

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

May 9, 2022, Meeting Summary

Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 5805 6180 Passcode: 977007

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members In-Person: Dr. Willie Crosby, Chair; Christina Purdy, Vice-Chair; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Len Burroughs, MHPA; Jackie Woods, Cedar Hills Estates Community Association; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA; Dewey Walker, Springtree HOA; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch Association.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Chris Ramseyer, Watermill HOA

Visitors: Jose Lazcano, MHPA; Danny Grabill, Zealous Chaplain, Eloise Limbric.

Zoom:

Staff and Elected Officials: Dorian Bush, Executive Assistant to Council Member Garrett Dennis, District 9; Lt. Michael Senterfitt, JSO; Noah Ray, Emergency Preparedness Supervisor JFRD; Bryan Mosier, Director of Neighborhoods; Lisa Ransom, NSO Manager; Tracy Pierce, DCPS; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Stephen Shore, MCCD; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Ray Hampton, FDOT

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The summary for April 11, 2022 meeting was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Dorian Bush, Executive Assistant to Council Member Garrett Dennis, District 9, had no report on behalf of Council Member Dennis and opened the floor for questions.
Dorian Bush may be reached at djbush@coj.net.
- 4. Presentation/Guest Speaker:** None
- 5. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Lt. Michael Senterfitt reported that Zone 4 officers are monitoring the drag racing to respond quicker when gatherings occur. Anyone caught spectating or participating in drag racing could face misdemeanor charges.
Lt. Michael Senterfitt may be reached at (904)573-3165.
- 6. Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department (JFRD) –** Noah Ray, Emergency Preparedness Supervisor, reported that The City of Jacksonville Emergency Preparedness Division is preparing for hurricane season. Mr. Ray reported:
 - Hurricane season begins June 1, 2022, and encouraged CPAC members to read the Jacksonville Emergency Preparedness Guide, which will be mailed out starting June 1, 2022. Mr. Ray also reminded citizens to learn their evacuation zone and prepare an evacuation plan and emergency supply kit.
 - Evacuation shelters will be available if needed, but citizens must pay attention to special instructions related to COVID-19.
 - Citizens with special medical needs must register every year for evacuation assistance. Citizens may register online by visiting <https://snr.flhealthresponse.com/> or download the Special Medical Needs registration form by going to the JaxReady website <https://www.jaxready.com/Preparedness/Special-Medical-Needs-Registration.aspx>. Citizens may contact the Emergency Preparedness Office by phone at (904) 255-3172 if they need assistance filling out the registration form.

- Citizens may also register for AlertJax Notifications by visiting <https://www.jaxready.com/Alerts.aspx>.

7. Chair's Report: Chair Crosby welcomed and congratulated Mr. Christopher Ramseyer, from the Watermill Master Homeowner Association, to the Southwest CPAC as a new member of the Southwest CPAC. Chair Crosby reported the following items:

- He received a letter from Teresa Eichner, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, requesting the Southwest CPAC's participation in soliciting suggestions from the various neighborhoods in Planning District 4 to add to the Capital Improvement Plan. The CPAC members must send their recommendations to Ms. Eichner no later than June 17, 2022. Dr. Crosby asked that suggestions be forwarded to Ms. Godwin-Ware no later than June 8, 2022. She will then deliver the information to Chair Crosby to be discussed during the Southwest CPAC's meeting scheduled for June 13, 2022.
- The CPAC Chairs will have their quarterly meeting with Brian Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer, on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Crosby will be happy to take any of the CPAC members' concerns to Mr. Hughes. Please email your concerns to Michelle at Michellegw@coj.net.
- The final draft of the letter in opposition to Senate Bill 60: County and Municipal Code Enforcement has been mailed to Senator Jennifer Bradley.

8. Staff Reports:

• **Neighborhood Department** – Director Bryan Mosier reported the following:

- The Neighborhoods Department includes the following divisions and offices; 630-CITY Customer Service Center, Animal Care and Protective Services, Environmental Quality Division, Housing and Community Development, Mosquito Control, Municipal Code Compliance Division, Neighborhoods Property Administration, Neighborhood Services Office, and Office of Consumer Affairs.
- Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) is at critical capacity. There are 300 dogs currently in the shelter and only 264 kennels. Fosters and dog adopters of medium and large dogs are urgently needed. Citizens may visit the ACPS shelter at 2020 Forest St. in person or visit www.coj.net/pets to view available pets and adoption hours.
- Mosquito season began in April. To help control mosquitos, remove items holding water to decrease the breeding of mosquitos. The removal of leaves from gutters will also reduce the breeding of mosquitos. Citizens can call 630-City to schedule a mosquito inspection and spray.

Director Bryan Mosier may be reached at (904) 255-7005 or bmosier@coj.net.

- **Neighborhood Services Office (NSO)** – Lisa Ransom, Manager of the Neighborhood Services Office, announced the opening of its annual awards competition for 2022, The award theme is "Make Every Connection Count." The 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program is designed to recognize the efforts of the organized neighborhood and civic groups in Duval County. Groups will be awarded for activities emphasizing volunteerism, leadership, and collaborations that benefit their community with programs, events, and artwork or that physically and socially improve or beautify Jacksonville neighborhoods. The last day to apply for the 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program will be Friday, June 3, 2022. The 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 East 1st St., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ms. Ransom also announced that the Neighborhood Services Office provides communities interested in doing cleanups with free cleanup supplies. Those who have never attended a CPAC meeting are encouraged to pick up their supplies at a CPAC meeting. In addition, this will bring new people to CPAC meetings.

Lisa Ransom may be reached at (904)255-7834 or lransom@coj.net.

• **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Tracy Pierce, Chief of Marketing and Public Relations, reported the following:

- The end of the school year is May 20, 2022. Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) are taking place now and will be over in the next few weeks.
- City Council approved placing a resolution on the August 23 ballot to ask Duval County citizens to approve a 1-mill increase in property taxes. The measure will provide competitive pay, retain and attract high-quality teachers and staff through additional compensation, and enhance student art, music, and athletic programs. Duval County ranks last among Florida's seven large urban districts in teacher pay and 40th among all districts.
- Tracy Pierce may be reached at PierceT@duvalschools.org.

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Hampton Ray, Manager of Outreach, provided a copy of FDOT's Tentative Five-Year Work Program Public Hearing Report for the Fiscal Year 2023 thru the Fiscal Year 2027 and opened the floor for questions.

Hampton Ray may be reached at (904) 360-5482 or Hampton.Ray@dot.state.fl.us.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
 - The summer reading program begins June 1, 2022, and will run thru July 30, 2022. The theme is "Oceans of Possibilities." The program is for all children up to 18 years of age. Children will track the book they are reading, and the length of time spent reading instead of the number of books read. Prizes will be given to those who participate in the program,
 - Saturday, June 11, 2022, the Jacksonville Main Library will host a Jacksonville Bicentennial Street Festival beginning at James Weldon Johnson Park and ending at the Riverfront Park. The event will start at noon in James Weldon Johnson Park. At 4:15 p.m. a parade to Riverfront will begin with live music at 10:15 p.m.

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Stephen Shore, Senior Code Compliance Officer, reported that 1,350 inspections were completed From April 1 through May 8, 2022. Mr. Shore reminded CPAC members that the JAR program is still available for those who need assistance. For more information, please visit [Municipal Code Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program](#).
Stephen Shore may be reached at (904) 255-7122 or sshore@coj.net.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Chair Crosby reported that the Southwest CPAC Land Use and Zoning subcommittee reviewed eight Land Use and Zoning applications. The LUZ subcommittee made a recommendation to send a letter of recommendation:
- **Ordinance 2022-0306 - Rezoning: Thurston Road** – The applicant seeks to rezone the property from RLD-60 to RMD-A to permit the development of residential duplexes. The CPAC opposes the application because, on May 4, 2020, the request was to build 12 Single-Family Homes. Also, historically the property has been designated as wetlands.
Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 AHetzel@coj.net.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business – None

- **12. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:** Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, asked for a volunteer to greet and assist visitors who pick up cleaning supplies. Ms. Godwin-Ware also announced that she would be happy to come and speak with the various associations and community groups about the Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) and the programs and training offered by the Neighborhood Services Office.

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

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

14. Adjourn: Chair Crosby adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: June 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m. In-person at Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 810 5805 6180 Passcode: 977007. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: June 13, 2022, 5:30 p.m. In-person at Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 810 5805 6180 Passcode: 977007. 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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