

# Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## October 10, 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; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA; Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; Dewey Walker, Springtree HOA; Jacquelyn Wood, Cedar Hill Estates Community Association.

**CPAC Members Via Zoom:** Chris Ramseyer, Watermill HOA.

**Visitors:** David Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; John Chapman; Tamika Wolfe; Tamika's School of Epicure, Karl McKenzie, Tamika's School of Epicure; Rae Walker, Sheriffs Watch Zone 4; William Tardiff, Cedar Hill; Harlo Watkins, Cedar Hills.

**Visitors via Zoom:** Thomas Martin, Watermill HOA; Sandy Simpson.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Jessica Denson, Executive Council Assistant District 9; Michelle Worley, Executive Assistant to Florida House Representative Angie Nixon; Lt. Russell Lloyd JSO; Chief Allen Mason, JFRD; Lynne Baldwin, Jacksonville Public Library; Chris Billings, MCCD; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development Department; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs and Veterans.

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- 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 September 12, 2022, meeting was approved by CPAC members.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
  - Jessica Denson, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Clark-Murray District 9, reported that the Lane Wiley Senior Center is officially open. Ms. Denson informed CPAC members that Council Member Clark-Murray received the SW CPAC's letter in opposition to Ordinance 2022-0613 and is reviewing the application. Council Member Clark-Murray may be reached at [TClarkMurray@coj.net](mailto:TClarkMurray@coj.net). Executive Assistant Jessica Denson may be reached at (904) 255-5161 or [JDenson@coj.net](mailto:JDenson@coj.net).
  - Michelle Worley, District Aide to Rep. Angie Nixon, reported that Rep. Nixon held a virtual town hall meeting with members of the Jacksonville Electrical Authority (JEA) staff for citizens concerned with their electric bill increase. JEA discussed the various ways citizens could lower usage, the benefits of weatherizing homes, which improves a home's energy efficiency, and the different resources available to those who need help with their utility bills. Ms. Worley announced that she has created a resource for citizens who need help with their utility payments. Citizens can obtain that information by calling Rep. Nixon's office at (904) 381-6013. Rep. Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
- 4. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Lt. Russell Lloyd reported that violent property crimes are up by 2.5 percent in Zone 4. A total of 169 felony arrests and 39 misdemeanor arrests were made year to date. Also, a total of 50 warrants were served. A total of 17,000 grams of marijuana and more than \$73,000 cash were seized. Ninety-three guns have been taken off the streets, and 160 grams of cocaine have been seized. Zone 4 has been diligently watching the Red Roof Inn off of Youngerman Circle and will target the area for the next couple of months. Lt. Russell Lloyd may be reached at (904) 573-3165.

- 5. Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department (JFRD)** – District Chief Allen Mason, Fire Prevention, reported:
- Florida is at the height of hurricane season and encouraged CPAC members to download the Jax Ready app to stay informed about evacuation zones, shelter locations, and much more. Citizens may register for AlertJax Notifications by visiting <https://www.jaxready.com/Alerts.aspx>.
  - The city broke ground on new Fire Station 75. It will be located near Wilson Boulevard and Firestone Road. The area needed a fire station there to shorten the response time. Fire station 75 will be completed by summer 2023.
  - Fire Prevention week starts today, Monday, October 10, 2022, and will run through October 15, 2022. The theme for this year is Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape. JFRD will conduct public education and outreach regarding what to do in case of a fire, families making good evacuation plans, and selecting a meeting point. JFRD will also host its annual Fire Prevention Week community event at local schools during this week.
  - Chief Mason reminded CPAC members that 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](#). District Chief Allen Mason may be reached at (904) 255-3281.
- 6. Presentation/Guest Speaker:** None
- 7. Chairs Report:** Chair Crosby announced that the Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022. Flyers for the tour are on the table,
- 8. Staff Reports:**
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
    - The first ever Duval Comic and Zine (DCAZ) Fest is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St. A Zine is an abbreviation for magazine or fanzine, which is a small circulation of original self-published work. The event will celebrate local, self-published media such as mini-comics, small press, alternative press, underground art, and DIY media. October's Lit Chat Author Interview scheduled for the event is cartoonist, illustrator, and YouTuber Jim Rugg. Registration is required as well as a library card and PIN. To register, visit the Jacksonville Public Library's event site <https://jaxpubliclibrary.libnet.info/event/6919969>.
    - The Bill Brinton Murray Hill Library will host a Murray Hill-O-Ween Party on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Joe will be there to tell a story at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Games, activities, and face painting will also be part of the fun.
    - Early voting will begin on October 24, 2022. You can find a list of the early voting sites on the Jacksonville Public Library's website <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/>. Lynne Baldwin may be reached at (904) 338-4383 or [LBaldwin@coj.net](mailto:LBaldwin@coj.net).
  - **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** – Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager, reported that the full launch of Route 14-B took place today. The route makes trips every hour, Monday through Friday and every 90 minutes on Saturday and Sunday. Where the route overlaps with the original 14 along Normandy Boulevard and Park Street, the weekly frequency will be 30 minutes and 45 minutes during the weekend. Ms. Riddick provided the following information:
    - JTA Game Day Express is available for fans who would like to get to the stadium easily. Citizens may purchase season passes or single game day passes for \$10 from the Kings Avenue garage and \$15 for suburban locations.
    - The "My Ride 2 School" program runs through May 27, 2022, for middle and high school students. Students can receive complimentary rides using JTA and the First Coast Flyer bus lines Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The program is for students who attend Duval County public schools, private schools, or charter schools in Duval County. To participate, students must show a valid school I.D.

- Full and part-time college students attending an accredited college or university may also ride for free. For program details, visit <https://www.jtafla.com/ride-jta/fares-passes/jta-college-student-program/>.

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Chris Billings, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 1,069 inspections were completed From September 12, 2022, through October 7, 2022. A systematic inspection will occur in the Hyde Park area starting October 24, 2022. Mr. Billings announced that the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief (JAR) Program is still available. A homeowner's case must be closed, and the lien must be six months old. To qualify for the JAR Program, you must own and reside in the home, meet financial requirements, and have not used the JAR Program in a year. For more details about the JAR Program, please visit [COJ Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program](#).

Chris Billings may be reached at (904) 255-7085 or [CBillings@coj.net](mailto:CBillings@coj.net).

- **Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV)** – Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, reported:
  - The Celebration of Valor 2022 began on October 8, 2022, and will run through December 17, 2022. A list of events can be found on the Military Affairs and Veterans website <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/celebration-of-valor-2022>
  - Applications to participate in the Veterans Day Parade are no longer being accepted. The parade will take place Downtown on Friday, November 11, 2022, starting at 11:00 a.m.
  - MAV is in the planning phase of its Homeless Stand Down Event. It will take place at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds from January 27, 2023, through January 28, 2023.
  - The Army Navy Watch Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2022, at the TIAA Bank Field. The Jacksonville Jaguars will play the Oakland Raiders. Gates will open at 2 p.m., and the game will begin at 3 p.m.

Tiffany Morales may be reached at (904) 255-5524 or [tmorales@coj.net](mailto:tmorales@coj.net).

## 9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Chair Crosby reported that the Southwest CPAC Land Use and Zoning subcommittee reviewed three Land Use and Zoning applications. The LUZ subcommittee made a recommendation to send a letter of recommendation for:
  - **Ordinance V-22-14 and Companion AD-22-70** - Variance: 4261 Roosevelt Blvd, 4461 and 4457 Beverly Ave. – The applicant seeks a reduction of the existing medium sidewalk width abutting the storefront and parking lot from 6 feet to 5.5 feet. The Southwest CPAC opposes the application because the sidewalks adjacent to the business properties will not match, possibly causing a hazardous situation.  
Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 or [AHetzel@coj.net](mailto:AHetzel@coj.net).
- **Chair and Vice Chair Nominating Subcommittee** – Bill Fonferek announced the Nominating Subcommittee's recommendation to re-elect Dr. Willie Crosby as chair and Christina Purdy as Vice Chair. Voting and nominations from the floor will take place at November's meeting.
- **Cecil Report** – Bruce Tyson had no report but encouraged those interested in the Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour to register. Ticket sales end today. The bus tour is scheduled for October 13, 2022, and will leave from Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) Cecil Center Campus 5640 POW-MIA Memorial Parkway. Those interested in the tour can order their tickets online at [www.wbla.org](http://www.wbla.org) or contact Lara Hipps at (904)781-2654 or [lara@hippsgroupinc.com](mailto:lara@hippsgroupinc.com).
- **Park Safety Council** – Bruce Tyson reported that the Park Safety Council could not hold its work session because it did not receive the requested documents from Parks, Recreation, and Community Services. Mr. Tyson invited all interested citizens to attend the next meeting, which will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Ed Ball Bldg. 214 N. Hogan St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor conference room 851.

- **Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that the TRUE Commission would be researching the selection process for projects placed for bid. They will also investigate the effectiveness of the Public Works Department, other cities' contract management practices, and the fairness in service and infrastructure distribution among the neighborhoods. One idea is that the city could use a Public Works project information dashboard like JTA, so citizens can view the dashboard and see the projects and progress. The TRUE Commission has also asked for a breakdown of how the American Rescue Plan Funds were distributed.

**10. Unfinished Business** - None

**11. New Business** – None

**12. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:** Michelle Godwin-Ware reminded CPAC members about the upcoming Neighborhood Awards Program that will take place at the Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 6 p.m.  
Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at (904)255-8236 or [Michellegw@coj.net](mailto:Michellegw@coj.net).

**13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:**

- Len Burrough reminded CPAC members that the Murray Hill Preservation Association would be hosting its annual Murray Hill-O-Ween event on October 22, 2022, from 4:30 p.m. until 10 p.m., located in Murray Hill at Edgewood Avenue South. The big costume parade will begin at 7 p.m.

**14. Adjourn:** Chair Crosby adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: November 14, 2023, 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: November 14, 2023, 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](mailto:michellegw@coj.net).

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