

# Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## April 10, 2023, Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: 821 7431 0303 Passcode: 693048

## Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members In-Person:** Vice Chair Christina Purdy; Bruce Tyson; Shirley Lowry.

**CPAC Members Via Zoom:** Tiffany Freeman, Tamika's School of Epicure; Dr. Willie Crosby, Chair; Len Burroughs, MHPA; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA; Chris Ramseyer, Watermill HOA.

**Visitors:** David Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Earnest Surmons; Angelia Wallace.

**Visitors via Zoom:** Thomas Martin, Watermill HOA; Kishma Fam; Cecelia Evans; Tristan Denmark.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Dame Brooks, Executive Aide to CM Randy DeFoor, District 14; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development; Lt. Scott Dingee, JSO; Captain Allen Mason, JFRD; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Wendy Ahmed, JHRC; Michael Hoffman, MCCD; Dan Piastuck, Parks, Recreation and Community Development; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office.

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Vice 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 March 13, 2023, summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:** Brooks Dame, Executive Assistant to Council Member Randy DeFoor, District 14, reported that the redistricting map is ongoing, and nothing has been finalized. The city is in litigation regarding a plaintiff's suggested council redistricting map. Citizens may visit the Duval County Supervisor of Elections website <https://www.duvalelections.com/> to view the new polling sites for those districts that will change.  
Executive Assistant Brooks Dame, District 14, may be reached at (904) 255-5160 or [BDames@coj.net](mailto:BDames@coj.net).
- 4. Presentation:** Marlo Zarka, Blue Zones Jacksonville Public Policy Lead, presented on the Blue Zones Jacksonville Project. Blue Zones Project is a community well-being improvement initiative designed to change the way people experience the world around them. Because healthier environments naturally nudge people toward healthier choices, Blue Zones Project focuses on influencing the Life Radius® — the area close to home in which people spend 90 percent of their lives. Blue Zones Project best practices use people, places, and policy as levers to transform those surroundings. Our communities have populations with greater well-being, improved health outcomes, reduced costs, and increased civic pride, all of which support healthy economic development. The Blue Zones Project will focus on the communities located in area codes 32206, 32208, 32209, 32210, and 32211.  
For more information, please visit the Blue Zones Jacksonville website, <https://bluezonesprojectjacksonville.com/>.
- 5. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Assistant Chief Scott Dingee reported that a volunteer registry program for people with cognitive and sensory differences called the Registry for Endangered, Vulnerable, and Missing Persons within Duval County (R.E.V.A. M. P. Duval) was launched on Thursday, March 9, 2023. The registry will provide information to assist first responders and law enforcement in quickly returning vulnerable citizens to their families. Please visit <https://www.jaxready.com/REVAMP> or call 255-3172 for more information on registering your loved one in the program.  
Assistant Chief Scott Dingee may be reached at (904) 573-3165.
- 6. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD)** – Chief Allen Mason reported:
  - The fire station under construction on Firestone Road is on track and will be completed in the summer of 2023.
  - The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will host a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Duval County residents will have several

collection sites that will provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs. For a list of the various collection sites, please visit <https://DEA Collection Sites>.

- The request for a traffic signal light at Fire Station 61 on Old Middleburg Road has been passed up the chain of command.

Chief Allen Mason may be reached at (904) 255-3281.

7. **Chair's Report:** Vice Chair Purdy reported that nine volunteers participated in the St. Johns River Celebration 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleanup at McGirts Creek Regional Park 8435 118<sup>th</sup> St. A total of ten bags of trash and two tires were collected.

#### 8. **Staff Reports:**

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
  - Early voting begins Monday, May 1, 2023, and continues through Sunday, May 14, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. To find an early voting JPL location, please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at [www.jpl.com](http://www.jpl.com). You may also visit the Duval County Supervisor of Elections For a list of early voting locations, <https://www.duval elections.com/General-Information/Learn-About-Elections/About-Early-Voting>.
  - The Jacksonville Public Library has partnered with Duval County Public Schools and will display the Best of Elementary Art Show winners at libraries throughout town. The Best of Elementary Art Show runs from March 21, 2023, through April 25, 2023.
  - Story time with Butterfinger at the Maxwell Branch Library will take place Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.
  - National Library Week is April 23, 2023, through April 29, 2023. Celebrate by visiting your library, meeting the librarians, checking out books and other great items in your library's collection, or taking time to learn your library's story.
  - This month's Lit Chat interview will feature author and historian Wayne Wood. The discussion will occur on Saturday, May 6, at 2 p.m. You can attend the Main Library's Special Collections in person or join the live stream via Zoom. Attendees must enter the Main Library from the entrance at 304 N. Main St. Please visit the Jacksonville Public Library website at [www.jpl.com](http://www.jpl.com) to register.

Lynne Baldwin may be contacted at (904) 338-4383 or [LBaldwin@coj.net](mailto:LBaldwin@coj.net).

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** - Cheryl Riddick, Director of Customer Engagement, reported that:
  - The Ready Ride service is available. Ready Ride is a curb-to-curb service available in some regions of the city. Residents can contact JTA Customer Service at (904) 630-3100 for details or visit the JTA website for more information at [www.jta.com](http://www.jta.com).
  - The Door-to-Store program is available to residents in Planning District 5. This service provides transportation to and from home to the grocery store within the zone. Please visit the JTA website for more information at [www.jta.com](http://www.jta.com).

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Michael Hoffman, MCC Supervisor, reported that:
  - A total of 1,350 inspections were completed.
  - Blight signs are illegal, and MCC focuses its enforcement efforts of unlawful signs on identifying and penalizing individuals or businesses responsible for placing signs in public spaces and city right-of-way. Fines range from \$50 to \$500.
  - The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) is still available for those who need abatement services due to disability or economic disadvantage. To determine if you qualify for the JAR program, visit [MCC Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program](#) for more information.
  - It is required to provide a name and address when reporting an issue using the MyJax app or (904) 630-CITY (2489). Additional information that is helpful to the MCC officers is a contact number, email, a description of the violation, and where and when it is observable.

Michael Hoffman may be contacted at (904)255-7104 or [LHoffman@coj.net](mailto:LHoffman@coj.net).

- **Parks, Recreation, and Community Programming** – Dan Piastuck, Parks District Manager, provided an update on renovations included in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's 2023 Plan.
  - The Murray Hill Playground and Community Club Park equipment replacements were completed early.

- In addition to the playground equipment being replaced at Argyle Forest Park and Crystal Springs Park, restroom improvements have been added to these projects.
- Boone Park's tennis complex has received a complete court renovation, which included 14 tennis courts and four new pickleball courts. Funding is available to renovate the building and add new bathrooms, a new lobby, and a new sitting area. The renovation will begin in late spring or early summer and should not impact programming.
- Jax River Jams Concert Series is a free, four-week concert series on Downtown Jacksonville's scenic riverfront. The event is held every Thursday for four weeks on April 6, 13, 20, and 27. Gates open at 5 p.m., with the headliner's performance beginning at 8:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the Downtown Jacksonville website at <https://downtownjacksonville.org/jax-river-jams/>.

Dan Piastuck may be reached at (904) 255-7918 or [DPiastuck@coj.net](mailto:DPiastuck@coj.net).

- **Jacksonville Human Rights Commission (JHRC)** – Wendy Ahmed, Executive Director of JHRC, announced that on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the Shultz Center, 4019 Boulevard Center Drive, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the JHRC will be hosting The City of Jacksonville Fair Housing Expo. This year's theme is "The American Dream: Fair and Affordable Housing. The community is invited to come and learn about the available resources to help with renting or buying a home, how eviction may affect your credit when trying to rent or buy a home, and the resources available to a person with a disability. Wendy Ahmed may be reached at (904) 255-5372 or [WendyA@coj.net](mailto:WendyA@coj.net).

#### 9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Vice Chair Purdy reported that the subcommittee reviewed three applications. They were reviewed and voted on by the full CPAC during the CPAC meeting. Motions were made to oppose E-23-21 and Ordinance 2023-0224.
- **Application E- 23-21 – Rezoning Exception – 1931 Blanding Blvd.:** The application seeks to allow for an auto laundry (car wash) in the CCG-1 zoning district. The CPAC members unanimously passed the motion to oppose application E-22-21.
- **Ordinance 2023-0224 – Rezoning to a PUD –12250 Normandy Blvd.:** The application seeks to rezone 15+/- acres of property from CCG-1 to PUD to permit 240 multi-family residential units. The CPAC members unanimously passed the motion to oppose Ordinance 2023-0224  
Connor Corrigan may be contacted at (904) 255-7844 or [CCorrigan@coj.net](mailto:CCorrigan@coj.net).
- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that the T.R.U.E Commission met on April 6, 2023, at 4 p.m. in the Don Davis room in City Hall. The commission reviewed six auditor's reports. This was the first auditor's report received since implementing the One Cloud Financial Management System. Many of the issues in the report were cleared up. The T.R.U.E Commission discussed at length the Capital Improvement Program. Items such as how projects are selected for the CIP, how they are submitted, and how the suggestions from the CPACs get through the process of being introduced to the Mayor's Office. The Commission was advised that much of what is placed on the CIP is based on the number of issues that come through the MyJax Care System. Mr. Tyson offered to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation regarding the CIP that the T.R.U.E. Commission received.
- **Parks Safety Council (PSC)** – No Report

#### 10. Unfinished Business - None

- **11. New Business** – The CPAC members will submit their Capital Improvement Program suggestions to Michelle Godwin-Ware no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Mrs. Godwin-Ware will forward the recommendations to Chair Crosby, who will prepare the letter with the suggested CIP to Capital Improvement Plan Administrator Kathleen Collins by Monday, May 1, 2023.

- **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:** Michelle Godwin-Ware announced that the 2023 CommUniverCity applications are due Thursday, April 27, by 5 p.m. Attendees will be notified by Monday, May 1, 2023, if selected. The training takes place twice a week for four weeks, starting Tuesday, May 16, 2023, and ending Saturday, June 10, 2023.

Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at 904-255-8236 or [Michelllegw@coj.net](mailto:Michelllegw@coj.net).

#### 12. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements: None

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

**Next CPAC Meeting: May 8, 2023, 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: May 8, 2023, 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](mailto: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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