

# Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## February 8, 2021 Meeting Summary

Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. 32210  
Zoom Meeting ID: 953 4177 6452 Passcode: 276301

### Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members In-Person:** Dr. Willie Crosby, Chair; Christina Purdy, Vice Chair; Tom Martin, Watermill Masters HOA; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Len Burroughs, Murray Hill Preservation Association; Shirley Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace.

**CPAC Members Via Zoom:** Linda & Darrell Barrow, Budget Automotive Repair, Inc.; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Neighborhood Watch; Jacquelyn Woods, Cedar Hills Estates Community Association.

**Visitors:** Nathlyn Hemmingway; William Tardiff; Harlo Watkins; Monique Tookes; David Lowry; Susan McCullough, COEA; Carol McGraph; Mary Rumph; Aisha Rumph

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Bryan Mosier, Director, Neighborhoods; Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to CM Ronald Salem at Large 2; Honorable Warren Jones, DCPS Board; Tracy Pierce, DCPS; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Samantha Rambeau, FDOT; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Lt. Jamie Eason, JSO; Ernest Murphy, Supervisor MCCD; Lisa Ransom, Manager Neighborhood Services Office; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Andy Hetzel, City Planner III, Planning and Development.

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** January summary was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
  - Nikki Evans, Executive Assistant to CM Ron Salem, reported that Council Member Salem has proposed that the city name the baseball grounds at J.P. Smalls Park in Durkeeville after iconic baseball legend Hank Aaron. Ms. Evans also reported that Council Member Salem is launching a citywide teen vaping prevention campaign. The goal of the campaign is to educate teenagers from middle school to high school about the health risks of using tobacco and vaping.  
Nikki Evans may be reached at (904) 255 – 5146 or nevens@coj.net
  - Warren Jones, Duval County School Board, reported that Dr. Diane Greene was selected as Florida 2021 Superintendent of the Year by the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FAASS). He also reported that Duval County Public Schools 2020 graduation rate is 98.2 percent, which is an increase from last year's graduation rate of 86.5 percent. Mr. Jones announced that the 2021 School Choice Expo is over, however, parents still have time to browse the Expo and select a new school for their child until February 28, 2021. You may visit <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/> to learn more about DCPS's various events. He also announced that the Citizen Oversight Committee held its first meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the Shultz Center for Teaching and Learning. The meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. Mr. Jones announced that the School Board will be updating the 5-year strategic plan and is inviting the public to provide input soon. Mr. Jones announced that meetings regarding the renaming of nine Duval County Public Schools will begin in February. You may visit <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/tracker> to keep track and learn more about the process.  
Warren Jones may be reached at [jonesw2@duvalschools.org](mailto:jonesw2@duvalschools.org)
- 4. Presentation:** Samantha Rambeau, Atkins Global/FDOT, reported that the Wells Road and Argyle Forest Boulevard intersection at Blanding Boulevard project is still in the design phase and will not start until 2025. The project is estimated to be open for public comment in 2023. Ms. Rameau provided updates on the following projects:
  - I-295 at Collins Road interchange improvements. This project will improve access to and from I-295 and Collins Road. The improvements will be made west of the intersection of Parramore Road and Collins Road and at the intersection of Plantation Bay Drive and Collins Road. The project began August 2020 and estimated completion is late 2021. You may visit the Florida Department of Transportation website <http://nflr2.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?p=5205> for more details.

- I-295 at the Buckman Bridge signage project. Construction will take place along the I-295 West Beltway at the Buckman Bridge to improve safety along the corridor. Work will include a safety initiative to communicate whether lanes are free flowing, slowed or blocked on the bridge. Programmable overhead electronic boards and additional CCTV cameras will be installed at several locations on both directions of the bridge to guide lane use, improve traffic flow and enhance safety. Additional signage is also being placed on the bridge to better inform drivers. The project began July 2019 and estimated completion is summer 2021. You may visit the Florida Department of Transportation website <http://nflr2.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?p=5313> for more details.
  - School Zone improvement project in Northeast Florida. This is a districtwide school safety improvement project that will include enhancements at more than 150 school zones across Northeast Florida. This project is part of a statewide effort to improve school zone safety in response to House Bill 493, passed during the 2017 Regular Session. A specific uniform system of high visibility markings and signage within one mile of all schools on arterial and collector roads. Duval County will receive the various upgrades to 67 of its school zones. The project began December 2020 and estimated completion is Summer 2021. You may visit the Florida Department of Transportation website <http://nflr2.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?p=5362> for more details.  
Samantha Rambeau may be reached at 386- 269-3602 or [samantha.rambeau@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:samantha.rambeau@dot.state.fl.us)
- 5. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Lt. Jamie Eason reported that JSO is running a buckle up campaign along with a campaign reminding drivers to Move Over for stopped law enforcement, emergency, sanitation, utility service vehicles, and tow trucks/wreckers. If drivers are not able to safely move over, they should slow down 20 mph below the posted speed limit. Lt. Eason also reminded CPAC members to follow the 9 p.m. routine and bring any valuables, and firearms inside as well as lock doors. Lt. Jamie Eason may be reached at (904) 630-8133
- 6. Chair's Report:** Chair Crosby announced that he has been provided great support from Andy Hetzel with the Planning and Development Department as well as Michelle Godwin-Ware the Southwest CPAC's Coordinator. Chair Crosby advised he will be working on perfecting the use of Roberts Rules of Order during the Southwest CPAC meetings and asked for everyone's cooperation. He also announced that the Chairs will have their quarterly meeting with Brian Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer on Friday 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and he would be happy to take any of the CPAC members concerns to Mr. Hughes. Dr. Crosby asked that CPAC members help with recruiting new members by speaking with people in their communities about CPAC's and its purpose and importance to be involved.
- 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**
- **LUZ Subcommittee** – Chair Crosby reported that the subcommittee reviewed seven applications. The subcommittee motioned to take no action on all seven applications. Chair Crosby stated he is working with Mr. Hetzel to formulate a system for checking on the submittal of applications, to ensure the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee is notified of new applications as soon as possible.  
Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 [AHetzel@coj.net](mailto:AHetzel@coj.net)
  - **Cecil Field Report** – Bruce Tyson reported that work is taking place on the east side of the field. Cecil Field will be changing the rocket test pad and moving it to the southside of the field. Amazon has opened another distribution center site at Cecil Commerce Center. The distribution center will employ between 200 and 300 employees.
  - **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that the Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2021 and that there are still a few issues with the 1Cloud system. Mr. Tyson hopes to have updates regarding the latest quarterly budget summary at next month's CPAC meeting. Mr. Tyson also reported:
    - The T.R.U.E. Commission confirmed the election of officers: Daniel Henry, Chair, Keshan Chablis, Vice Chair, and Mark Merritt, Secretary.
    - The T.R.U.E. Commission discussed potential study topics. Topics include: City Crime Rate, Jacksonville Small and Emerging Business (JSEB) program and review of what the special committee is doing, prenatal health care especially in the underserved community and City vehicle accidents.
    - The T.R.U.E. Commission will have a workshop meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 to discuss the proposed ideas for the commission's work program. A few items up for review, are the JSO crime prevention spending, risk management, and City vehicle accidents.
  - **Transportation** – Tom Martin reported on the February 3, 2021 North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting:
    - North Florida TPO CAC approved the FDOT request to amend FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for three projects: Edgewood Avenue resurfacing between Beaver Street and Old Kings Road, Edgewood Avenue intersection improvement at 5th

Street and Nassau County CR121, signage and pavement markings between US 90 and US 1. Additional pages will be added to the TIP for the Federal Highway Administration with two National Park Service/Timucuan Ecological Historical Preserve Projects: Bike and pedestrian study, and Safety and Facilities improvements for the St. Johns River Ferry.

- North Florida TPO CAC received a short presentation on the Joint Certification of the Metropolitan Transport Planning Process. This certification is required by various federal regulations.
- North Florida TPO CAC received a presentation on the 2021 draft list of priority projects. Approval of the list will take place at the March meeting.
- North Florida TPO CAC received a presentation on the FDOT Tentative Work Program for FY 2021/2022 through FY 2025/2026. There will be several projects in the Southwest area: intersection improvement on US 17 at I-295 and I-295 at I-10, resurfacing sections of I-295, resurfacing I-10 west of I-295, and adding lanes to I-10 from I-295 to I-95.
- North Florida TPO CAC received an update presentation on the Smart North Florida by Jeff Sheffield. The next North Florida TPO CAC meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 2 p.m.

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

- **Neighborhood Department** – Bryan Mosier, Director of Neighborhoods, reported that the Housing Department will conduct its Landlord Training virtually on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on the day of training. Training starts at 9 a.m. and will run until 5 p.m. A training manual will be available for the cost of \$10. Call Robert Ownby at 904-255-8283 or email [rownby@coj.net](mailto:rownby@coj.net) with any questions.  
Bryan Mosier may be reached at (904) 255-7005 or [bmosier@coj.net](mailto:bmosier@coj.net)
  - **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Tracy Pierce, Chief of Marketing and Public Relations, had no report but was available for questions.  
Tracy Pierce may be reached at [PierceT@duvalschools.org](mailto:PierceT@duvalschools.org)
  - **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon, Transportation Coordinator District 2, showed CPAC members how to research FDOT projects in Planning District 4 by visiting the Florida Department of Transportation website [www.nflroads.com](http://www.nflroads.com).  
Derek Dixon may be reached at (904) 360-5653 or [derek.dixon@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:derek.dixon@dot.state.fl.us)
  - **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported that the Argyle Branch Library opened its doors for customers on Monday, February 8, 2021. Visit <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/locations/argyle-branch> for the new hours of operation. The Children's department renovation project at Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Branch will start on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The project is expected to take eight to nine months to complete. The library will be open for service during construction.  
Lynne Baldwin may be contacted at (904) 338-4383 or at [LBaldwin@coj.net](mailto:LBaldwin@coj.net).
  - **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Ernest Murphy, Senior Code Compliance Officer, reported that 1,057 inspections were completed, and 570 snipe signs have been removed over the past 30 days. Mr. Murphy also reported that 11,122 inspections have been completed year to date, with 2,007 snipe signs removed. A systematic inspection in the Hyde Park neighborhood is scheduled to begin February 22, 2021. Zone 4 Municipal Code Compliance Division will conduct its next systematic inspection in the Hillcrest neighborhood beginning in March. Mr. Murphy reminded CPAC members that the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) is still available for those who need abatement services due to disability or economic disadvantage. To find out if you qualify for the JAR program, visit <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>. Mr. Murphy announced that the MCCD will come out to neighborhoods who are having problems with semi-trailer trucks parking on residential property. Please call 630-City to report the problem.  
Ernest Murphy may be contacted at (904)255-7096 or [Emurphy@coj.net](mailto:Emurphy@coj.net)
- 9. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Service Coordinator, stated she would be happy to schedule a Zoom meeting with anyone who is interested in starting a neighborhood organization, or in revitalizing an organization.  
Michelle Godwin-Ware may be contacted at (904)255-8236 or [michellegw@coj.net](mailto:michellegw@coj.net).

**10. Unfinished Business** - None

**11. New Business** – None

#### **12. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements**

- Thomas Martin advised he has written a letter to Sen. Aubrey Gibson, District 6 requesting the millage rate for Duval County Public School be increased.
- Susan McCullough announced that the Council on Elder Affairs (COEA) will be working with AARP

to start the Livable Communities program. If you are interested in becoming part of COEA please contact Carrence Bass, Executive Director of the COEA program at (904) 255-5413 or [cbass@coj.net](mailto:cbass@coj.net) for more information.

**13. Adjourn:** Chair Dr. Willie Crosby adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: March 8, 2021 6:30 p.m.** In person at Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 953 4177 6452 Passcode: 276301. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

**Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: March 8, 2021 5:30 p.m.** In person at Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center, 6974 Wilson Blvd. and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 953 4177 6452 Passcode: 276301. 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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