

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 14, 2021 Meeting Summary

Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: 953 4177 6452 Passcode: 276301

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members In-Person: Dr. Willie Crosby, Chair; Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Peggy Meyers, Hyde Grove Terrace; Dewey Walker, Springtree HOA; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA; Len Burroughs, MHPA.; Tom Martin, Watermill Masters HOA

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Christina Purdy, Vice Chair; Cecil Pines Adult Living Community; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; Linda Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair, Inc.; Darrell Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair

Visitors: Victor Ward, Sweetwater Church in Christ, Mary Rumph, Aisha Rumph, David Lowry, Ella Bonner, Westin HOA; Susan McCallaugh, COEA; Angela Robinson; Mary & Aisha Rump; Reginald Lucas

Staff and Elected Officials: Dorian Bush, Executive Assistant to Council Member Garrett Dennis District 9, Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ron Salem, Warren Jones, Duval County School Board; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Sgt. Abigail Ellis, JSO; Jennifer Walter, ACPS; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Ernest Murphy, MCCD; Jeremy Wright, Public Works; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development.

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The May 10, 2021, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
- 4.** Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to Council Member at Large Group 2, Ron Salem, provided an update on the Mental Health Offender Pilot Program (MHOP) and advised that the pilot program has been a success so far. Council Member Salem is working to make MHOP a permanent program. Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255 – 5146 or nevans@coj.net
 - Warren Jones, Duval County School Board, reported that most of the schools on the west side are looking at a 90% graduation rate or higher. Mr. Jones also reported that they will be building a new school, Kindergarten through 8th grade on Chase Road. A design preview will be held in order to get the community's input. Mr. Jones announced that Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary is in design phase and will be the first elementary on the Southwest side to be replaced using the ½ cent referendum. Mr. Jones also announced that the Board voted unanimously to make wearing masks optional unless there is another surge in COVID-19 cases. The Board is still deciding on whether masks will be required on school buses. The student desk shields will only be used during group work at the elementary school level, and there will be no temperature checks, and no more Duval Virtual Homeroom. Parents who are not comfortable with their student returning to in person instruction may enroll their child in Duval Virtual at Florida if they wish to continue the virtual platform. Summer is in session and school will be back in on August 10th. You may visit Duval County Public Schools website, www.DCPS.duvalschools.org for more information on everything discussed tonight. Warren Jones may be reached at jonesw2@duvalschools.org
 - Dorian Bush, Executive Assistant to Council Member Garrett Dennis District 9, had no report but was available for questions.
- 5. Presentation:** None
- 6. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Sgt. Abigail Ellis, reported that homicides are down 50 percent, home invasion robberies are up, car jackings have doubled, robberies to businesses are up, aggravated batteries are up, residential burglaries are down 22 percent, and auto burglaries are down 25 percent. Sergeant Ellis also reported that there has been a 76 percent increase in hit and runs. Sergeant Ellis advised that if anyone ever becomes a victim of a hit and run, they should try and get as much

information as possible; such as license plate number, vehicle description, and driver description in order help the investigation.

Sgt. Abigail Ellis may be reached at (904) 573-3165

7. **Chair's Report:** Chair Crosby reminded CPAC members that there are still funds available for the mortgage relief program, which is available to those who have been affected by COVID-19. You may qualify for up to six months of mortgage payment or a \$7,500. payment will be made directly to the mortgage company. Chair Crosby also reminded CPAC members that the Neighborhood Services Office is offering Robert's Rules of Order Training on Thursday, June 24, 2021. The training is hybrid and registration is required. You may reach out to Ms. Godwin if you have further questions and would like to register.

8. **Staff Reports:**

- **Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS)** – Jennifer Walter, Chief ACPS, reported that to date the shelter has taken in 4000 animals, and is currently taking care of 800 animals total between in shelter and foster care. Ms. Walter reminded CPAC members that it is kitten season. So far, 800 kittens have been brought into the shelter. The shelter is looking for fosters and adoptive parents. Ms. Walter announced that ACPS has 15 Animal Control Officers servicing all of Duval County 365 days a year. Jennifer Walter may be contacted at jenniferw@coj.net
 - **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported that the library will be hosting a series of community meetings during the last two weeks in June as part of the Urban Branch Facilities Master Plan. The library is looking at five urban locations and their buildings, assessing to see if they are meeting the needs of their community. Murray Hill Library will host its community meeting on June 28, 2021, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., and will provide a tour of the branch at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Ms. Baldwin announced that all 20 library branch locations are returning to pre COVID hours starting Monday, June 21, 2021. A list of hours can be found on the Jacksonville Public Library website www.jaxpubliclibrary.org. Ms. Baldwin announced that the Summer Learning program began on June 1st. The Webb Westconnett branch will have in person story time every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., through the end of July. You can find more information about the hours of programming services on the Jacksonville Public Libraries website as well. Lynne Baldwin may be contacted at (904) 338-4383 or at LBaldwin@coj.net.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Ernest Murphy, Senior Code Compliance Officer, reported 1,074 inspections were completed, and 13,000 inspections have been completed year to date. A total of 333 snipe signs have been removed over the past 30 days. The next systematic inspection will take place in the Oak Hill area. Currently there is no inspection date scheduled. Mr. Murphy reminded CPAC members that the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) is still available for those who need abatement services due to disability or economic disadvantage. To find out if you qualify for the JAR program, visit <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>. Ernest Murphy may be contacted at (904)255-7096 or Emurphy@coj.net
 - **Public Works (PW)** – Jeremy Wright, Compliance Manager, reported that the widening of Chaffee Road is in its final planning phase. Construction of new sidewalks in accordance with pedestrian safety improvements plan will take place for Lenox Avenue beginning this summer. The Tillie Fowler Regional Park kayak launch, paved parking lot and paved trail project is 5 percent complete. Mr. Wright also reported that ADA compliant curb ramp improvements are taking place throughout Zone 4. A total of 432 ramps have been completed so far. Jeremy Wright may be contacted at (904) 255-4353 or wrightj@coj.net
 - **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** - Cheryl Riddick, Director Customer Engagement, reported that JTA will be hosting a groundbreaking celebration on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 10 a.m. located at 8083 Parramore Road, to celebrate the extension of Parramore Road to Youngerman Circle. Ms. Riddick reminded CPAC members that JTA is still offering rides to vaccination locations. You may visit JTA's website <https://www.jtafla.com/riding-jta/ride-to-health> for more details. Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or Criddick@jtafla.com
9. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**
- **LUZ Subcommittee** – Chair Crosby reported that the subcommittee reviewed four applications. The LUZ subcommittee motioned to send a letter in agreement to the Planning and Developments Departments recommendation of denial of application WRF-21-06. The full CPAC approved the motion. Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 AHetzel@coj.net

- **Cecil Field Report** – No report.
- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – No report.
- **Transportation** – Tom Martin provided the following report regarding the North Florida Transportation Planning meeting on June 2, 2021.

Organization (TPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting:

- North Florida TPO CAC approved the CAC Membership request for two Duval County at-large members.
- North Florida TPO CAC approved the FDOT request to amend FY 220/21 through FY 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The projects include two resurfacing projects in Clay County, six resurfacing projects in Duval County, and two resurfacing projects in Nassau County. This amendment is for engineering work and is related to the difference in the start date and federal fiscal year.
- North Florida TPO CAC approved the proposed FY 2021/22 through FY 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A complete draft is available on the North Florida TPO Website.
- North Florida TPO CAC received a presentation on the Jacksonville Aviation Authority by Mark Vanloh, CEO. Jacksonville Aviation Authority operates and maintains four airports: Jacksonville International Airport, Cecil Airport, Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport and Herlong Recreational Airport. Cecil Airport is an industrial airport and a spaceport for horizontal launch spacecrafts. The JAA generates their income from the fees charged to users and tenant such as airlines, concessionaires, vehicle parking, leased land and buildings. Most of this income is used to offset operation and maintenance cost. Parking is their biggest source of income.
North Florida TPO CAC received an update presentation on the Smart North Florida by Jeff Sheffield. The next North Florida TPO CAC meeting will be held Wednesday, August 4, 2021. at 2 p.m.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business – Chair Crosby announced that he would like to form a membership committee to assist with increasing the Southwest CPAC's membership, and to ensure as many people as possible know about CPAC's. Chair Crosby asked that everyone think about it, and he will make the selection of the Membership Subcommittee during the CPAC's meeting in August.

12. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report - Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, reminded CPAC members that as part of the CPAC, members must complete Ethics training every four years. A list was provided of those members who need to take the training this year. Ms. Godwin-Ware also announced that there is now an online cleanup and inventory management system where members or anyone who is interested may register a clean-up and request supplies. This may be done by going to www.Jaxnhorg.coj.net.

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

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements - None

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

Next CPAC Meeting: August 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m. In person at Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 953 4177 6452 Passcode: 276301. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: August 9, 2021, 5:30 p.m. In person at Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 953 4177 6452 Passcode: 276301. 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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