisory Committee August 2021 meeting minutes <http://northfloridatpo.com/about/meetings>.
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY2020/21 through FY2021/22. This amendment encumbers FY2019/20 PL funds. There was a contract balance in the amount of \$198,005. These funds will be programmed in to UPWP FY2021/22 task 1.5 General Consultant Services, to be used to support additional work tasks orders, or contingencies for current studies.
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved an amendment to Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement, increasing the budgetary ceiling by \$371,764. The amendment approved in March encumber FY2019/20 SU and Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in the amount of \$143,625 and \$32,117 respectively. The amendment presented earlier encumbered the remaining \$198,005. These amendments to the UPWP will increase the ceiling in the Metropolitan Planning Agreement necessitated in the need to amend the contract.
 - North Florida TPO CAC drafted recommendations for Surface Transportation Program in Urban Areas funding for FY2022/23 through FY2026/27.
 - North Florida TPO CAC drafted recommendations for CMAQ funding for FY2022/23 through FY2026/27.
 - North Florida TPO CAC received a presentation on managed lanes by Jim Knight, Urban Transportation Development Manager, FDOT.
 - North Florida TPO received an update presentation on the Smart North Florida by Clayton Levins, SNF Executive Director. Mr. Martin suggested that the innovated tunnel boring technology being used in Fort Lauderdale be examined for the U2C Project.

North Florida TPO CAC received an update presentation on the Smart North Florida by Jeff Sheffield. The next North Florida TPO CAC meeting will be held Wednesday, September 4, 2021. at 2 p.m.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business – None

12. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report - Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, reminded CPAC members that as part of the CPAC, members must complete Ethics training every four years. A list was provided of those members who need to take the training. Michelle Godwin-Ware may be contacted at (904)255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net.

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements –

- Chair Crosby recognized Mr. Martin with a certificate of appreciation for serving on the Southwest CPAC for 13 years. Mr. Martin will be retiring as the primary representative for the Watermill Master Homeowners Association.
- Bill Fonferek announced that he spoke with and invited Westland Oaks Homeowners Association and Argyle Area Civic Council to tonight's CPAC meeting. Mr. Halim with Westland Oaks was able to join the meeting. Chair Crosby thanked Mr. Halim for joining the meeting and invited him back.

14. Adjourn: Chair Crosby adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: September 13, 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: September 13, 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.

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

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