

# Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## May 12, 2025, 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; Len Burroughs, MHPA; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Sheriff Watch; Jenny Watson, CHAPS; Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace Neighborhood Watch; David Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace Neighborhood Watch; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Jacquelyn Woods, Cedar Hills Estates Community Assoc.; Jason Roberts, Jacksonville Sheriff's Watch District 4.

**CPAC Members Via Zoom:** Ernest Surmons, Glenda Meadows HOA; Angelia Dickerson-Wallace, Glenda Meadows HOA; Sandra Simmons, Blue Lake Estates HOA.

**Visitors:** Rae Walker, Sheriff Watch; Jesse Spencer, Morris Shedd Jr., Chyl Padgett, Danny Padgett, Pamela Padgett, Robert Youn, Jenny Youn, Carl Heckwin, Penny McGregor, Vernon Williams, Jeannie Engle, Dean Engle, Oksana Vitruk@gmail.com.

**Visitors via Zoom:** Chrisy Boat, Brad Swaffer, K.M.F., John Chapman, Kristi Wagner,

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Commander, Eric Redgate, JSO; Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Derrek Dixon, FDOT; Jared Chemay, MCCC; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Erin Abney, Chief of Community Planning

### Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Purdy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The CPAC approved the February 13, 2025, meeting summary.
3. **Mayor's Staff Reports:** None
4. **Elected Officials Report:** None
5. **Presentation:**
  - **Erin Abney, Chief of Community Planning**, presented the various forms of competent substantial evidence suggested when preparing letters of recommendation to the Planning Committee and the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee.  
Erin Abney – (904) 255-7817 or [EAbney@coj.net](mailto:EAbney@coj.net).
6. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Commander Eric Redgate reported:
  - Crime is up in three categories: kidnapping/abductions, which are primarily domestic incidents, are up 16%, simple assault is up by 2%, and burglary is up 1.4%.
  - Overall, crime was down, with the most significant decrease in murder, which declined 77%; forcible sex offenses were down 50%; aggravated assaults were down 24.7%; arson was down 50%. Theft is down 13.6%, theft from motor vehicles is down 30.7%, and motor vehicle theft is down 44%. A rise in crime is often observed as the weather begins to warm up.
  - There has been a trend of fatal crashes and issues with pedestrians not crossing at the crosswalks.  
Cmdr. Eric Redgate – (904) 573-3165
7. **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD)** – Lt. Clarence Hodge demonstrated to the CPAC how to perform Child CPR and advised:
  - Items that fit through a toilet paper roll are a choking hazard for toddlers.
  - Children should not be allowed to play with food in their mouths.Lt. Clarence Hodge - (904) 255-3284 or [Hodge@coj.net](mailto:Hodge@coj.net).
8. **Chair's Report:** Christina Purdy had no report
9. **Staff Reports:**

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon, Transportation System Manager, District 2 Urban Planning Office, had no report but took citizens' questions and concerns.
- Pam Padgett inquired about widening Yellow Water Road from the Jacksonville Equestrian Center to US-301. Additionally, traffic signals will be added at Yellow Water Road on Normandy Boulevard and Winchester Ridge.

Derek Dixon - (904) 360-5653 or [Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us).

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant, Library Services I, reported:
  - A total of 43,195 customers visited the seven branches on the west side. The seven branches presented 125 programs and drop-in activities with a total attendance of 1,679 people.
  - The libraries will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in honor of the Memorial Day holiday.
  - Summer reading begins on Monday, June 2, 2025, and will run through Saturday, August 2, 2025. The theme for the summer is Color Our World. When customers sign up, they are given a tracking card and earn free books for reading 20 minutes daily for 20 days. A variety of special programs will take place at the various branches.
  - The summer reading kickoff parties will occur from June 2, 2025, through June 7, 2025. To locate your branch's kickoff party and all the summer programs and activities, visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at [www.jackspubliclibrary.org](http://www.jackspubliclibrary.org).

Lynne Baldwin - (904) 338-4383 or [LBaldwin@coj.net](mailto:LBaldwin@coj.net).

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** - Jared Chemay, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported:
  - To date, 786 inspections have been completed, resulting in 7,242 inspections for the year.
  - It is illegal to place signage, or litter signs, on public rights-of-way. Fines start at \$50 per day for the first five signs found posted. The fine increases to \$150 for more than five signs. Once the violator has been adjudicated guilty, and if he commits the violation again, the fine increases to \$300 per sign and counts as the third violation. Fines can be as high as \$500 per sign. Signs attached to a public utility pole higher than five feet can result in a \$350 fine for the first offense. Officers are proactively removing the illegal signs.
  - Citizens are encouraged to use the MyJax app or call 630-CITY (2489) to report an issue or complaint. When using the MyJax app, citizens received updates from the Municipal Code Compliance officer or staff member investigating the issue. State Law SB60 requires the person making the complaint to provide their name and address. There are some exceptions for life-threatening emergencies where the complaint can be investigated without that information.
  - Jared reminded CPAC members that addresses should be visible and legible both day and night from the private or public access road, and address numbers should be a minimum of four inches in height per Section 745.103 of the Municipal Code.
  - Rae Walker suggested that the City and JEA work together. JEA includes a note in everyone's monthly bill stating the requirements and importance of posting addresses for residential and commercial properties, so they are visible from the street for fire and rescue.

Jared Chemay - (904) 626-0736 or [JChemay@coj.net](mailto:JChemay@coj.net).

## 10. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- Andy Hetzel introduced Madeline Read, City Planner 1, who will host citizen meetings for Large-scale Land Use Amendment Applications. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2025, at 3 p.m. for Ordinance #2025-307 and will be held virtually via Zoom. Please get in touch with Madeline at [MRead@coj.net](mailto:MRead@coj.net) for the Zoom details.
- **Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee:** Chair Purdy announced that the Southwest CPAC LUZ Subcommittee reviewed seven Land Use and Zoning Applications. The subcommittee presented its recommendation to write a letter of opposition to Ordinance 2025-00268 and a letter of concern per the request of the Yellow Water Road community for Ordinance 2025-0272. The subcommittee recommended taking no action on Administrative Deviation 25-21.
- **Ordinance 2025-00268 – Planned Unit Development Rezoning Companion – 0 Rancho Road; 4743 & 4779 Iron Forge Lane; 0. 3116, 3120, 3124 & 3126 Stratton Road; 0, 10040, 10050, 10111, 10144, 10160 & 10185 Noroad; 0 103<sup>rd</sup> Street; and 0 Connie Jean Road between 103<sup>rd</sup> Street and Stratton Road:** The applicant seeks to rezone 118.18 acres of land from Planned Unit Developments (PUD 1987-871-E &

PUD 2023-360-E) and Residential Rural-acre (RR-Acre3) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to permit 332 single-family dwellings. A motion was made and seconded to oppose the application. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.

- **Ordinance 2025-0272—Normandy Boulevard (RE#002314-0000) between Yellow Water Road and POW-MIA Memorial Highway:** The applicant seeks to rezone 46.54+/-/- acres of land from Agriculture (AGR) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to permit 325 Single-Family Dwellings or Townhome Units. The full CPAC reviewed the application. Residents of the Yellow Water community and surrounding neighborhoods expressed their concerns regarding the development, such as flooding, the need for Yellow Water Road to be widened, and the displacement of the wildlife on the property planned for development. A motion was made to write a letter expressing the Yellow Water community's concerns and requesting that a wildlife study be conducted. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the CPAC.
- **AD-25-21 – Administrative Deviation – 4539 County Club Road (RE#100594 0000) at the SW Corner of Ortega Boulevard and Apalachee Street.** The applicant seeks to reduce the required front yard setback for a shed accessory structure in a Residential Low Density-90 (RLD-90) zoning district. A motion was made to take no action. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the CPAC.

Andy Hetzel (904) 255-7821 or [AHetzel@coj.net](mailto:AHetzel@coj.net).

- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that the TRUE Commission met on Thursday, May 8, 2025, in City Hall's Lynn Woods Robert room. Laurie Boyer and Peter Sherwood of the Downtown Investment Authority presented on the Downtown Parking, the plans for Downtown, and the LaVilla land swap with the University of Florida.
- **Parks Safety Council (PSC)** – No Report

#### 11. Unfinished Business – None

#### 12. New Business – None

13. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:** Michelle Godwin-Ware announced that the Neighborhood Award Program will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the Prime F. Osborne III Convention Center, 1000 Water St. The event is free and open to the public and NUSA attendees. The Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) conference will take place from Wednesday, May 21, 2025, to Friday, May 25, 2025. We hope those who are interested in attending can make it. Please visit the NUSA website at <https://www.nusa.org/conferences> for registration and more information. Michelle Godwin-Ware - 904-255-8236 or [Michellegw@coj.net](mailto:Michellegw@coj.net).

14. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** Rae Walker invited CPAC members to attend the Sheriff's Watch meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd.

15. **Adjourn:** Chair Purdy adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: June 9, 2025, 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 sent to members.

**Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: June 9, 2025, 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 sent to members.

**Summary prepared by** Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8236 or [michellegw@coj.net](mailto:michellegw@coj.net).

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may not be possible to fulfill. Please contact Disabled Services Division at VM-(904)255-5466, TTY-(904)255-5475, or email your request to [ADAAccommodationRequest@coj.net](mailto:ADAAccommodationRequest@coj.net).