Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
October 12, 2026, Meeting Summary
Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. 32210
Zoom Meeting ID: 885 0647 5589 Passcode: 864564

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members In-Person: Christina Purdy, Chair; Cecil Pines Adult Living Community; Jenny Watson, CHAPS-Cedar Hills Area Preservation Society; Earnest Surmons, Vice Chair; Glenda Meadows HOA; Bernice Germer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Sandra Simmons, Blue Lakes Estates HOA; Sandy Simpson-Smith, Chimney Lakes HOA;

Excused: Stefanie Jorgensen Walter, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch.

Visitors: Cynthia Hoernlein, Steve Hoernlein , Richie Mullaney, Rae Walker, Sylivia Bryant, Paula Rice, Linda Swafford, Lynette Clinch

Visitors via Zoom: John Chapman, August Roberts, Darrell Barrow, Linda Barrow, Samsung SM-A146U, NCOJ, Sharmayne Clark.

Staff and Elected Officials: : Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, District 9; Commander Adam Blinn, JSO; LT. Kwasi Dingle, JFRD; Christie Rogers, JPL; Deborah Sibley, KHA; Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs and Veterans Department; Jared Chemay, MCCD; Andy Hetzel, PDD; Tourea Robinson, Parks Recreation & Community Services; Necole Jenkins, Neighborhood Services Office.

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Purdy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Necole Jenkins verified a quorum.

2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 14, 2026, meeting summary.

3. **Elected Officials:** Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, District 9, provided the following updates:

- Announced an upcoming town hall meeting to discuss Amendment 3 and the school referendum, including their potential impact on Jacksonville.
- Discussed a recent zoning matter involving a cigar lounge seeking permission for alcohol sales.
- Reported voting in favor of the request based on the property's zoning and surrounding commercial uses.
- Discussed proposed regulations involving recreational vehicle parks and their proximity to established residential neighborhoods.
- Explained that Senate Bill 180 had affected the City's ability to advance certain zoning regulations.
- Encouraged residents to attend the town hall and share the meeting information.

Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, District 9 - (904)255-5209 or TClarkMurray@coj.net

4. **Guest Speaker/Presentation:** None

5. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Commander Adam J. Blinn provided the following public safety update:

- Commander Blinn reported that citywide crime was down approximately 2.87% year-to-date.
- Homicides decreased from ten victims during the comparable period in the previous year to five victims during the current year.
- Burglaries decreased by approximately 8%, while motor vehicle thefts decreased by 31.37%.
- Officers responded to approximately 88,282 calls for service and made 1,031 felony arrests.
- Commander Blinn continued to emphasize vehicle burglary prevention. Over the preceding seven days, 11 unlocked vehicles were burglarized, resulting in four firearms being stolen.
- Officers were distributing crime prevention information to apartment communities and updating property management contact information.
- Residents were reminded to secure their vehicles and remove valuables and firearms.
- Commander Blinn announced that its headquarters had relocated from Bay Street to the Florida Blue Building at 532 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, FL. 32202.

- Commander Blinn shared a personal experience involving a lithium-ion battery fire in a robotic vacuum cleaner to raise awareness of potential fire hazards

Commander Adam J. Blinn – (904) 630-0500 or Adam.Blinn@jaxsheriff.org

6. **Jacksonville Fire & Rescue (JFRD)** -Lt. Kwasi Dingle reported:

- Lieutenant Dingle discussed lithium-ion battery safety during October's fire prevention activities, including outreach to schools, nursing homes, and facilities serving older adults. Residents were encouraged to practice safe charging habits, avoid leaving electronic devices charging unattended overnight, and maintain working smoke detectors. JFRD also advised residents needing smoke detector assistance to contact 630-CITY and noted that newer smoke detectors are equipped with long-lasting batteries designed to last approximately 10 years.

Lieutenant Kwasi Dingle - (904) 255-3284 or KDingle@coj.net

7. **Chair's Report:** The Chair, Christina Purdy reported:
   - The Northwest community block party was canceled due to inclement weather. A rescheduled date had not yet been announced.
   - An update from the City's Preserve and Waterfront Manager indicated that the walking path at Lou Brantley Park was completed as of August 18, 2026.

8. **Staff Reports:**

Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) – Chair Christina Purdy provided updates on several projects in the absence of Cheryl Riddick:

- Information was shared regarding the JTA Gameday Xpress service for transportation to and from EverBank Stadium.
- The service operates from designated parking locations, including the FSCJ Downtown Campus, Kings Avenue Parking Garage, Armsdale Park-and-Ride, and the Beaches Lot at Wingate Park.
- Single-game shuttle passes cost $10 at downtown locations and $15 at suburban locations.
- Tickets must be purchased electronically through the MyJTA app.
- Service begins two hours before kickoff and continues until one hour after the game.

- All shuttles are wheelchair accessible. The Kings Avenue Parking Garage was recommended for continuous service during games.

Cheryl Riddick- (904) 568-4869 or criddick@jtafla.com .

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Christie Rogers, Branch Services Manager, announced:

- Early voting was scheduled to begin on October 20, 2026, at designated locations, including participating libraries.
- Residents were reminded that voting hours may differ from regular library operating hours.
- Murray Hill-O-Ween will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Edgewood Avenue in Murray Hill, Jacksonville, FL, featuring a Halloween parade, local vendors, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, and family activities.

Christie Rogers -(904) 255-6565 or ChristiR@coj.net.

Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) – Deborah Sibley reported:

- The Kids Hope Alliance serviced 10,516 children last month through after-school programs that provided academic assistance, STEM education, enrichment activities, and meals. The agency announced City Council's approval of its budget and highlighted scholarship opportunities for high school students, with applications open through November 23, 2026. Additional resources included free educational websites and a SAT/ACT preparation program for high school juniors and seniors.

Deborah Sibley- sibleyd@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) - Jared Chemay, Code Compliance reported:

- Mr. Chemay provided an overview of enforcement responsibilities, including property maintenance, zoning regulations, alcohol-related ordinances, and addressing requirements.
- The Backyard Hen Permit Program was discussed. Eligible residents may apply for a zoning exception to keep hens in certain residential zoning districts. The program generally allows up to five hens, with additional hens permitted based on acreage. Roosters are prohibited. Requirements include appropriate coops, fencing, screening, and proper feed storage.

Commercial sales of chickens, eggs, or manure are prohibited under the program.

- Mr. Chemay reported that Code enforcement concerns may be reported through 630-CITY(2489) or the MyJax application. Residents were advised that improperly placed signs may be considered litter and may be removed if they are clearly within the public right-of-way and are not government signs.

Jared Chemay - (904)626-0736 or JChemay@coj.net.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services- Tourea Robinson:

- Ms. Robinson provided updates on programs and activities for older adults.
- A RELIEF volunteer recruitment event was announced for October 24, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mandarin Branch Library. The RELIEF program provides respite assistance to caregivers of older adults and adults with disabilities. Volunteers may qualify for stipends.
- The Senior Expo is scheduled for November 4–5, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the University of North Florida (UNF), 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224. The event will provide older adults with opportunities to connect with local organizations, explore community resources, and obtain information about available programs and services.
- A free holiday movie series for residents ages 60 and older was announced, beginning Tuesday, October 20, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Jacksonville Main Public Library, 303 North Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. The series will feature seasonal movies celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Tourea Robinson, Chief of Senior Services- +(904)255-5401 or TRobinson1@coj.net

9. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**

- **Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee-** Chair Purdy announced that the Southwest CPAC LUZ Subcommittee lacked a quorum; therefore , the three applications scheduled for consideration will be reviewed during the full CPAC meeting.
- **Application (2026-0744) – 11150 Normandy Boulevard:** The application proposed rezoning approximately 21 acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to PUD. The previously approved development allowed 64,000 square feet of commercial space and 422 multifamily residential units. The proposed modification would eliminate the residential component and increase

commercial development to approximately 120,000 square feet. The application was scheduled for Planning Commission consideration on October 22, 2026. A motion to approve the application was made, seconded, and approved by the full CPAC.

- **Application (MM-26-18-) 5581 Timuquana Road:** The application involved modifying an existing PUD previously approved for boat and recreational vehicle storage. The proposed modification would eliminate the remaining outdoor storage areas and permit approximately 90,000 square feet of office/warehouse development. The property is located within an accident potential zone associated with Naval Air Station Jacksonville, and the Navy expressed no objection to the request. The application was scheduled for Planning Commission consideration on October 22, 2026. A motion to approve the application was made, seconded, and approved by the full CPAC.
- **Application (2026-XXXX) – 4555 West Boulevard**: The application concerned approximately one acre of property proposed for use by a tree service business, including outdoor storage. It noted that the written application summary was not yet available. The application was scheduled for Planning Commission consideration on November 19, 2026. A motion to approve the application was made, seconded, and approved by the full CPAC.

Andy Hetzel - (904) 255-7821 or AHetzel@coj.net.

- **CPAC Chair and Vice Cahir Nominating Subcommittee-** Bruce Tyson announced the selected slate of Officers for the position of Chair and Vice Chair for 2027. The committee selected Earnest Surmons for the position of Chair and Christina Purdy for the position of Vice Chair. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted during the November CPAC meeting.

10. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report**:
    - The Neighborhood Services Coordinator announced that the 2026 Peanut Butter Challenge, takes place October 1–31, 2026, and encouraged residents to donate unopened, unexpired jars of peanut butter and other nonperishable food items to support local food pantries. Members were reminded of the final virtual ethics training, scheduled for November 19, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., and were provided information regarding training requirements and registration. The Coordinator also discussed ongoing efforts with the Ethics Office to schedule future training opportunities during CPAC meetings. Additionally, members were encouraged to maintain regular attendance, participate virtually when necessary, and help increase CPAC membership and community

awareness. Residents and organizations were invited to share upcoming community events and outreach opportunities, and attendees interested in receiving CPAC updates were encouraged to join the email distribution list.

- The Coordinator also announced that the Northwest District 5 Neighborhood Block Party scheduled for Saturday, October 10, from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lonnie C. Miller Park at the Amphitheater, was postponed due to inclement weather. A new date and location will be announced once determined.

Necole Jenkins- (904)555-8261or FJenkins@coj.net

11. **Unfinished Business** – None

12. **New Business** –None

13. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** None

14. **Adjourn**: Chair Purdy adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: November 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. In person at Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., Jacksonville FL 32210, 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: **November 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** In person at Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., Jacksonville FL 32210, and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 821 7431 0303 Passcode: 693048. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

Summary prepared by Necole Jenkins, Neighborhood Coordinator,(904)255-8261 or FJenkins@coj.net.
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