

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 8, 2024, Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 1986 6982 Passcode: 636927

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members In-Person: Christina Purdy, Chair; Len Burroughs, MHPA.; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Sheriff Watch; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Dr. Willie Crosby, Sweet Water Church of Christ.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA, Vice Chair; Chris Ramseyer, Watermill HOA; Ernest Surmons, Glenda Meadows HOA; Sandy Simpson, Chimney Lakes HOA.

Visitors: David Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Phyllis Mattox, NEFHSC; Rae Walker, Sheriff Watch; John Chapman; Lewen Brunson, Blue Zone Jax; Charles Garrison, Planning Commission.

Visitors via Zoom: D. Barr, Jermaine Noble, Cecelia Evans, Thomas Martin, Watermill HOA.

Staff and Elected Officials: Chief Damian Bell, JFRD; Asst Chief, Eric Redgate, JSO; Kathleen Collins, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Tiffany Morales, MVA; Michael Hoffman, MCCD; Dan Piastuck, Parks, Recreation and Community Development; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Purdy called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The November 13, 2023, summary was approved by the CPAC with the correction to the listing of Bill Fonferek's organization from Watermill HOA to Westland Communities HOA.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:** None.
- 4. Presentation:** Kathleen Collins, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, briefly presented the five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Ms. Collins outlined the requirements for a CIP project, the process through which the request and selection of projects must go through, important dates for meetings, and due dates for various board reports.
Kathleen Collins may be reached at (904) 255-5358 or KathleenC@coj.net.
- 5. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Assistant Chief Eric Redgate provided the crime stats for December 2023.
 - There has been a reduction in the number of crimes against property. However, motor vehicle thefts and thefts from motor vehicles and homes have increased. JSO recently arrested four juveniles for stealing several cars and then crashing them into businesses and burglarizing the businesses.
 - JSO now has a Violent Crime Task Force in place. It specifically addresses violent crime in all sectors or subsectors. In the last five days, the task force has made four misdemeanor arrests, seized a large quantity of drugs, stolen cars, and two guns, and arrested the juveniles driving stolen vehicles.
 - Citizens can reduce burglaries in their homes by using cameras and alarm systems, locking doors and windows, and building good relationships with their neighbors so they can watch their homes while they are away.
 - It is always a good idea to report suspicious people in your community. Alter your arrival and departure times when possible.
 - Lock your firearms in a safe; do not leave loaded guns in your unlocked vehicle.
 - Citizens should take pictures of expensive items and log their serial numbers.
 - Sheriff's Watch meets the first Thursday of each month at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd.

Assistant Chief Eric Redgate may be reached at (904) 573-3165

6. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD) – Chief Damion Bell reported:

- Ladders have a life expectancy and should be replaced if shaky when climbing them. To prevent falling, do not stand on the top step.
- When taking your Christmas lights down, check your electrical outlets for overloading, fraying, and damage, such as discoloration or melting, before packing them up for the year. Especially the ones that
- The new year, specifically daylight savings, is a great time to change your smoke detector batteries.
- Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. Discolored or yellowing smoke detectors indicate that it is time to be replaced.
- Keep the type of smoke detectors you use in your home consistent to ensure they all go off simultaneously.
- Check the supplies in your car's emergency kit and flashlight to ensure nothing has expired, and the batteries have not expired or corroded.
- Check on family and friends before a severe weather event to ensure they are prepared and afterward to make sure they are safe.

Chief Damion Bell may be reached at (904) 255-3298.

7. Chair's Report: Christina Purdy introduced herself as the new Southwest CPAC Chair. She asked everyone to continue spreading the word about CPAC and inviting people to the meetings. Mrs. Godwin-Ware can give brochures to those interested in CPAC to hand out once they have been updated.

8. Staff Reports:

• **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:

- All the library locations will be closed on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, due to the severe weather warning.
- Mayor Donna Deegan's River City Readers program will host a kick-off event on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Main Library. The program is a citywide literacy challenge for students of all ages and will run through 2024. During the event, children's author Vincent Taylor will perform. Children will receive free backpacks and books. For information, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com.
- On Monday, January 22, 2024, the Willow Branch Library will host a Junior Lit Chat with author Karen Chow. Ms. Chow will discuss her latest book, *Miracle*, for children ages five to 12. Participants may speak with Ms. Chow, and a limited number of her books will be given out to those who arrive early.
- The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will provide free tax preparation beginning February 2, 2024. Tax assistance will run through April 12, 2024. The Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library will offer service on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tax assistance will be provided at another library location in March during early and regular voting. Registration will begin on January 17, 2024. You must register online or by phone at (904) 701-3462. For more information, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com.
- The Charles Webb Wesconnett Library is hosting Literacy Night on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in conjunction with the Duval County Public Schools Literacy Week. Those who obtain a library card will receive a special treat. For more information, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at www.jpl.com.

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

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

- JTA will set up a table at Mayor Deegan's River City Readers program at the Main Library on Saturday, January 27, 2024. JTA will inform citizens about the My Ride 2 School Program, which allows Middle and High School students to ride the bus for free when they show their student ID. For more information on the My Ride 2 School Program, visit the JTA website at www.jta.com.
- Citizens may stay informed about any changes or disruptions to service during a storm or bad weather by following JTA on social media or using the JTA mobile App for updates. Customers are always welcome to call the customer service call center at (904) 630-3100 for updates. Visit JTA's website <https://www.jtafla.com/> for more information.

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

- **Military of Veterans Affairs (MVA)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported that:
 - The Veterans Stand Down will occur Friday, January 26, 2024, and Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, 510 Fairgrounds Place. Services provided on January 26, 2024, include employment, medical, shelter, and housing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services provided from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on January 27, 2024 include dental, food, clothing, Veteran Center and Veteran Affairs Services from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tiffany Morales may be contacted at (904) 255-5524 or tmorales@coj.net.

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Michael Hoffman, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 1,142 cases were completed in November. A total of 879 cases were completed in December. A project was completed along Lane Avenue from Wilson Boulevard to Normandy Boulevard.

Michael Hoffman may be contacted at (904)255-5581 or Lhoffman@coj.net.

- **Parks, Recreation, and Community Service (PRCS)** – Dan Piastuck, Parks District Manager, provided an update on park renovations.
 - A new inclusive playground is being installed at Ringhaver Park. The estimated completion date is the end of January.
 - Boone Park Tennis Center renovations are ongoing. The estimated completion date is spring 2024.
 - Improvement to the Nature Center at Tillie Fowler Regional Park is progressing.
 - Currently, all city community centers and senior centers are being reviewed to see if any can be repurposed for additional resources.
 - PRCS is in the process of assisting the Cecil Field Golf Club partner with the repair of the irrigation pump system.
 - PRCS has a service contract for mulch to be added monthly to any site needing replacement or filling. The mulch is measured to determine if it needs to be replenished.
 - Preparation for this year's summer programs has begun. Openings are available for lifeguards. The salary for this position has increased to \$15 an hour. Returning or experienced lifeguards will be paid \$15.50 an hour. Please visit <https://www.coj.net/employment> for a listing of the current job openings.

Dan Piastuck may be reached at (904) 255-7918 or DPiastuck@coj.net.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Chair Purdy reported that the subcommittee reviewed six applications. The Southwest CPAC's LUZ subcommittee had no opposition to any of the applications. CPAC members passed the following applications.
 - **Ordinance 2023-0851 – Conventional Rezoning – 6010 Firestone Rd., RE# 014561 0000:** The applicant seeks to rezone from RR-Acre to RMD-D to permit multi-family development on 1.96 acres of land.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0002 – Conventional Rezoning – 6330 118th St., RE# 098213 0000:** The application seeks to rezone 0.51 acres of land from RLD-60 to RMD-D to permit multi-family uses.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0006 – Conventional Rezoning – 0 Schindler Drive (across from Weston Subdivision) RE# 015137 05000:** The applicant seeks to rezone 9.62 acres from RR-Acre to PBF-2 to permit a senior living development on the property.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0010- PUD Rezoning – 6315 Old Wesconnett Blvd., RE# 097881 0000:** The applicant seeks to rezone 3 acres from RR Acre to PUD to allow for up to 48 townhome units.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0016 – PUD Rezoning – 0 Normandy Village Parkway, RE# 007628 0000:** The applicant seeks to rezone 8.37 acres from PUD to PUD to allow for an additional 68,000 sq. ft. of hospital space within the PUD.
 - **E-23-90 – Zoning Exception – 4630 Blanding Blvd., RE# 012867 0000:** This exception is being sought to permit an indoor gun range in the CCG-2 zoning district (St. Nicholas Gun).
Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 or AHetzel@coj.net
 - **T.R.U.E. Commission** – No Report
 - **Parks Safety Council (PSC)** – No Report

10. **Unfinished Business** - None

11. **New Business** – None

12. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report: Michelle Godwin-Ware recognized Ernest Surmons and Angelia Dickerson-Wallace of Glenda Meadows Homeowners Association as new Southwest CPAC members. Mr. Surmons and Ms. Dickerson-Wallace's appointment letters from Mayor Donna Deegan will be mailed. Mrs. Godwin-Ware also announced that the Neighborhood Awards and CPAC 30th Anniversary photos are now available on the Neighborhood Services Office website: <https://www.jacksonville.gov/neighborhoodawards>.

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

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

14. Adjourn: Chair Purdy adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: February 12, 2024, 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 emailed to members.

Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: February 12, 2024, 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 emailed to members.

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

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