

# Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## May 13, 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:** Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA, Vice Chair; Len Burroughs, MHPA; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Sheriff's Watch; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Shirle Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Jason Roberts, Neighborhood Watch District 4; 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; Tameka Wolfe-McKenzie, Tamika's School of Epicure.

**Visitors:** Phyllis Mattox, NEFHSC; Rae Walker, Sheriff's Watch; John Chapman; Susan Baker, St John Point.

**Visitors via Zoom:** Sandy Simmons; Jermaine Noble, Cecelia Evans, Thomas Martin, Watermill HOA; Linda and David Barrow, Cynthia; Lewen Brunson, Blue Zones Project Jacksonville.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Council Member Rahman Johnson, District 14; Randy Wishard, Mosquito Control, Asst. Chief, Eric Redgate, JSO; Capt. Ben Kodatt, JFRD; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Earnest Murphy, MCC Administrator; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Clarence (Chip) Harper, Military Affairs and Veterans; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office.

### Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Vice** Chair Fonferek 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 approved the April 8, 2024, summary.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
  - **Council Member Rahman Johnson, District 14**, announced that:
  - The North CPAC wrote and sent a letter of resolution to City Council members, the Office of General Counsel, the Planning Department, and the Planning Commission asking for support in having the CPAC comments on Land Use and Zoning applications read at City Council and Land Use and Zoning meetings. Council Member Rahman Johnson stated he responded by email to Jamie Lacy, the Chair of the North CPAC, regarding the resolution. He said that he reads each CPAC letter of recommendation. In his response, he explained the standards to which the City Council Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee is held and that, due to time restraints, it is not practical to read every letter of recommendation received by all six CPACs during the meeting.
  - He advised that he did not know what the plans for the stadium look like.
  - He provided an update regarding the widening of Old Middleburg Road and advised that they are waiting on two parcels of land to go through eminent domain proceedings. He has spoken with Public Works and School Board member Charlotte Joyce about the possibility of adding a turning lane along Old Middleburg Road for entering Enterprise Learning Academy in the hopes of easing traffic during drop-off and pickup. He has asked the Traffic Engineering Division for a traffic study of the area and will provide the CPAC with the results when he receives them.
  - He has spoken with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Daryl Joseph, about a senior center for the Argyle, Collins, Old Middleburg area, as well as State Representative Wyman Duggan and Senator Tracy Davis, who have agreed to put the appropriation for the project in the State budget. Council Member Johnson had the former Lucky Food Mart in mind, but the property is still under lease. He is working to identify another building.

**Council Member Rahmon Johnson, District 14** - (904) 255- 5214 or [Rahman@coj.net](mailto:Rahman@coj.net).

- 4. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Assistant Chief Eric Redgate provided crime statistics for April 2024.
- Overall, crime has decreased 2.69% over the last 30 days, and violent crimes are down 14.57%. Unfortunately, property crime is up 16.24%. This is being driven by motor vehicle theft. This is because of the social media videos on how to steal Kia and Hyundai vehicles. It is highly recommended that owners of these types of cars get the update to help prevent theft.
  - There is also an increase in U-haul thefts. They have been found with stolen merchandise in them.
  - JSO is working diligently to address the semi-tracker trailer parking issue in the neighborhoods. Officers are monitoring Jammes Road, Queen of Hearts Court, and Oak Leaf Plantation Parkway. Many have received traffic citations or written warnings. The midnight patrol officers assist in enforcing traffic laws when the Traffic Division isn't on the clock.
  - The City and JSO's Blight Unit are working to address and clean the large homeless encampment at Lane Avenue, Wilson Boulevard, and several other locations in District 4. Mental health professionals accompany JSO to provide resources to those who want it.
  - Sheriff's Watch meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd.

**Asst. Chief Eric Redgate** - (904) 573-3165.

- 5. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Captain Ben Kodatt reported:
- Fire Station 47 off Ethel Road near the Jacksonville National Cemetery reopened.
  - JFRD provides and installs free smoke detectors for any qualifying Jacksonville resident who owns and lives in a single-family or two-family residence. For a free smoke detector or to replace batteries in an existing device, please call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or register by visiting the MyJax website [MyJax Customer Help](#).

**Capt. Kodatt** - (904) 630-0284.

- 6. Chair's Report:** Vice Chair Bill Fonferek reported:
- CPAC members were invited to participate in a survey to provide feedback on the North Florida Transportation Planning Office's annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The survey must be completed by June 2, 2024.
  - The FDOT sent a letter notifying CPAC members and the community about a proposed median modification for 103rd Street and Old Middleburg Road South. A meeting is scheduled virtually and in person at the Argyle Branch Library, 7973 Old Middleburg Rd. S. For the details, please contact Mr. Wayne Tooker at (904) 360-5654 or [Wayne.TookerJr@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Wayne.TookerJr@dot.state.fl.us).

**7. Staff Reports:**

- **Mosquito Control** – Chief Randy Wishard reported:
  - Mosquito season has begun. Citizens may call 630-CITY (2489) to schedule a mosquito inspection and spray. If a justifiable number of mosquitos are found, a mosquito truck will be sent to spray the site.
  - To decrease the number of mosquito infestations, check anything that can hold water, such as birdbaths, flowerpots, and gutters, and tip and toss all items in your front and back yards that are or can hold water. Mosquitos like to lay their eggs along the edge of the water. The rain activates the dormant eggs that become larvae, pupa, and adult mosquitoes.
  - Mosquito Control responds to 630-CITY requests in 24 hours to two days max. Treatments such as spraying are done in the evening.
  - Subdivision retention ponds are not sprayed. However, placing fish in retention ponds or having a fountain in the middle that causes the water to move is a great way to decrease larvae hatching.
  - Ditches and storm drains are the top breeders. Mosquito Control has three staff members who inspect every storm drain on a rotation basis and treat them if needed.

**Randy Wishard** - (904) 255-6596 or [Rwishard@coj.net](mailto:Rwishard@coj.net).

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
  - The summer Learning program, Adventure Begins at Your Library, starts June 3, 2024, runs through August 3, 2024, and will be held at each library. This is a free, fun, and educational program with weekly drop-in activities, reading, and book-related challenges for youth up to 18 years and older. Visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/summer-learning> for the details.

- Each location will host a Summer Kick-off Party from June 3rd through June 8th. Those who attend the party will receive their first summer prize book while supplies last.
- The free summer lunch program for kids and teens will begin on June 10, 2024, and run through August 2, 2024, Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library, 6887 103<sup>rd</sup> St. A list of locations and their lunch schedules can be found on the JPL website at <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/summerlunch>. Children can check out books and participate in other fun activities while eating lunch.
- Ms. Baldwin encouraged CPAC members to continue promoting the use of the libraries so their services and funding can be increased. The perks of having a library card are checking out hot spots and laptops, accessing music, audiobooks, and reserving meeting space.

**Lynne Baldwin** - (904) 338-4383 or [LBaldwin@coj.net](mailto:LBaldwin@coj.net).

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)**—Ernest Murphy, Code Compliance Administrator, reported that the Southwest CPAC has a new Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor assigned to them, who will attend next month's meeting.
    - Tires are not allowed to be stored on residential property. Complaints may be submitted by calling (904) 630-CITY (2489) or using the MYJax App. Residents should provide as much information as possible when submitting tickets. MCC Officers respond to tickets within two days.
    - The main number for the Municipal Code Compliance Office is (904) 255-7000.
- Ernest Murphy** - (904)255-7096 or [EMurphy@coj.net](mailto:EMurphy@coj.net).

## 8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Vice Chair Fonferek reported that the subcommittee reviewed three applications, two of which were companions. The Southwest CPAC's LUZ subcommittee had no opposition to any of the applications. CPAC members had no objection to the three applications.
  - **WLD-24-10 – Waiver of Liquor Distance – 2902 Corinthian Ave.:** The applicant seeks to reduce the distance from 500 feet to 322.5 feet from a church/school for the on-premises consumption with a 125-seat restaurant.
  - **ADD24-32—Administrative Deviation – 2902 Corinthian Ave.: Companion to WLD-24-10.** The applicant seeks to decrease the maximum number of off-street parking spaces for a restaurant from 48 to 0.
  - **SW-24-04 – Sign Waiver – 4204 Herschel St.:** The applicant seeks to reduce the sign setback from 10 feet to 2 feet to resurface an existing sign.

**Andy Hetzel** - (904) 255-7821 or [AHetzel@coj.net](mailto:AHetzel@coj.net).
- **Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization Expenditures (T.R.U.E) Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported:
  - The T.R.U.E. Commission met on Thursday, May 9, 2024, in City Hall's Don Davis Room. Robert Linsner from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) explained the office's purpose: to enhance the public's trust in government through investigations, audits, and contract oversight. Citizens, city staff, and elected officials may call (904) 255-5800 or email [InspectorGeneral@coj.net](mailto:InspectorGeneral@coj.net) to report possible allegations of waste, fraud, misconduct, mismanagement, or abuse in county or municipal government.
  - The commission has requested Alex Alexander, Chief of Sports and Entertainment, to discuss the City's contract with venue management company ASM Global. There are questions about whether expenditures are being presented on time to be correctly approved by the City Council.
  - The T.R.U.E. Commission has written Resolution 2024-01, urging the Mayor to include funding in the FY24-25 budget for two positions in the Procurement Division to enhance the procurement and contract management training and certification program included in the ongoing re-write of the City's Procurement Code.
- 9. **Unfinished Business** - Vice Chair Fonferek announced that Ordinance 2024-0142 was approved by the City Council. However, Mr. Hetzel informed him that the Council may have considered the SW CPAC's recommendation for installing a traffic signal to assist with calming the traffic at the intersection of Oakleaf Plantation Parkway and Argyle Forest Boulevard.
- **New Business** – None

- 10. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:** Michelle Godwin-Ware reminded everyone that applications are being accepted for the 2024 Neighborhood Awards program through May 23, 2024. The program is scheduled for November 7, 2024, and will be held in the Main Public Library Auditorium. Each

organization is encouraged to apply to highlight the excellent work and projects they have completed in their neighborhood in 2023. Applications should be hand delivered, emailed, or postmarked by 6 p.m. on May 23, 2024.

**Michelle Godwin-Ware** - 904-255-8236 or [Michelllegw@coj.net](mailto:Michelllegw@coj.net).

#### 11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- **Military Affairs and Veterans Department (MAVD)** - Clarence (Chip) Harper, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, announced that:
  - Jacksonville's fallen heroes will be honored on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024, starting at 8 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, 1145 East Adams St. Parking is free.
  - Military Spouses Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. It will be a free night of pampering for U.S. and allied military spouses of active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and retired service members. A valid Military ID is required. Childcare is not available.
  - Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. has partnered with the City of Jacksonville's Military Affairs and Veterans Department to host a series of Ask-A-Lawyer events for Veterans on the second Tuesday of each month in City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Suite 175. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call the MAVD at (904) 255-5550.
- **Chip Harper** - (904) 255-5537 or [ClarenceH@coj.net](mailto:ClarenceH@coj.net).
- **Bernice Gremer** asked if the CPAC plans to address the closing of various schools. She stated that there is an agreement between the City of Jacksonville and DCPS about maintaining neighborhood schools. Mrs. Godwin-Ware advised that DCPS could not attend tonight's meeting. A representative plans to attend the SW CPAC meeting in June to answer questions about the Master Facility Plan. The DCPS Board will host public meetings in the various districts to obtain community input.
- **Raye Walker** announced that District 4's Sheriff's Watch meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Lane Wiley Senior Center. Those who are interested in starting a neighborhood watch are encouraged to attend.
- **Nora Marcantel** stated that a speed limit sign or speed bumps are needed along Anvers Boulevard near Cedar Hills Elementary School. Children walking to and from school are in danger of being hit by speeding cars.

**12. Adjourn:** Vice Chair Fonferek adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: June 10, 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: June 10, 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.

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