

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 14, 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.; Jenny Watson, CHAPS; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace Neighborhood Watch; David Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace Neighborhood Watch.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Chris Ramseyer, Watermill HOA; Ernest Surmons, Glenda Meadows HOA; Sandy Simpson, Chimney Lakes HOA; Tamika Wolfe-McKenzie, Tamika's School of Epicure.

Visitors: Harold Smith, Rae Walker, District 4 Sheriff Watch; Anissa Pearson, Jacksonville Democratic Society of America; John Nooney.

Visitors via Zoom: John Chapman; Deborah Lowe; Linda and Darell Barrow.

Staff and Elected Officials: Andrew Powers, Executive Assistant to Council Member Rayman Johnson, District 14; Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Commander Eric Redgate, JSO; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Jimmy Midyette, Jacksonville Human Rights Commission; Jared Chemay, MCCC; Tiffany Morales, Military, Veterans Affairs; Tourea Robinson, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office.

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 will approve the previous meeting summaries during April's meeting.
- 3. Mayor's Staff Reports:** No Report
- 4. Elected Officials:** Andrew Powers, Executive Assistant to Council Member Rahman Johnson, District 14, stated she had no updates but would be happy to answer any questions or take any concerns back to Council Member Clark-Murray.
Andrew Powers - (904) 255-5160 or APowers@coj.net.
- 5. Guest Speaker/Presentation:**
Valerie Feinberg, The City of Jacksonville's Urban Forestry Program, FUSE Executive Fellow, provided a presentation on the city's Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP). The Urban Forestry Program provides and maintains a healthy urban forest by managing individual trees, tree populations, and all associated vegetation, which comprise a crucial portion of a city's green infrastructure. The UFMP provides a framework for long-term management of trees and forests in urban, suburban, and rural areas. Defining goals and objectives, establishing budgets and administrative structure, delineating rules for planting and removing trees, guiding best planting and pruning practices, identifying tree types suitable for the setting, meaning the right tree is planted in the right place, and developing educational programs for all community members.
Valerie Feinberg – (904) 255-7929 or VFeinberg@coj.net.
- 6. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Commander Redgate reported:
 - Last year, District 4 had the lowest violent crime rate in the city. This year we're at an 11% difference. Property crime was 18%. Overall, we are at a 15% reduction in crime.
 - A total of 7,004 calls for service from citizens in District 4 have been generated so far this year. This includes non-emergency and 9-1-1 calls.

- To date, District 4 is the third highest in crashes, totaling 751.
- Traffic citations to date citywide are 17,547. A total of 6,900 of those citations were in District 4.
- Please remind your friends and neighbors to lock their vehicle doors. Theft from Motor vehicles totaled 97, of which 56% were left unlocked. From these vehicles, 66 firearms were stolen.
- Sheriff T.K. Waters will walk the Cedar Hills neighborhood on Saturday, March 29, 2025, starting at 10 a.m. The walk will begin at 4200 Jamies Road. Each month, the lieutenants conduct a walk-through of their districts to speak with residents and businesses and discuss any issues within that community. The walks usually occur once a quarter. The Sheriff Walk is a larger walk through the neighborhood and takes place once a year in each district. The walks are publicized through the Neighborhood Watch. Residents are encouraged to join their community's neighborhood watch or start one if one doesn't already exist.

Commander Redgate – (904) 573-3165

7. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD) – Lt. Clarence Hodge provided the CPAC with fire and home safety information:

- Kitchen fires are the leading cause of home fires and are the first location in your home where a fire can occur.
- Never leave food cooking on a stove unattended.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything flammable.
- Place space heaters on a level floor and never leave them unattended.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet and unplug them when unused.
- Inspect heaters regularly for damaged cords before use.
- Keep kids and pets away from space heaters.

He also recommended:

- Have several fire exit routes planned around your home so everyone knows what to do.
- Place fire extinguishers in the kitchen and throughout the house. Small kitchen extinguishers can be purchased at Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowes.
- Smoke detectors should be tested monthly and replaced every 10 years. Discolored or yellowing smoke detectors indicate that it is time to replace them.

Lt. Clarence Hodge - (904) 255-3284 or Hodge@coj.net.

8. Chairs Report: The Chair announced that:

- She was picked to be on the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville's selection committee for the Lane Wiley Parks exterior mural wrap on the pavilion.
- Mr. Fonferek resigned as Co-Chair, and volunteers are needed to form the Nominating Subcommittee to elect a new Co-Chair. A call for volunteers was made. No one stepped up. Chair Purdy tabled the selection of a nominating committee until the April meeting.

9. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Human Rights Commission (JHRC):** Jimmy Midyette, Assistant Director of Human Rights Commission, provided a brief description of the function of the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission (JHRC) and announced that the JHRC will be hosting a fair housing expo, themed Housing is A human Right. There will be discussions during the expo about removing septic tanks and the kind of incentives the city provides for historic designation. Many housing experts will be in attendance, including LISC Jacksonville, Salzbacher, and community groups that have successfully improved their neighborhoods, such as Eastside, Springfield, Riverside, and San Marco. The event is free, and lunch will be provided. Please register to help ensure everyone can enjoy lunch and snacks. The event will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Main Library, located at 303 N. Laura St. Parking is available free of charge. Reserve your spot by visiting the JHRC website at www.tinyurl.com/FairHousing2025 or by calling (904) 255-5397.

Jimmy Midyette – (904) 255-5387

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant, Library Services I, reported:
 - The Webb Wesconnett Regional Library will be closed for an HVAC upgrade project from Monday, April 21, 2025, through Saturday, April 26, 2025. The branch is expected to reopen on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 10 a.m. The staff will contact customers to arrange for the pickup of their holds. Holds at

the branch on Saturday, April 19, will be transferred to the Argyle Branch Library for pickup while Webb is closed.

- The Webb Wesconnett Regional Library will be hosting a reception for their Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) Elementary Art Exhibition on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Refreshments and activities will be available for parents, students, and teachers. The following branches on the Westside will feature exhibitions: Argyle, Bill Brinton, Murray Hill, Webb Wesconnett, and West. A list of participating schools and the libraries on the Westside exhibiting artwork can be provided upon request.
- Free meeting space is available at all of the libraries. The West has a total of 10 meeting room spaces available for public reservation; however, a library card is required to reserve a room. The room features a large community area that can be divided into two meeting rooms, two smaller meeting rooms, and five study rooms. Visit the library website at <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org> to book a room online using your library card.
- The Main Library will host a History Chat: The Life and Poetry of Matthew R. Ward on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 2 p.m. in the Ansbacher Map Room on the 4th floor.

Lynne Baldwin - (904) 338-4383 or LBaldwin@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Director of Customer Engagement, reported that:

- There is construction taking place on San Marco Boulevard and Lasalle Street. The bus route for that area will take a few detours, and a few stops will be missed. Notification of the detour will be distributed electronically. Information about the detour can also be found on the JTA Website or by using the JTA app.
- The launch of the Bay Street Innovation Corridor (BSIC) will take place in 81 days. Autonomous vehicles are being tested until their launch. The route will be approximately a 3.7-mile loop along Bay Street from Pearl Street to EverBank Stadium and can accommodate up to 9 passengers. The vehicles will travel in the same lane as ongoing traffic and will be operated and maintained at the JTA's autonomous Innovation Center in La Villa.

Cheryl Riddick – (904) 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com.

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** - Jared Chemay, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported:
 - To date, 1,318 inspections have been completed, resulting in 6,365 citations for the year.
 - As a reminder, it is illegal to place signage or litter signs on the right-of-way. Litter signs are signs on the side of the road advertising services or products. When these signs are placed in public right-of-way, they are treated as litter and can be removed and recorded in a database of notices to be sent to the advertiser. Citations can range from \$55 to \$305 per violation, depending on the location of the signs and their attachment points. A total of 148 signs have been collected from the rights-of-way. Year to date, 729 signs have been removed, and a total of 43 signs have received citations.
 - Citizens may reach out to Jared by email at JChemay@coj.net if they would like a systematic inspection conducted in a specific corridor or neighborhood.
 - The State of Florida statutes require citizens to provide their name and address when making a complaint. There is an exception if it is an immediately life-threatening issue, such as a leaking sewage line or a tree partially hanging over the right of way because it has fallen.

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

- **Parks, Recreation and Community Services** – Tourea Robinson, Chief of Social Services, reported that:
 - Lifeguard training has begun. The next training opportunity will begin on Monday, April 28, 2025, and continue through Friday, May 2, 2025, at Woodland Acres Park. For a list of training locations, please visit the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services website at <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation.aspx>
 - The County Extension Office will hold its monthly 4-H meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2025. The topic will be Plastic Voyage and Rapid Rhapsody on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.
 - The annual Fish-A-Thon is scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hannah Park. It is open to the public for adults aged 50 and older who reside in the city of Jacksonville.

Tourea Robinson - (904) 255-4331 or TRobinson1@coj.net.

10. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee:** Chair Purdy announced that the Southwest CPAC LUZ Subcommittee reviewed two applications. The Southwest CPAC LUZ Subcommittee suggested no action be taken on the two applications. The applications were reviewed and discussed by the full CPAC. A motion was made to approve the applications. The motions were seconded and unanimously passed by the CPAC.
- **2025-0239 – Conventional Rezoning – 0 Normandy Boulevard, West of Cecil Commerce Center:** The applicant seeks to rezone from Agriculture to Commercial Residential office for 21 acres of land on the north side of Normandy Boulevard between Manning Cemetery Road and Nathan Hale Road.
- **2025-0245 – Rezoning to PUD – 7403 Argyle Forest Blvd.:** The application seeks to rezone 6.73 acres of land from PUD to allow for a personal property storage facility on the eastern portion of the site and place the western portion in the Conventional Land Use category.

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

- **Taxation Revenue Utilization Expenditure (T.R.U.E.) Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that:
- The TRUE Commission met on Thursday, April 3, 2025. The General Counsel's Office spoke to the commission concerning the processes and plans for properties that the City takes over
- The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. The next TRUE Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2025.
- The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2025, at 4 p.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. in the Lynwood Roberts Room, 1st floor. The meeting is open to the public.
- **Parks Safety Council (PSC)** – Bruce Tyson reported that the PSC met on Monday, March 26, 2025, at 11 a.m. Unfortunately, the PSC does not have a quorum. The Council has requested that the Parks Department investigate the feasibility of reducing the required number of members needed for a quorum from four to three. The change would enable the Council to implement the safety standards it has created.
- The PSC reviews and makes recommendations regarding the park safety inspection reports completed by the Safety Manager, who inspects between 300 and 400 parks a month.
- Members are still needed from Planning Districts 1, 5, and 6.

11. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:

- Michelle Godwin-Ware announced that:
- The City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Awards Program will be held at the Prime R. Osborn III Convention Center on May 20, 2025, at 6 p.m. Registration for the Neighborhood, USA (NUSA) conference is now open. Please visit the NUSA website at <https://www.nusa.org/conferences> to register.
- CPAC members must retake their Ethics Training every four years. Individuals whose ethics training has expired will be contacted and provided with the necessary information to register for the next available ethics training session.

Michelle Godwin-Ware - 904-255-8236 or Michellelgw@coj.net.

12. Unfinished Business – None

- **13. New Business** – Chair Purdy announced that the Southwest CPAC was still in need of a Co-Chair to run the meetings if she is sick or out of town during a meeting. Nominations were taken from the floor. Bruce Tyson nominated himself from the floor to act as Co-Chair for the remainder of the year. A vote was taken, and the Southwest CPAC nominated Bruce Tyson as Co-Chair for the remainder of the year.

14. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- **Military Affairs and Veterans Services** – Tiffany Morales, reported:
- The Memorial Day Observance Event will take place on Monday, May 26, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Wall, 1145 East Adams St.
- The 8th Annual Military Spouses Night Out will take place on Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 5 p.m. to

8 p.m. at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.
Tiffany Morales (904) 255-5524 or TMorales@coj.net.

- **Rae Walker** announced that the Sheriff Watch meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. The topic of discussion will be human trafficking.
- **Chair Purdy** announced that Shirley Lowry will be celebrating her birthday this month and wished her a happy birthday.

15. Adjourn: Chair Purdy adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: May 12, 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.

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