

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 9, 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; James Nolting, Confederate Point Civic Center; Dr. Willie Crosby, Sweetwater Church of Christ; Jacquelyn Woods, Cedar Hills Estates

Visitors: Lorine Brooks-Hill, Crystal Springs; Karen Harris, Melissa Estates; Samantha Nader, Jacksonville University; Lorraine Patin, Meadow Pointe; William Tardiff, Cedar Hills; Harlo Watkins

Staff and Elected Officials: Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant to CM DeFoor; Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant to CM Salem; Battalion Chief Donald Blanton, JFRD; Dist. Chief Ernest Glover, JFRD; Renee Goode, JEA; Ernest Murphy, MCCD; Jeremy Wright, Public Works; Kirby Oberdorfer, Ethics Office; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office.

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- 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:** Tom Martin moved that the June meeting summary be approved. Len Burroughs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Ronald Salem, at Large 2, introduced herself to CPAC members. Ms. Evans announced she will be in attendance quarterly and is happy to take concerns or comment back to Council Member Salem. Nikki Evans may be contacted at (904) 255-5143 or NEvans@coj.net.
 - Sam Newby, Council Member at Large 5, had no report, but was available for questions. Council Member Newby may be contacted at (904) 255-5219 or SNewby@coj.net.
 - Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Randy DeFoor, District 14, introduced herself to CPAC members. Tom Martin asked Ms. Dame if she could research the progress of the remaining property near the intersection of Oakleaf Plantation Parkway and Cecil Connector Road. The property was to be developed into a recreational park and is part of what is now called Enterprise Park. Mr. Martin could not remember the ordinance number for the proposed project. Ms. Dame asked Mr. Martin to contact her and she will do some research on the status of the development for that parcel of land. Brooks Dame may be contacted at (904) -255-5160 or BDame@coj.net.
 - Brenda Priestly Jackson, Council Member District 10, introduced herself to CPAC members and announced she will hold a community meeting to discuss the development of a Neighborhood Advisory Council for District 10. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18 at the Webb Wesconnett Library 6887 103rd St. at 6 p.m. Council Member Priestly Jackson's goal is to have at least one representative from each of the neighborhoods in District 10. Council Member Priestly Jackson may be contacted at (904) 255-5210 or BPJackson@coj.net
- 4. Staff Reports:**
 - **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department** – (JFRD) – Battalion Chief Donald Blanton, introduced himself and District Chief Ernest Glover. Chief Blanton stated that CPAC members should call JFRD if they see someone burning items such as yard waste. JFRD does not cite citizens unless they continue to burn items after being told several times not to. 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 Blanton advised that the agency that has the power to enforce the burn ban within the City is the Environmental Quality Division (EQD). The EQD looks at smoke as being a pollution hazard. Chief Blanton said that JFRD reports the burn issue to EQD, which starts the citation process. Chief Blanton informed CPAC members that the new Fire Station for the Enterprise area is scheduled to open spring 2020.

Chief Donald Blanton may be contacted at (904) 630 - 0841 dblanton@coj.net

Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) – Renee Goode, Government Relations Coordinator showed the CPAC two videos. One video showed member’s how JEA’s Storm Operations, Incident Command Team gets prepared for a storm. The second video demonstrated the programs used during JEA’s power restoration process; Restoration 1,2,3, and how it is used to locate electrical outages, manage the restoration of power for residents, as well as monitor the waste water pump stations and their generators throughout the city. The video also illustrated how JEA uses a Geographic Information System (GIS) to monitor outages and power restoration for critical infrastructures such as hospitals, fire stations and police stations. The video reviewed the Fuse Damage Assessment System used by JEA to monitors damage assessments such as electrical lines, pole and trees that may be down.

Renee Goode may be contacted at (904)665-5348 or goodrr@jea.net

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Ernest Murphy, Zone 4 Supervisor, reported that a systematic inspection was completed in the Wesconnett area and a total of 164 nuisance properties and junk vehicles were cited. Bill Fonferek thanked Mr. Murphy and Zone 4 MCC officers for assisting in getting the construction company working in the Westland communities into compliance. Ernest Murphy may be contacted at (904) 255-7096 or EMurphy@coj.net
- **Public Works** – Jeremy Wright, Compliance Manager, reported that the Lane Wiley Senior Center has had work done on its windows and some ADA compliance work completed. Mr. Wright announced that the 911 Center is 90 percent complete, and is waiting for a backup generator. Mr. Wright also announced that The Tilley Fowler project is complete and the facility is now tied into the City Sewer System.

Jeremy Wright may be contacted at (904) 255-4353 or wrightj@coj.net

5. **Ethics Training** – Kirby Oberdorfer, Deputy Director, Ethics Office, provided training to CPAC members and guests about government ethics and Sunshine law. Sunshine laws are regulations requiring openness in government or business. Sunshine laws make meetings, records, votes, deliberations and other official actions available for public observation, participation and/or inspection. Sunshine laws also require government meetings to be held with sufficient advance notice, at times and places that are convenient and accessible to the public; with exceptions for emergency meetings. For additional information, visit [Ethics In A Nutshell](#), or contact the Ethics Office at: Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight Jacksonville Ethics Commission 117 W. Duval Street, Suite 225 Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 255-5510 or Whistle Blower Hotline: (904) 630-1015

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

6. **Chair’s Report** – CPAC Chair Shirley Lowry appointed the 2019 Nomination Subcommittee; Linda Barrow, Christina Purdy, Dr. Willie Crosby and Len Burrows. The 2019 nominating subcommittee will present a slate of officers at the October 14, 2019 Southwest CPAC meeting.
7. **Neighborhood Coordinator’s Report** – Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin announced that the application for the Neighborhood Matching Grants Program is now available. Michelle also announced that there is a vacant seat for a Southwest CPAC representative on the Tax Revenue Utilization Expenditure (T.R.U.E) Commission. She also announced that the Southwest LUZ Subcommittee will be ready to meet soon. Michelle suggested that the Southwest CPAC think about forming a membership subcommittee or start a new subcommittee such as a community service subcommittee. Michelle Godwin may be contacted at (904) 255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net.
8. **Unfinished Business** - None
9. **New Business** – None
10. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements**

- Thomas Martin to Jeremy Wright: Will the Argyle Library be tied into the New Fire Stations pump station. Jeremy Wright Public Works said he wasn’t sure. The library may be getting its own pump station; he will look into it and get back with Mr. Martin.
- Thomas Martin asked if there was any update regarding the selection of the Southwest CPAC’s suggestion for the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan. Michelle said Chiquita Moore is working on getting a list put together to track the selection of all CPAC’s CIP suggestions. Michelle will provide the list to CPAC members as soon as it’s available.
- Bill Fonferek expressed his concern with the traffic congestion from Collins Road to Blanding Boulevard, Argyle Forrest Boulevard to Youngerman Circle and Blanding Boulevard. Mr. Fonferek explained that there are several choke points which inhibit the flow of traffic, and stated that the four lane expansion will not alleviate the congestion. Mr. Fonferek has tried speaking with the three departments involved. Mr. Fonferek believes that the CPAC is a great starting point to make the various entities aware of the problem.

11. Adjourn: Chair Shirley Lowry adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: **October 14, 2019** 6:30 p.m. Lane Wiley Senior Center 6710 Wiley Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210.

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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