

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 11, 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; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Len Burroughs, MHPA; Jackie Woods, Cedar Hills Estates Community Association.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Linda and Darrell Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair, Inc.; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA; Chris Ramseyer, Watermill HOA

Visitors: Jose Lazcano, MHPA.

Zoom: Thomas Martin, Watermill HOA.

Staff and Elected Officials: District Chief Allen Mason, JFRD; Jennifer Walter, ACPS; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Chris Billings, MCCC; Michael Hoffman, MCCC; Daryl Joseph, Park, Recreation, and Community Services; Victoria Morales, MAV.

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 summary for March 14, 2022 meeting was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Angie Nixon, FL. House of Representatives District 14, reported that the legislative session has ended. However, they will be returning to Tallahassee for a special session starting Tuesday, April 19, 2022, and it will run through Friday, April 22, 2022, relating to the drawing of the Congressional Map. Representative Nixon also reported that Planning District 5 is hoping to obtain the support of the Southwest CPAC Planning District 4 regarding the opposition to a liquor store proposed for the district. Representative Nixon announced that they have been assisting constituents with navigating the process of seeking and applying for funds for rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.
 - Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ron Salem, reported that Council Member Salem is the Chair of the Special Committee on Solid Waste. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022, and will be held in the City Council Chamber, located at 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, St. James Building. The committee will discuss recycling, the current contracts, and their efficiency. Ms. Evans also reported that the Mental Health Offenders Program (MHOP) has been highly successful. In the month of March, six more participants graduated from the program. All graduates have received treatment and live independently in partnership with Sulzbacher to ensure they continue to receive the support they need.
Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255 – 5146 or nevans@coj.net.
- 4. Presentation/Guest Speaker:** None
- 5. Chair's Report:** Chair Crosby welcomed and congratulated Mr. Christopher Ramseyer, from the Watermill Master Homeowner Association to the Southwest CPAC as a new member of the Southwest CPAC. Chair Crosby reported the following items:
 - A total of six volunteers participated in the St. Johns River Celebration 27th Annual Cleanup site located at McGirts Creek Regional Park 8435 118th St. A total of nine bags of trash were collected.

- The Neighborhood Service Office has released the 2022 application for the Neighborhood Awards program. This year's theme is "Make Every Connection Count," the award recognizes the efforts of community groups and neighborhoods who have completed a community-based project or activity that has improved their neighborhood physically and/or socially. The application is due by on Thursday, June 3, 2022, by 6 p.m.
- Per the CPAC's vote to draft a letter in opposition to Senate Bill 60 during the March 14, 2022, meeting, Chair Crosby presented a draft of the proposed letter to be mailed to Senator Jennifer Bradley in opposition to Senate Bill 60: County and Municipal Code Enforcement. Chair Crosby read the letter to CPAC members for comments and questions. Bruce Tyson motioned to accept and send the letter to Senator Bradley as drafted. Len Burroughs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Staff Reports:

- **Parks, Recreation, and Community Services** – Director Daryl Joseph reported that he would be attending the six Citizens Planning Advisory Committee meetings and provided the following updates:
 - The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department received an additional \$50 million to replace playground equipment, and upgrade restrooms, facilities, walking trails, pickleball courts, and football fields.
 - The Oceanway Community Center and playground equipment will be upgraded.
 - Many of the Senior Centers are now open. Each center serves breakfast twice a week and lunch daily. Transportation to and from the centers is available for most of the locations. Oceanway Senior Center is one of them. For a list of the operating Senior Centers and activities, please visit [Jacksonville Senior Centers Calendars](#).
 - The annual Fish-A-Thon will take place Friday, April 15, 2022, at Hanna Park, 500 Wonderwood Dr., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is required. For more information and transportation, please call (904) 255-5667.
 - JaxParks is hiring lifeguards for the summer. Pay starts at \$12 per hour. Training for the lifeguard positions will be offered. Please call (904) 255-6777, (904) 255-4271, or email bealifeguard@coj.net for more information.
 - The City of Jacksonville has partnered with Downtown Vision to bring the Jax River Jams Concert Series to Jacksonville. The performances will occur at Riverfront Plaza, 2 West Independent Drive, formerly the Jacksonville Landing starting at 5:30 p.m. with the headliners starting at 8:30 p.m. every Thursday through April.

Director Daryl Joseph may be reached at (904) 255-7903 or DJoseph@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – District Chief Allen Mason reminded CPAC members that JFRD provides and installs free smoke detectors for any qualifying Jacksonville resident living in a single-family or two-family residence, as well as installs replacement batteries in existing smoke detectors at no charge. Please call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or register by visiting the MyJax website [MyJax Customer Help](#) for more information. District Chief Mason reported:
 - Fire extinguishers may be purchased at big box stores such as Home Depot, Lowes, or Walmart. These extinguishers are good for 10 to 12 years but should be replaced after ten years.
 - District Chief Mason also reported that although the Fire Department can access homes with burglar bars, residents should reach out to JFRD and provide the combination to the lockbox if you store your keys to your burglar bars in a lockbox. This information can be included in the dispatch notes for your home.
 - District Chief Mason provided a list of neighborhood pharmacies with medication drop-offs. Medication must be in its original container, and personal information must be removed. The drop-off is for pills only, no liquids. Needles and sharp items can be disposed of in the trash if they are in a hard plastic container and the opening is secured with duct tape.
 - The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be hosting a Narcotic Take-Back event on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. nationwide. The drop-off locations for Duval County residents will be located at the Avenues Mall, 10300 Southside Blvd., and Mayo Clinic, 4500 San Pablo Rd., S.

District Chief Allen Mason may be reached at (904)255-3281 or amason@coj.net.

- **Animal Care Protective Services (ACPS)** – Jennifer Walter, Chief of Animal Care and Protective Services, announced that spring and summer are ACPS's busiest seasons because of the birth of so many kittens. Ms. Walter reported:

- Currently, there are 250 dogs and 30 cats in the ACPS shelter; 150 are ready and available for adoption. Those interested in adopting may visit the shelter located at 2020 Forest St. Tuesday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ACPS asks citizens to resist taking kittens when they see them in their neighborhood without their mother. It is very likely that the mother is nearby hunting for food and will be returning to her kittens. The best way to help is to spay and neuter the adult cats in the neighborhood.
- It has been reported that 92 percent of loose dogs in the community belong to someone; 70 percent are found less than a mile from their home, and 42 percent are located less than 400 feet from their home. Ms. Walter advised that the best way to get pets back to their home is not to bring them to the shelter right away but to keep them in their community.
- Many people do not know where the shelter is located, leading to only 17 percent of animals being reclaimed by their owners.
- ACPS will host two adoption events. The first event will occur on Friday, April 22nd, during the Earth Day Celebration, located downtown at James Weldon Johnson Park. The second event is part of Kanine Social's Woofstock Music Festival located at 580 College St. on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- If you are interested in fostering an animal or volunteering at the shelter, please email jaxpets@coj.net for more information.

Jennifer Walter may be reached at (904) 255-7372 or jenniferw@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
 - The Friends of the Bill Brinton Murray Hill Branch Library, located at 918 Edgewood Ave. S. is having a book sale on Saturday, April 16, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - The library is sponsoring the Jax Student Poetry Contest. The theme of the competition is "Celebrating Jacksonville's Bicentennial Birthday." The contest is open to students in Duval County in grades four through twelve. Original poems must be submitted by Saturday, April 30, 2022.
 - The library is hosting a live chat featuring local poet Damon Johnson. The interview will occur at the Main Library in the auditorium at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2022.
 - The library is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library's volunteer website <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/volunteer-library> to apply, or contact Ms. Baldwin at LBaldwin@coj.net.

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

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager, provided the light schedule for the Acosta Bridge. The colors will vary throughout April, with each color representing a different theme. Ms. Riddick provided the following information:
 - Ms. Riddick reminded everyone that JTA has many positions to fill and is hiring. Please visit <https://www.jtafla.com/work-with-jta/careers/> to view the available employment opportunities.
 - Ms. Riddick acknowledged the Murray Hill residents who attended the CPAC meeting to discuss the removal of bus stop 15. She stated that the Chief Executive Officer, Nathaniel Ford, and Murray Hill resident Jose Lazcano have met to discuss the residents' issues with their commutes now that the stop is no longer available. Ms. Riddick stated JTA is trying to work out a solution.

Cheryl Riddick may be reached at (904)632-5522 or CRiddick@jtafla.com.

- **Military Affairs & Veterans (MAV)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinators, because of technical difficulty, Ms. Morales will email her report to Ms. Godwin-Ware to send to the Southwest CPAC. Tiffany Morales may be reached at (904) 255-5524 or TMorales@coj.net.
- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Chris Billings, Senior Code Compliance Officer, reported that 1700 inspections were completed From March 14 through April 14. MCCD has started systematic inspections in the Argyle Forest area the week of April 11, 2022, and will conduct inspections in the Cecil Commerce Business area beginning April 18, 2022. Systematic inspections for the Riverside and Avondale neighborhoods are scheduled for June. Mr. Billings reminded CPAC members that the JAR program is still available for those who need assistance. For more information, please visit [Municipal Code Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program](#).

Chris Billings may be reached at (904) 255-7085 or cbillings@coj.net.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Chair Crosby reported that the Southwest CPAC Land Use and Zoning subcommittee reviewed eight Land Use and Zoning applications. The LUZ subcommittee had no objections to any of the applications.

Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 AHetzel@coj.net.

8. Unfinished Business - None

9. New Business – None

10. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report: Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, announced that the 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program would be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 East 1st Street, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Neighborhood organizations, groups or associations that wish to participate in the program must be registered in the Neighborhood Directory. Please visit the Neighborhood Services Office website <https://jaxnhorg.coj.net/#/recaptcha> to register your organization or group. For more information, call (904) 255-8250.

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

11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

12. Adjourn: Chair Crosby adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: May 9, 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.

Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: May 9, 2022, 5:30 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.

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

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