

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 8, 2019 Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road, Jacksonville FL

Attendance

CPAC Members:

Chair – Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry
Vice Chair – Trinity Ministries – Bruce Tyson
Confederate Point Civic Assoc. – James Nolting
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch - Bernice Gremer
Hyde Grove Terrace - Peggy Meyers
Murray Hill Historic Preservation - Len Burroughs
Sweetwater Church of Christ – Dr. Willie Crosby
Watermill Masters HOA – Tom Martin

Visitors:

William Fonferet- Westland HOA
Sunny Gettinger – Candidate City Council District 14
Phyllis Gregg – LLF HOA
Adrian Gregory
Laura Hipps – Hipps Group
Bill Klima – Fishweir Neighborhood Watch
Celestine Mills – Candidate City Council District 10
Lorraine Patin

Staff and Officials:

City Council Member - Terrance Freeman, Council District 10
Jacksonville Public Library – Lynne Baldwin
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Jamie Eason
Military Veteran Affairs – Caroline Adkins
Municipal Code Compliance Dept. – Bruce Chauncey
Municipal Code Compliance Dept. – Robert Bautochka
Neighborhood Services Office– Michelle Godwin
Parks, Recreation & Community Services – Keith Meyerl
Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel

Excused:

Blue Lake Estates – Annette Brown
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Michael Fisher
Charter Member - Don Ingram

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Shirley Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Michelle Godwin verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** Tom Martin moved that the March meeting summary be approved. Len Burroughs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - City Council Member, District 10, Terrance Freeman, introduced himself to CPAC members and was available for questions.
Council Member Freeman may be contacted at 630-1684 or TFreeman@coj.net.
4. **Presentations:**
 - Gloria McNair, Community Engagement Specialist Outreach Groundwork Jacksonville, presented on the plans for the Emerald Trail project. Ms. McNair explained how Groundwork is engaging neighborhood stakeholders, business leaders, contributors and the City to plan and build the Emerald Trail within the next 10 years. When complete, the trail will comprise of approximately 19.7 miles of new trails, greenways and parks that encompass the urban core and link at least 14 historic neighborhoods to downtown, Hogans Creek, McCoys Creek, the S-Line Rail Trail and the Northbank and Southbank Riverwalk. Ms. McNair explained the trail will link to 18 schools, two colleges and 28 parks, as well as other destinations like restaurants, retail and businesses. The Emerald Necklace has the potential to spur social and economic development in Jacksonville. The Trail's Master Plan is broken into three implementation tiers. The total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$31 million. Gloria McNair may be reached at (904) or gloria@groundworkjacksonville.org.
5. **Staff Reports:**
 - **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Jamie Eason reported that violent crime is down in Zone 4, but residential burglaries have increased by 86 percent in the last two weeks. In the area of Manotak Avenue and Lane Avenue, suspects are entering homes through back doors and windows. Guns have been taken from a few of the homes. Two of the suspects have been caught. Lt. Eason reminded CPAC members to use the 9 p.m. route as a reminder to bring your guns in from your car, and to lock your car doors as well as your house doors.
Lt. Eason may be contacted at (904) 573-3165.
 - **Jacksonville Public Libraries (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant I, announced that Folk It Up Music Festival will take place during Art Walk on May 1, 2019 at the Main Library and Hemming Park

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from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ms. Baldwin also announced that three Comic Con events will take place at various branches. The first will be held at the Beaches Branch Library on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the second will be held at the Main Library on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and third will be held at the South Mandarin Branch on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ms. Baldwin announced that the Military Affairs and Veterans Department will provide Veteran's Services Information Sessions at Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ms. Baldwin also announced that a 2019 City Council Candidate Forum will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library. The candidates for Districts 10 and 14 will be available for questions.

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

- **Military Veteran Affairs (MVA)** – Caroline Adkins, announced that the Military Affairs and Veterans Department will provide Veteran's Services Information Sessions at Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ms. Adkins said that walk-ins are welcome. The service is available for spouses, family members or someone who assists or supports a spouse. Ms. Adkins also announced that the 4th Annual Military Spouse Night Out will be held April 25, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A Philip Randolph Blvd. Register at www.militaryspousenightout19.eventbrite.com. Ms. Adkins announced that a Memorial Day ceremony will be held May 27th at the Veterans Memorial Wall, 1145 East Adams St. beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Caroline Adkins may be contacted at (904) 255-5524 or carolinea@coj.net

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Bruce Chauncey, Zone 4 Compliance Supervisor, announced that the Municipal Code Compliance Division will be releasing a newsletter each month with helpful tips and information, as well as the MCCD inspection stats for the month. Mr. Chauncey introduced Robert Bautochka, the new senior officer for Zone 4. Mr. Chauncey reported that 1,516 inspections were completed in Zone 4 between March 12 and April 8, 2019. These included 42 illegal signs, 89 litter signs, 232 junk vehicle inspections, 641 nuisance inspections, 28 nuisance board ups, 213 residential inspections, 35 inspections of unsafe structures, 175 zoning, and 14 commercial inspections. The Municipal Code Compliance Division completed 10,381 inspections throughout Jacksonville. Mr. Chauncey also announced that the Municipal Code Compliance Division is hiring.

Bruce Chauncey may be contacted at (904) 255-7035 or Brucec@coj.net

- **Parks, Recreation and Community Services** – Keith Meyerl, announced the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is preparing for summer camp. Summer camp consists of three two-week sessions. The first session begins June 17th. Registration begins May 7, 2019 at 12 p.m. Register at <https://web1.vermontsystems.com/jacksonville.html>. Mr. Meyerl also announced that Parks, Recreation and Community Services offers 300 summer camp vouchers to children in need. Those who are interested in receiving vouchers need to fill out a Voucher Verification Application and attend a Voucher Verification event, which are scheduled April 22 through April 26. Voucher verification locations can be found at www.Jaxparks.com. Mr. Meyerl also announced that the department is still hiring Life Guards, Summer Camp Counselors and Park Managers for the Rec & Roll program, which is free.

Keith Meyerl may be contacted at (904) 255-7936 or kmeyerl@coj.net

- **Planning and Development (PDD)** – Andy Hetzel, City Planner III, presented the following report:
 - **2018-0608 PUD Rezoning** – South side of 103rd Street, west of Connie Jean Road: PUD rezoning seeks to permit school bus storage expansion.
 - **2018-0830 Conventional Rezoning** – 9101 McClelland Rd.: Request to rezone property south of Normandy Boulevard. from PUD-SC to Agriculture zoning district.
 - **2019-0186 Conventional Rezoning** – 1367 Chaffee Rd.: Request to rezone from PUD to RLD-80 for single-family development.
 - **2019-0194 Planned Unit Development Rezoning** – 4851 Collins Rd.: Rezoning from RMD-A, IBP and PUD 2006-281 to PUD 2006-281 to PUD. The rezoning to PUD is for multi-family, like the previous PUD, but includes three new parcels and increases the maximum density.

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- **E-19-021 Zoning Exception** – 8635 Blanding Blvd.: Request to permit full alcohol sales in conjunction with a restaurant.
- **AD-19-020 Administrative Deviation** – 2709 McGirts Cove: Request to reduce yard (along waterfront) from 20 feet to 3 feet for porch/deck area.
- **AD-19-010 Administrative Deviation** – 5120 Salonika Ln.: Request to increase fence height from 4 feet to 6 feet in required front yard.

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

6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **Cecil Area** – Bruce Tyson reported that a bus tour of Cecil Field is scheduled for May 9, 2019. The ticket price is \$20 and the tour will begin at 8 a.m. Registration deadline is May 6, 2019. Mr. Tyson reported that the construction of the new fire station is moving forward, and an open house is planned sometime in May or June. The rocket launch testing pad is in place and the first text launch is scheduled for some time in September or December.
- **Transportation** – Tom Martin reported for the April 3, 2019 North Florida TPO CAC meeting:
 - North Florida TPO CAC received a update presentation on the Smart Regions by Jeff Sheffield, TPO Executive Director. There were a number of questions concerning the Hart/Talleyrand Expressway project. The available documentation on design of the U2C Program, the Bay Street Innovation Corridor, and the Hart/Talleyrand Expressway seem to conflict, however Mr. Sheffield said there was no conflict. At the FDOT public meeting on March 14, 2019, the majority of those present opposed the project. Mt. Sheffield pointed out a design issue with the portion of Bay Street that is now one-way.
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved the FDOT request to amend the FY 2018/19 through FY 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for funding 26 miscellaneous projects in Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties. Most of the projects are for engineering work or railroad crossing upgrades. Also included is funding for Urban Core Riverfront Revitalization and the Complete Streets Miscellaneous Construction project (Hart Bridge).
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved the JTA request to amend the FY 2018/19 through FY 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FY 2018/19 through FY 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for a Transit Oriented Development Pilot Grant. This planning grant is to look at the potential development and transit ridership in a half mile radius around each planned U2C stops in the area from Forest Street to Talleyrand Avenue and from 8th Street to San Marco.
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved the staff request to amend the FY 2018/19 through 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for an increase in available funds.
 - North Florida TPO CAC received a short list of suggested studies for inclusion in the FY 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The approval of the FY 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is scheduled for the May meeting.
 - North Florida TPO CAC received the draft project sections of the FY 2019/20 through FY 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - North Florida TPO CAC received a presentation on the annual assessment for each county and each transportation authority.
 - North Florida TPO CAC received a presentation on the Path Forward Survey by Wiley Page of Atkins.
 - North Florida TPO CAC received an update presentation on the Transit Development Plan by Suraya Teeple (JTA) and Jeanette Berk of the consulting firm Gannett Fleming, Inc.The next North Florida TPO CAC meeting will be held Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 2 p.m.
- **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin announced that the Matching Grant Program will be available again sometime in August or September. Michelle advised CPAC members to meet with their associations, neighborhoods and civic groups to start planning their projects for this year's Matching Grant opportunity. Michelle announced that in order to participate in the Matching Grant program, organizations must be registered in the Neighborhood

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Services Office Directory of Neighborhoods, be registered and have active status in the Florida Division of Corporations and start raising funds for their projects.

Michelle Godwin may be contacted at (904) 255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net.

- 7. Chair's Report** – CPAC Chair, Shirley Lowry announced that Doctor Crosby has volunteered to be the Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Chair, and is in need of one more volunteer in order to start meeting. If interested please contact Michelle after the meeting.
 - 8. Unfinished Business** - None
 - 9. New Business** – Chair Shirley Lowry announced that everyone should have received an email from Michelle regarding suggestions for the Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Ms. Lowry advised that this is an opportunity to express a need within your community. Ms. Lowry asked for CIP suggestions from CPAC members, and said if there are no suggestions now they maybe emailed to Michelle at Michellelegw@coj.net no later than May 15th.
 - Mr. Martin suggested the completion of Enterprise Park located at 9401 Argyle Forest Blvd. be added as an item to the Capital Improvement Program.
 - Dr. Crosby will bring his suggestion regarding a needed drainage project once he has done more research.
 - 10. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements**
 - Sunny Gettinger introduced herself to CPAC members and announced she will be in the run off for City Council District 14.
 - Celestine Mills introduced herself to CPAC members and will be in the runoff election for City Council District 10.
 - City Council Member, District 10, Terrance Freeman announced he is in the runoff election for At Large Member, Group 1.
 - 11. Adjourn:** Chair Shirley Lowry adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
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Next CPAC Meeting: **May 13, 2019** 6:30 p.m. Lane Wiley Senior Center 6710 Wiley Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210.

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

A copy of the audio recording of this Southwest CPAC meeting is available through a Public Information Request by calling 630-CITY. Details about Public Records can be found on the City's Website: [Public Records](#).