

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 9, 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; Jacquelyn Woods, Cedar Hills Estates Community Association; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; 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; Sandra Simmons, Blue Lake Estates 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; Lewan Brunson.

Staff and Elected Officials: Breyuanna White, Executive Assistant to Council Member Tyrone Clark-Murray, District 9; Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Lt. J.P. Garriott, JSO; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Don Tuten, JEA; Jared Chemay, MCCC; Jeremy Wright, Public Works; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Valerie Feinberg, Urban Forestry Management.

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Purdy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The CPAC will approve the previous meeting summaries during August's meeting.
3. **Mayor's Staff Reports:** No Report
4. **Elected Officials: Council Member** Rahman Johnson, District 14, announced that he is seeking to codify the Neighborhood Bill of Rights (NBR) and embed it into Jacksonville's Municipal Code Compliance ordinance, making the resolution legally impactful. Councilman Johnson believes there would be many benefits to codifying the NBR and expects to file an ordinance by the third quarter of 2025. Council Member Rahman Johnson, Ph.D., District 14 - (904) 613-6820 or Rahman@coj.net.
5. **Guest Speaker/Presentation:**
David Nackashi, Mural Artist for the Lane Wiley Park Project, & Kat Wright, Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville Public Art Director, provided a presentation highlighting examples of Mr. Nackashi's artwork displayed throughout the city. Mrs. Wright provided a survey for CPAC members to complete, which will be used to help with the design concept of the mural wrap for the Lane Wiley Picnic Shelter.
Kat Wright – (904) 944-3606 or Kwright@culturalcouncil.org
6. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Russell Lloyd reported:
 - Year to date, crimes against persons and property have decreased 15%.
 - Due to children being out of school for the summer, we may see a slight increase in burglaries to residential areas and burglaries of vehicles.
 - Residents should remember to practice the 9 p.m. check and make sure all their doors are locked, their garage door is closed, and that their vehicles are locked. Do not leave valuables or firearms inside your car. Many of the guns used during a crime have been stolen from an unlocked vehicle.**Lt. Lloyd** – (904) 828-5463.

7. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD) – Lt. Clarence Hodge provided the CPAC with information regarding stroke and heart attack signs and symptoms, and how to provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). In the event of an emergency, call 911 immediately.

- If a person is unresponsive, call 911 and start CPR immediately, which consists of chest compressions only, because it circulates blood flow and leftover oxygen that's in the body.
- Mayor Donna Deegan and Patrick Green, FACHE, Chief Executive Officer of UF Health Jacksonville, JFRD, Chief Powers were present at the unveiling of the first Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit (MSTU) that is housed at Fire-Rescue Station 64 located at 10865 Harts Rd. The MSTU is a joint initiative between UF Health and the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD). It is one of only three programs in Florida and the only one operating 24/7/365. The Unit is equipped to deliver stroke diagnosis and provide life-saving care before a patient reaches the hospital.
- Everyone should get a physical every year to be checked for Diabetes and High Blood Pressure. Citizens may visit any fire station to have their blood pressure screened for free. It can be checked six days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Citizens should also follow up with their physicians and undergo a physical examination even after having their blood pressure checked at a fire station.

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

8. Chairs Report: The Chair announced that:

- She volunteered on the opening day of Neighborhoods USA 50th Anniversary Conference and staffed a CPAC information booth.
- On the second Saturday in November, Cecil Pines will host its annual car show. Cecil Pines won one of the 2024 Neighborhood Awards during the awards program at the Prime Osborne on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

9. Staff Reports:

• **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) – Don Tuten, Governmental Affairs, reported:**

- Don Tuten encouraged CPAC members to become familiar with the JEA website and review the Storm Center and Outage Center links. JEA will continue to use its Power Restoration 1, 2, 3 processes to quickly assess and repair service to facilities, customers, and restore isolated outages. CPAC members can visit https://www.jea.com/storm_center/power_restoration_process/ to learn more about Power Restoration 1, 2, 3.
- JEA now has dedicated staff members who are part of JEA's Solar Concierge program. The program's goal is to provide citizens with as much information as possible to assist them in making a fully informed decision before purchasing and installing a rooftop solar system.
- A new mobile app called "My JEA" has been launched. It allows customers to manage their utility accounts from their smartphones. The app also enables users to track outages, request payment assistance, and update account information.
- If customers are having some challenges for the month, they can request payment assistance by either calling JEA's customer center or making an appointment online to visit the customer center.
- Every third Wednesday of the month, JEA hosts a Senior Day at the JEA Headquarters downtown. The event brings various city resources to one location. A JEA representative will also be there to assist seniors with their bills. The next event is Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JEA Headquarters, 225 N. Pearl St.
- To minimize your risk of getting scammed by someone using JEA as a cover, please remember that JEA will never require a customer to purchase a prepaid card to pay their bill. JEA also does not take payments from Cash App, Venmo, Bitcoin, or PayPal. We will never ask for your bank information over the phone. Customers can make payments through JEA's website, through the new JEA app, by phone, by automatic bank draft, by mail, or in person. Do not open the door for someone claiming to be with JEA and stating they are there to cut off your power; instead, call the police. We will never visit your home without arranging an appointment with you in advance.

Don Tuten - Dtuten@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant, Library Services I, reported:
 - Summer Reading started with a splash last week with Summer Kick-Off Parties at each of the seven branches on the Westside. A total of 1,038 people attended the parties last week, and 635 free books were given away to customers. Printed calendars for each branch, highlighting the programs and activities scheduled for this month, were available. Citizens can also check out the JPL website at <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/summer-learning> for more information. Summer Reading runs through Saturday, August 2, 2025.
 - The James Weldon Johnson Young Writers' Festival is taking place at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., in the Conference Center, beginning on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, and running through June 14, 2025.
 - The 4th Annual Duval Comic and Zine Fest takes place at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will feature over 90 zine and comic creators along with activities, workshops, and a Lit Chat.
 - The Libraries will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025, in honor of the Juneteenth Holiday and Friday, July 4, 2025, for the Independence Day Holiday.

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** - Jared Chemay, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported:
 - To date, 788 inspections have been completed, resulting in 8,030 inspections for the year.
 - A proactive project was started on June 4, 2025, in the Jacksonville Heights neighborhood. This project has been broken down into two phases. Municipal Code Officers wrote a total of 117 cases during the first phase of the project. The estimated completion of phase one is the middle of the month.
 - It is illegal to place signage, or litter signs, on public rights-of-way. Fines start at \$50 per day for the first five signs found posted. The fine increases to \$150 for more than five signs. Once the violator has been adjudicated guilty, and the violation is committed again, the fine increases to \$300 per sign and counts as the third violation. Fines can be as high as \$500 per sign. Signs attached to a public utility pole higher than five feet can result in a \$350 fine for the first offense. Officers are proactively removing the illegal signs.
 - It is imperative that home addresses are visible from the street. It enables emergency vehicles, especially during an emergency, to reach a resident.

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

- **Military Affairs and Veteran Department (MAVD)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Manager, reported:
 - Meredith Stanford, a Girl Scout, has created a link for the Military Affairs and Veterans Departments website regarding the Veteran Memorial wall. You can go to the website and click on the image of the Veteran Memorial wall and look up anyone that's on the wall by their name, last name, or High School.
 - The city will host a Purple Heart Recognition Day on Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Wall, 1145 E. Adams St. The event will honor and remember all who have received the Purple Heart Medal while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the United States Armed Services.

Tiffany Morales – (904) 255-5524 or TMorales@coj.net.

- **Public Works (PW)** – Jeremy Wright, Facility Manager, reported that:
 - He provided Michelle with a copy of the active Capital Improvement projects for the Southwest District to forward to everyone. If anyone has any questions, he would be happy to answer them to the best of his ability or direct them to the proper person in Public Works.
 - The widening of Old Middleburg Road is in progress and is 38% complete.
 - The dredging off Wills Branch is in procurement. The last time the area was dredged was in 2008.
 - Next fiscal year, the Wells Road Bridge will be replaced. It is 54 years old and one of the few remaining old timber bridges in the city.

Jeremy Wright - (904) 255-4331 or WrightJ@coj.net.

10. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee:** Chair Purdy announced that the Southwest CPAC LUZ Subcommittee reviewed four applications. The Southwest CPAC LUZ Subcommittee suggested approving the four applications. The applications were reviewed and discussed by the full CPAC. A motion was made to approve the recommendations by the LUZ Subcommittee. The motions were seconded and unanimously passed by the CPAC.
- **2025-0364 – Rezoning to a PUD- 11203 Branan Field Rd.:** The applicant seeks to rezone approximately 79.33 acres of property from RR-Acre to PUD. The parcels are located north of Branan Field Road and West of Cecil Commerce Center Parkway. The applicant plans to construct 283 single-family homes, with lot widths ranging from 40 to 50 feet.
- **2025-0368 – Rezoning to a Conventional Zoning – 9554 103rd St.:** The property is partially zoned CO and RMD-D and is adjacent to CCG-1, PUD, and residential. The proposed change from CO to CCG-1 would be compatible with the surrounding uses. The remaining portion of the parcel will remain RMD-D.
- **2025-0418 – Rezoning to Conventional Zoning – 8301 103rd St.:** This application is for the back portion of the parcel that is now zoned Commercial Office (CO). This will allow the owner to have a more cohesive parcel with a single zoning district for the entire parcel. It is compatible with the zoning to the east, 2024-918, which allows for CCG-2 use.
- **Tracking #6178 – 0 Normandy Boulevard:** The applicant proposes to rezone approximately 14.55 acres. Current zoning of the property is RMD-A. The property is proposed to be rezoned to PUD, allowing for the development of up to 255 multi-family units in two phases.

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

- **Taxation Revenue Utilization Expenditure (T.R.U.E.) Commission** – No Report
- **Parks Safety Council (PSC)** – No Report

11. Unfinished Business – None

12. New Business – None

13. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:

Michelle Godwin-Ware presented Chair Purdy with a certificate of appreciation for volunteering to assist with the setup of the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference and staffing a CPAC information booth. Michelle reported that:

- The Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference seemed to be a success. There were an estimated 600 people from various parts of the USA in attendance.
- 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.

14. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- **Rae Walker** announced that the Zone 4 Sheriff Watch will be held a week later because of the 4th of July holiday. They will meet at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., on Thursday, July 10th. The Narcotics Unit will present to the group. Additionally, a community meeting is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8701 Argyle Forest Blvd., to gather input and review the map regarding the upcoming improvements to Schindler Drive, from Collins Road to 103rd Street. On July 22, 2025, a town hall meeting will be held at First Christian School, located at 7587 Blanding Blvd., beginning at 6 p.m. Sheriff T. K. Waters will be the main speaker.
- **Michelle Godwin** thanked Jared Chemay, Code Compliance Supervisor, for being the navigator for the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Neighborhood Bus Tour.
- **Council Member Rahman Johnson, Ph.D., District 14**, will host a community meeting at the Argyle Branch Library, 7973 Old Middleburg Rd., on Thursday, July 12, 2025, at 6 p.m.

15. Adjourn: Chair Purdy adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: August 11, 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.

Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: August 11, 2025, 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 sent to members.

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](#).

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