

# Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 14, 2019 Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road, Jacksonville FL

## Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Member:** Shirley Lowry, Chair; Linda Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair; Darrell Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair; Peggy Meyers, Hyde Grove Terrace; Bruce Tyson, Vice Chair; Len Burroughs, Murray Hill Historic Preservation; Tom Martin, Watermill Masters HOA; Bill Fonferek, Westland HOA; Christina Purdy, Cecil Pines; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; Dr. Willie Crosby, Sweetwater Church of Christ;

**Visitors:** Karen Harris, Melissa Estates; William Tardiff, Cedar Hills; Jim Mazur, North CPAC

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Tracy Pierce, DCPS; Dist. Chief Jack Griggs, JFRD; Carol Bunker, JPL; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Lt Dennis Pellot, JSO; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Caroline Adkins, MAV; Clayton Bradley, MCCC; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhood Department; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office, Johnnetta Moore; Social Services Division, Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development

## Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Shirley Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Michelle Godwin verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** Bill Fonferek moved that the September meeting summary be approved. Christina Purdy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Elected Officials' Reports: None**
4. **Presentation:**
  - Wiley Page, Atkins, Eastern US Transportation Planning Manager, presented on North Florida Transportation, 2045 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mr. Page explained that the Transportation Planning Organization began updating the 2040 LRTP to 2045. The Needs Plan, which is a list of needed projects that are not hindered by project cost or available revenue, will be added to the 2045 LRTP. The new plan includes roadway projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, public transportation projects, as well as projects that support the SMART Cities, safety and operational initiatives of TPO.  
Wiley Page may be contacted at [wiley.page@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:wiley.page@atkinsglobal.com) or (904) 302-4577
5. **Staff Reports:**
  - **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Dennis Pellot reported that the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is hiring. He provided a flyer that included the breakdown of qualifications and the pay scale. The month of October officers will be wearing purple ribbons in honor of domestic violence awareness and pink badges in honor of breast cancer awareness. Lt. Pellot announced that on Halloween, JSO will be checking on registered sex offenders to make sure they are following the various rules set for them during Halloween.  
Lt. Dennis Pellot may be contacted at (904) 573-3165
  - **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Battalion Chief Jack Griggs reported that in order to keep up with the growth of fire stations and emergency medical service units in Jacksonville, JFRD is hiring. Chief Griggs advised CPAC members that in the month of October they should check their smoke detectors and replace the batteries, and they should check them again in six months. Chief Blanton informed CPAC members that the Fire Department receives an email every morning from The Division of Forestry to report the draught index and fire rating.  
Chief Jack Griggs may be contacted at (904) 786-3786 or [JGriggs@coj.net](mailto:JGriggs@coj.net)
  - **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** Carol Bunker, Librarian III of the Argyle Branch Library, reported that the Bill Brinton Murray Hill Branch Library will be participating in the Murray Hill-O-Ween celebration Saturday, October 26, 2019. The library will be open extended hours from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Refreshments, storytelling, games and treats will be available. Ms. Bunker announced that starting the Argyle Branch Library will host its third annual Trick or Treat in the Library Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be several stations for trick or treating, as well as family games. The event is free and Junior/Cadette Girl Scout Troop 1451 will be accepting donations such as nonperishable foods, diapers or formula to benefit victims of Hurricane Dorian. Ms. Bunker also announced that October 30, 2019 at 4 p.m. the school age program "Kids Can Be" will take place once a month.

Starting this month the theme is, "Kids Can be Artist", the children will be able to paint and decorated pumpkins.

Carol Bunker may be contacted at (904) 693-1448 ext. 230 or at [CBunker@coj.net](mailto:CBunker@coj.net).

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager, reported that the Game Day Express is available to get to and from Jaguar games. Ms. Riddick also reported that JTA offers ReadIRide curb-to-curb service for many in the area. For 50 cents, JTA will come to your door and pick you up and drive you to the nearest bus stop. Ms. Riddick announced that on September 30<sup>th</sup> fare modifications took place. Fare for seniors 65 and older have remained the same. Ms. Riddick also announced that JTA is holding a series of public meetings and hearings to seek public input on the proposed route changes to 28 routes in downtown Jacksonville. These changes are associated with the opening of the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center at LaVilla, as well as the changes to the boundaries of the Southwest ReadIRide zone. These meetings are scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2019 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Career Source NEFL at Gateway Mall Suite#2 5000 Norwood Ave. and Thursday, November 7, 2019 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. FSCJ Downtown Campus 501 W. State St. Room #A1068.

Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or [CRiddick@jtafla.com](mailto:CRiddick@jtafla.com)

- **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV)** – Caroline Adkins, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported that the Homeless Veterans Stand Down held October 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> at the Jacksonville Fair Grounds was a great success. MAV was able to serve more than 200 homeless and at risk veterans. Veterans were provided with dental, medical and housing. Ms. Adkins announced that MAV is now boosting and supporting several events for Veterans Day. One event planned is a large job and resource fair scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2019 at Kingdom Plaza, formally known as the Normandy Mall. Ms. Adkins informed CPAC members that the Military Affairs and Veterans Department assists veterans with filing claims for VA disability compensation and pension benefits. No appointment is necessary; walk-ins are accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday located in City Hall at St. James Building, 117 W. Duval St., Suite 175.

Caroline Adkins may be contacted at (904) 255-5524 or [carolinea@coj.net](mailto:carolinea@coj.net)

- **Neighborhoods Department (MCCD)** – Chiquita Moore, Operations Director - Neighborhoods, reported that Municipal Code Compliance manager Ernest Murphy and his team are on a special assignment inspecting Internet Cafés, and will continue until inspections are complete. All of the COJ departments and community organizations are working collectively to inform the community and displaced Internet Café workers about different resources available to them. Ms. Moore announced that the Mega Pet Adoption held in the Jacksonville Fairgrounds on October 4-6 2019 was a great success; 187 animals were adopted and 25 were fostered. Please help get the word out about Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services adoptions services so the shelter can retain its no kill shelter status and its 96.3 percent save rate. Adoptable pets can be found on the City's website [coj.net](http://coj.net). Ms. Moore also announced that the Mosquito Control Division conducted 25 service call requests, as well as 39 routine and proactive inspections. Mosquito Control also tested 2,126 catch basins, 669 of those basins were treated.

Chiquita Moore may be contacted at (904) 255-8902 or [chiquitam@coj.net](mailto:chiquitam@coj.net)

- **Parks, Recreation Services** – Johnnetta Moore, Chief of Social Services, provided information about the various services provided by City of Jacksonville's Social Services Division, such as emergency Assistance, Indigent Burial Program, Victim Services, Substance abuse, mental health, and the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

Johnnetta Moore may be contacted at (904) 630-4720 or [jmoore@coj.net](mailto:jmoore@coj.net)

- **Planning and Development (PDD)** – Andy Hetzel, City Planner III, reported:
  - **2019-0642 (WRF-19-22) – Waiver of Road Frontage** – 914 Otis Rd.: Seeks to reduce the required minimum road frontage from 35 feet to 0 feet for a lot split for a new single-family dwelling in the Agriculture AGR District. The site is 13.07 acres with access to Otis Road via shared private easement.
  - **2019-0367 - Conventional Rezoning** –12017 Branam Field Rd.: Request to rezone from AGR to RR-Acre.
  - **CTW-19-02 – Cell Tower** – 8421 Cheswick Oak Ave.: Request for a 130 foot-tall, low-impact tower.
  - **AD-19-059 - Administrative Deviation** – 5045 Timothy Ln.: Request to reduce the amount of parking from 76 spaces to 33 spaces for a church use within the CCG-1 zoning district.

Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 [ahetzel@coj.net](mailto:ahetzel@coj.net)

6. **Chair's Report** – No report.

## 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **Nominating Subcommittee** – Len Burroughs announced the recommendations of Shirley Lowry as chair and Dr. Willie Crosby as vice-chair for 2020. Voting on the Chair and Vice Chair is scheduled for Monday, November 18th.
- **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission** – Jim Mazur, North CPAC Representative announced that the TRUE Commission is in need of a representative from the Southwest CPAC. Mr. Mazur explained the purpose and duties of CPAC TRUE Commission representatives.
- **Cecil Field Report** – Bruce Tyson reported that he attended Cecil Airport's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. It was announced that Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) has begun construction on the new air traffic control tower and spaceport operations center, with completion projected in early 2021. Mr. Tyson also announced that the first space launch will take place in December. Very little noise will be heard from the launch, and should not exceed 100 decibels.
- **North FL Transportation Planning Authority** – No Report

## 8. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report

– Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin announced that the next set of workshops for the City of Jacksonville Matching Grant is scheduled to begin on October 22, 2019 at 6 p.m. and November 19, 2019 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Both workshops will be held in the Ed Ball Building 214 N. Hogan St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Training Room 110. Michelle Godwin may be contacted at (904) 255-8236 or [michellegw@coj.net](mailto:michellegw@coj.net).

## 9. Unfinished Business - None

## 10. New Business – None

## 11. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements

- Christina Purdy announced that Cecil Pines will be hosting its 17<sup>th</sup> annual Antique Car Show and Open House Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cecil Commerce Center. Admission is free and all donations benefit the American Cancer Society.
- Thomas Martin asked about the acquisition of the remaining land for the future Oakleaf Plantation Park. He would like to know if and when the plans for the development of the park will be completed. This request to start the design of the park was included in the SW CPAC CIP 2020-2024 Recommendation.
- Bill Fonferok would like a short-term solution planned for the bottlenecks that occur at the various intersections along Collins Road, Blanding Boulevard, Argyle Forest Boulevard, Old Middleburg Road, Shindler Road, 103rd Street, Branan Field, and Chaffee Road. He is aware of the long-term plan of widening Collins Road and Old Middleburg Road, but believes the widening of the roads will not alleviate the bottlenecks problem.

## 12. Adjourn:

Chair Shirley Lowry adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** **November 18, 2019** 6:30 p.m. Lane Wiley Senior Center 6710 Wiley Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210.

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