

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

February 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; Len Burroughs, MHPA.; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Shirley Lowry, Jackie Woods.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Linda and Darrell Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair, Inc.; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Sheriff Watch.

Visitors: Chris Ramsleyer, Watermill HOA; Leila Miller, Cedar Hills.

Zoom: Danny Grabill, Tameika Wolfe, Tiffany Freeman.

Staff and Elected Officials: Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large District 2 Ronald Salem; Michelle Worley, Executive Assistant to Florida House Representative Angie Nixon; Bryan Mosier, Director of Neighborhood Department; Warren Jones, Duval County School Board; Tracy Pierce, Duval County Public Schools; Derek Dixon, Florida Department of Transportation; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Lt. Mike Senterfitt, JSO; Lance Hoffman, MCCD; Lucas Reginald, Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

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 January 10, 2022, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative Angie Nixon, reported that Representative Nixon's Early Education House Bill 1319 passed the Early Learning and Elementary Education Subcommittee and has moved on to the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee. The Bill would expand the voucher program for Head Start, Early Pre-Kindergarten. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please call the office. Representative Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
 - Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ron Salem, reported that the first meeting for the Special Committee on Solid Waste would take place Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held in City Council Chamber, located at 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, St. James Building. The sessions will be held every other Thursday to discuss recycling, the current contracts if they are efficient, and how to make recycling happen without raising existing taxes. The Opioid Special Committee is making good progress with Project Save Lives, successfully reducing opioid-related deaths. The program operates out of emergency rooms that offer care to stabilize patients and help get them treatment. The Mental Health Offenders (MHOP) Pilot Program had four individuals graduate last year. Participants of MHOP can obtain behavioral health services and other wraparound support they need to ensure their mental illness is successfully treated and reintegrated into the community. The program has been highly successful. Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255 – 5146 or nevans@coj.net.
- 4. Presentation:** None
- 5. Chair's Report:** Chair Crosby reported 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 will captain the site located at McGirts Creek Regional Park, 8435 118th St. After the cleanup, everyone is welcome to attend the celebration at the Riverside Arts Market, 715 Riverside Ave., where you'll receive a free lunch and T-Shirt for participating in the clean-up. Chair Crosby also announced that the Jacksonville Baldwin Rail Trail is being resurfaced.

6. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Mike Senterfitt reported that auto burglaries are still high in Zone 4 and the 5 points area. There have been some issues regarding business robberies in the zone as well. Officers are aggressively working deployments to control these problems. Noise complaints from clubs, homes, and vehicles are up. Unfortunately, nothing can be done about loud music playing in a moving car. It is considered a violation of a person's first amendment right to stop or ticket someone for playing their music loudly in a moving vehicle. The law can be enforced for clubs, businesses, and homes; however, they usually stay within the county ordinance's decibel limit. JSO will continue to monitor the problem. Because 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 advised CPAC members not to leave their weapons in their cars. CPAC members should lock their guns in a gun safe at home if they plan to visit a business, where under Florida Law, they are not allowed to bring their weapon inside or use the business's safe box. Lt. Senterfitt stated that Officers are not allowed to arrest panhandlers unless the court system says it is legal for JSO and the State Attorney's Office is willing to prosecute them. Unless the panhandler is stepping out into traffic and JSO can document that a car had to swerve to miss hitting them, JSO cannot enforce panhandling statutes. The federal court ruling found laws banning panhandling on Florida roadways are unconstitutional. Panhandling is covered under the First Amendment under "charitable appeals for funds."

Lt. Michael Senterfitt may be reached at (904) 573-3165

- **Neighborhood Department** – Bryan Mosier, Director of Neighborhoods, shared the following information:
 - Animal Care and Protective Services will be hosting three different adoption events. The first adoption event will take place February 26, 2022, and run through February 27, 2022, during the World of Nations celebration at Metropolitan Park, 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd. The second event is the Pet Smart National Adoption Weekend. The event will take place March 5, 2022, through March 6, 2022, at the Regency Pet Smart, 356 Monument Rd. The last adoption event will be held at the Home and Garden Show at the Prime Osborn Center Convention Center, 1000 Water St., from March 3, 2022, through March 6, 2022.
 - Foster homes are always needed for shelter animals. This is a beautiful way to assist the most at-risk animal population, such as orphaned kittens and puppies or animals recovering from surgery. Fostering also helps free up shelter space and resources. Fostering also provides a break for an animal who has been in the shelter for a while. For those interested, please contact Animal Care Protective Services by visiting 2020 Forest Street or emailing acpsfosters@coj.net for more information.

Bryan Mosier may be reached at (904) 255-7005 or bmosier@coj.net.

- **Duval County Public Schools** – Tracy Pierce, Chief of Marketing and Public Relations, reported the following:
 - The Jacksonville Public Education Fund and VyStar sponsored the 31st Annual EDDY Awards held downtown last month. Charles Darwin Magdaluyo, a human anatomy and physiology teacher at Jean Ribault High School, was named the 2022 Vystar Duval County Teacher of The Year at the 31st Annual EDDY Awards.
 - School choice applications are due February 28, 2022. Parents can obtain a school choice application through their Parent Focus Account. Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten applications are also due February 28, 2022.
 - There was a significant uptick in cases of Covid-19 at the start of the new calendar year due to the Omicron variant; however, cases have begun to subside. Dr. Greene announced that wearing a mask in all school settings is optional starting Monday, February 14, 2022. However, DCPS strongly encourages everyone to wear a mask.
 - DCPS encourages all eligible people to get vaccinated during one of DCPS's vaccination events. DCPS, through a partnership with the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and Health Hero Florida, will host a vaccination event Friday, February 18, 2022, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, March 11, 2022, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. a list of locations can be found on DCPS's website; <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/>. The vaccination events are for any individual age five or older. A parent or legal guardian must accompany their children. A consent form must be signed and available at each event site.

Tracy Pierce may be reached at piercet@duvalschools.org.

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon reported:

- A resurfacing project along Lane Avenue (State Road 103) between Wilson Boulevard (State Road 208) and Normandy Boulevard (State Road 228) has begun. The project includes milling and resurfacing the roadway, new signage, concrete sidewalks, bike lanes between Wilson Boulevard and Lucente Drive, lighting and pedestrian signal upgrades at multiple intersections, and utility upgrades through a partnership with JEA. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2023.
- I-10 from I-295 to I-95 will be widened to improve traffic flow, safety, and capacity. Once completed, I-10 will feature up to ten lanes between I-295 and I-95. During off-peak hours, temporary lane closures and nighttime detours will occur throughout the project's duration. The project is expected to be completed in early 2025.

Derek Dixon may be reached at Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reminded members that early voting began for the Special Unitary First Election for City Council At-Large Group 3 on Saturday, February 12, 2022, and will run through Sunday, February 20, 2022, at many of the library branches. Election day is February 22, 2022. By visiting the Duval County, Supervisor of Elections website, early voting sites and polling locations may be found by visiting the Duval County Supervisor of Elections website: <https://duvalelections.com>. The Main Library will host the 2022 Northeast Florida Scholastic Art Awards. The gallery will open on Saturday, February 12, 2022, and run through March 5, 2022. CPAC members may view the fantastic artwork by students throughout Duval County. Ms. Baldwin also reported that AARP provides free tax preparation at various Jacksonville Public Library locations. AARP will prepare taxes by appointment only; no walk-in appointments will be accepted. Citizens are welcome to register for appointments by visiting the AARP Foundation website: www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide, where they can search nearest locations by ZIP code. Ms. Baldwin reported that she spoke with the Assistant Director for Facilities and was informed that the Maxville Branch Library sign is not listed on this year's budget for replacement. The budget for the fiscal year 2023 is being worked on. Ms. Baldwin will be informed if the sign replacement for the Maxville Branch Library is included in 2023's budget.

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Michael Hoffman, Senior Code Compliance Officer, reported that 254 inspections were completed in the Jacksonville Heights neighborhood in mid-January. A total of 1011 inspections were completed in Zone 4 during the month of January. Hoffman advised CPAC members that noise complaints are not reported to the MCCD. Environmental Quality Division would respond to noise issues. Mr. Hoffman reminded CPAC members that per Senate Bill (SB) 60, citizens must provide a name, phone number, and address for an inspection to be conducted. Tickets that are submitted anonymously will be closed out. Ms. Woods and several other CPAC members and guests stated that they do not feel safe providing their contact information when submitting issues through 630-City. Mr. Mosier advised CPAC members to call JSO if they feel threatened after making a complaint. Chair Crosby suggested that the Southwest CPAC reach out to State Representatives and voice their concerns with SB 60. Vice-Chair Purdy inquired which State Representative submitted this legislation. Ms. Worley stated she would investigate it and provide the information to Ms. Godwin-Ware. Ms. Worley also advised that CPAC members may want to contact Florida House Representative Wyman Duggan, who represents the 15th House District, regarding SB 60.

Michael Hoffman may be contacted at (904)255-7096 or lhoffman@coj.net

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Chair Crosby reported that the Southwest CPAC Land Use and Zoning subcommittee reviewed five 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 reported that four new businesses have opened, increasing the growth of the Cecil Field area. The Jacksonville Fair will be moving to Cecil Field in two years. Money has been appropriated for infrastructure.
- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Mr. Tyson reported that he provided the T.R.U.E. meeting minutes to Ms. Godwin-Ware to forward to CPAC members for review.

8. Unfinished Business - None

9. New Business – None

10. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report: Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, reminded CPAC members to update their organization's information in the Neighborhood Directory.

Organizations may do so by visiting <https://jaxnhorg.coj.net/#/login>. Michelle announced that she is in the process of notifying those members who need to take Ethics training. Members must 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:

- Chair Crosby announced that Sweetwater Church of Christ, located at 7009 Wilson Blvd., will hold its annual Community Fair Saturday, April 23, 2022. Chair Crosby will provide the details at the March CPAC meeting.
- Vice-Chair Purdy announced that the Cecil Pines community is hosting a Health Fair Saturday, March 17, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

12. Adjourn: Chair Crosby adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: March 14, 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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