

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 14, 2024, Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: Passcode:

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members In-Person: Christina Purdy, Chair; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA, Vice Chair; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace Neighborhood Watch; David Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace Neighborhood Watch; Jenny Watson, CHAPS; Nora Marcontet, CHAPS; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; Jason Roberts, Jacksonville Sheriff's Watch District 4; Tamika Wolfe-McKenzie, Tamika's School of Epicure.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Ernest Surmons, Glenda Meadows HOA; Sandra Simmons, Blue Lake Estates HOA; Jacquelyn Woods, Cedar Hills Estates Comm. Assoc.

Visitors: Rae Walker, Sheriff's Watch District 4; Michael Hamsom, Hamsom, Inc.; Kathy Rowell; Rebecca Reams, CHAPS.

Visitors via Zoom: Cecial Evans; Linda and Darrell Barrow; Mari Schwabacher; Admin.

Staff and Elected Officials: Council Member Rahman Johnson, District 14; Cmdr. Eric Redgate, JSO; Lt. Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Jared Chemay, MCC Supervisor; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Tourea Robinson, Chief of Senior Services; Chip Harper, Veterans, Military, Affairs; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Jeremy Norsworthy, JTA.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Purdy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The September summary will be approved at the November 18, 2024, meeting.
- 3. Guest Speaker: Presentation/Guest Speaker:**
 - Jeremy Norsworthy, Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) Project Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation that provided a brief overview of JTA's Transportation Development plan and the public engagement activities that have taken place where JTA is in the process of developing the plan and what it means to Jacksonville. Mr. Norsworthy asked for the Southwest CPAC's feedback on what types of services or additional services were needed for the Southwest. Bill Fonferek recommended a connection into Clay County, at least to the Kingsley area. Many residents in the area work or have appointments at the medical facilities in Clay County. Mr. Fonferek and Mrs. Cecelia Evans suggested a shuttle or express service to the Jacksonville Airport and a commuter rail to perhaps the Town Center and Airport.
Jeremy Norsworthy JNorsworthy@jtafla.com.
- 4. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Cmdr. Eric Redgate reported.
 - The suspect who shot and killed the JSO officer at the Love's Truck Stop on the Northside fled to North Carolina, where he was arrested and is awaiting extradition back to Jacksonville. He currently faces charges of murder, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, aggravated assault with a firearm, and discharging a firearm in public. A tribute to Officer Bradley McNew, a 24-year veteran of JSO, was held on Monday, October 14, 2024.
 - Violent crime is down 11.5%, murder is down by 37%, theft from a motor vehicle is down 6%, and burglary is down by 8.26%. Arson is up by 28.5%
 - A district and citywide trend is wheels being stolen from cars, leaving them on blocks. The targeted vehicles are primarily newer-model Toyotas and Hondas parked in apartment complexes, condos, and parking garages. Anywhere there is a high concentration of cars.

- Newly constructed homes are being burglarized before being completed. The thieves use U-haul trucks and cover the truck's tracking number on the top right corner with tape. They then go to as many homes under construction as possible, stealing the appliances and air conditioning units. The U-hauls are leased and not returned on time, which is considered auto theft after a certain number of days. During an investigation, it was discovered that the subcontractors were installing air conditioner systems, going back to steal them, and reselling them.
- Patrol officers and the Sex Offender Tracking Units will individually check on sex offenders at their registered addresses on Halloween night to ensure they are not participating in Halloween festivities. There are a total of 312 offenders in District 4, 292 of whom are sexual offenders and 20 of whom are sexual predators. Offenders cannot leave their porch lights on or be outside on Halloween night. The Sex Offender Tracking Unit also tracks and monitors the unhoused population of predators.
- It is an excellent idea to place No Trespassing signs and Beware of Dog signs in visible locations on your property fences and yards to help against criminal and civil liability charges.
- The substation is where most of the commander's offices are located. Fingerprinting and background checks can be handled at a substation, as can obtaining copies of reports. Front desk personnel at the substations typically do not write reports or take complaints. If a complaint needs to be made, citizens should call the non-emergency number (904) 650- 5000 so an officer can come to them and a report will be made.

Cmdr. Eric Redgate (904) 573-3165.

- 5. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Lt. Clarence Hodge demonstrated using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). AEDs can be found wherever there's a large gathering of people, such as malls and movie theaters. The AED has been deemed the best out-of-hospital treatment for cardiac arrest victims and is very easy to use. With the use of an AED coupled with Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), cardiac arrest victims' lives are often saved. Lt. Clarence announced he will demonstrate CPR at next month's meeting.

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

- 6. Chair's Report:** Chair Christina Purdy welcomed Jenny Watson and Nora Marcantel from Cedar Hills Area Preservation Society (CHAPS) to the Southwest CPAC, presenting them with their appointment letter from Mayor Deegan. Chair Purdy reported:

- The CPAC chairs had their quarterly meeting with the mayor's staff on September 13, 2024. Once the minutes are available, she will share them with the CPAC if members are interested in seeing them.
- She asked Mr. James, Director of Planning and Development, if assistance or a tutorial on how to write a more impactful Land Use and Zoning letter of recommendation could be provided. She hopes to obtain some follow-up regarding her request.

Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
 - During the Murray Hill-O-Ween Halloween celebration, the Bill Brinton Murray Hill Branch Library and the Friends of Murray Hill Library will read Halloween stories, do crafts and games, hand out candy, and more. The library's hours will be extended to 8 p.m. during the event. The event is free and open to the public on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The parade will begin at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this family-friendly Halloween celebration.
 - Early voting starts Monday, October 21, 2024, and runs through Sunday, November 3, 2024. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at various library locations. To find an early voting site, visit the Duval County Supervisor of Elections website at <https://www.duval elections.com/General-Information/Learn-About-Elections/About-Early-Voting>. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at your designated polling location.
- Lynne Baldwin** (904) 338-4383 or LBaldwin@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick reported:
 - The Game Day Express is available for round-trip transportation to the Jaguar's home games and other select events at the Ever Bank Stadium. Visit www.JTAFLA.com for the details.
 - The free My Ride 2 School program continues for all middle and high school students. Before boarding, students must provide a valid school ID. Students can choose from 34 JTA bus routes, including the First Coast Flyer, which stops at or near local schools. For more information on the My Ride 2 School Program, visit the JTA website at www.jta.com.
 - Seniors 65 and above ride for free. The JTA Board of Directors approved the opportunity for seniors to ride by showing their Florida Driver's License, Florida State-issued Identification Card, or the Senior Star Card.
 - JTA will host public meetings and a public hearing regarding the BayJax Innovation Corridor, a three-mile business, residential, and entertainment segment of Bay Street where autonomous vehicles will operate from Pearl Street to the EverBank Stadium. The first public meeting is Tuesday, October 29, 2024, and the second meeting will take place Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the JTA Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center Boardroom. The public hearing for this project will take place Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., which will be in a hearing format.

Cheryl Riddick (904) 632-5522 or CRiddick@jtafla.com

- **Military Affairs & Veterans (MAVD)** – Chip Harper, reported:
 - A Veterans Service Officer (VSO) will be at the Regency Square Branch Library every third Wednesday of the month. The next visit is Wednesday, October 16, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The VSO can provide general information on Military Affairs and Veterans Department services HVRP, tax preparation, and upcoming events and assist clients with completing their benefits claims online.
 - Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, in partnership with the MAVD, will host Ask-A-Lawyer on the third Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. located at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Suite 175. Appointments are encouraged to make an appointment call (904) 255-5550. Walk-ins must arrive before 11 a.m.
 - Food Farmacy events will be held for active-duty military families with military ID every second Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the fourth Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, FL.

Chip Harper (904) 255-5537 or ClarenceH@coj.net.

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** - Jared Chemay, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 737 cases were completed in September. A total of 312 inspections have been completed since October 2024.
 - The proactive litter sign enforcement project last month was successful. A total of 78 citations were issued, ranging from \$55 for first-time offenses to as much as \$155 if more than five in one day are collected. Citations for signs on a utility pole over five feet high start at \$350.
 - Per Senate Bill 60, citizens can no longer be anonymous when calling 630-2489(CITY) to make a complaint.
 - The main number for the Municipal Code Compliance Office is (904) 255-7000.

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

- **Senior Services: Parks Recreation and Community Services** – Tourea Robinson introduced herself as the new Chief of Senior Services and reported that:
 - Caleb Park and Tilly K. Fowler Regional Park will undergo new playground equipment installations. The equipment is on order, and the estimated completion date is the end of 2024. Fishweir, Boon, Mary Lena Gibbs, McGirts Creek, and Timiquana Trail parks will receive new playground equipment. The estimated completion date is the summer of 2025.
 - Early voting sites are located at the Balis, Legends, Oceanway, Southside, and Maxville community centers. The details can be found on the Supervisor of Elections website at <https://www.duval elections.com/General-Information/Learn-About-Elections/About-Early-Voting>.

Tourea Robinson (904) 255-5401 or TRobinson1@coj.net.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development**—Chair Purdy reported that the subcommittee reviewed three applications. The Southwest CPAC's LUZ subcommittee does not oppose ordinance 2024-0719 but recommends that the developer meet with the city's traffic control and the FDOT to discuss improving traffic control along Normandy Boulevard. It also recommends approving E 24-49 and Ordinance 2024-0791. CPAC members passed the SW LUZ Subcommittee recommendations.
 - **E-24-012 – Zoning Exception – 5110 US 301 Hwy S.:** The applicant seeks to allow for a natural gas capture facility connected to the existing Trail Ridge landfill. The gas siphoned from the existing landfill will provide fuel service to the citizens of Jacksonville. A motion was made and seconded to approve the application. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0719 – Planned Unit Development Rezoning – 12810 Normandy Blvd.:** The applicant seeks to rezone 19.07+/- acres of land from Residential Rural-Acre (RR- Acre) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to permit 198 multi-family townhome units. A motion was made and seconded to take no action at this time, but to write a letter recommending the developer meet with City Traffic Engineers and the Florida Department of Transportation to discuss the additional homes' impact on the traffic flow on Normandy Boulevard. Adding more access points or traffic lights could significantly improve the condition and prevent accidents. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.
 - **Ordinance 2024-0791 – Rezoning – 7701 Blanding Blvd.:** The applicant seeks to rezone from Commercial Office (CO) to Commercial Community-General 2) CCG-2 to expand the existing property. A motion was made and seconded to approve the application. CPAC members passed the motion unanimously.

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

8. Elected Official

Councilman Rahman Johnson, District 14, updated the CPAC on the request for a senior center in the Argyle neighborhood, the widening of Old Middleburg Road, and the construction of a liquor store at the corner of Old Middleburg Road and Collins Road.

Council Member Rahman Johnson, District 14 (904) 255-5214 or Rahman@coj.net.

- **Chair Nominating Subcommittee** – Bruce Tyson presented the slate of nominees for the 2025 Southwest CPAC Chair and Vice Chair positions. The nominating subcommittee recommends the renomination of Christina Purdy of Cecil Pines Adult Living Community as Chair and Bill Fonferok of Westland Communities Homeowner Association as Vice Chair. Voting and nominations from the floor will take place at November's meeting.
- **Taxation Revenue Utilization Expenditures (TRUE) Commission** – No Report
- **Park Safety Council (PSC)** – No Report

9. Unfinished Business – None

10. New Business – None

- 11. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:** Michelle Godwin-Ware reminded members that the Neighborhood Awards program has been postponed until May 2025 and will be rescheduled during the Neighborhood USA (NUSA) Conference.

Michelle Godwin-Ware 904-255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net.

- 12. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** Ray Walker reminded CPAC members that the Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour 2024 is scheduled for October 17, 2024. The tour will leave from Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) Cecil Center Campus. Doors open at 8 a.m.

13. Adjourn:

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

Next CPAC Meeting: November 18, 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: November 18, 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.

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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