

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 12, 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.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Chris Ramseyer, Watermill HOA.

Visitors: Jenny Watson, Cedar Hills. David Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; John Chapman; Tamika Wolfe; Tamika School of Epicure, Tanita Woods, Phyllis Smith, NEFHSC; Kara Ramesar, NEFHSC; LaGiada Maslire

Visitors via Zoom: Thomas Martin, Watermill HOA.

Staff and Elected Officials: Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, City Council District 9; Michelle Worley, Executive Assistant to Florida House Representative Angie Nixon; Lt. Abigail Ellis, JSO; Chief Allen Mason, JFRD; Nicole Hamm, Executive Director of Blue Zones Jacksonville; Shay Hill, JEA; Lynne Baldwin, Jacksonville Public Library; Bradley Clayton, MCCD; Jeremy Wright, Public Works; Erin Abney, Planning and Development.

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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 the August 8, 2022, meeting was approved by the CPAC.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Honorable Tyrona Clark Murray, Council District 9, reported that City Council would begin to hear public comments regarding the budget. Council Member Clark-Murray also advised CPAC members that those who would like to remain anonymous when reporting issues using 630-CITY are welcome to report the issue through her office and use her name. Jessica Denson, Council Member Clark-Murray's Executive Assistant, will take the information and input it into the MyJax system. Council Member Clark-Murray may be reached at TClarkMurray@coj.net. Executive Assistant Jessica Denson may be reached at (904)255-5161 or JDenson@coj.net.
 - Michelle Worley, Executive Secretary to State Representative Angie Nixon, reported that Janice Mitchell has joined Rep. Nixon's team as the new Legislative Aide. Ms. Worley reminded CPAC members that they could bring any issues they are having on a State level to Representative Nixon. Representative Angie Nixon may be reached at (904) 924-1500.
- 4. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) –** Lt. Abigail Ellis reported that Zone 4 has been able to remove many guns and drugs from the streets through traffic enforcement. However, many of these guns have been stolen from unlocked vehicles. Lt. Ellis reminded CPAC members to remove their weapons from their cars to reduce the number of firearms stolen from vehicles. Lt. Abigail Ellis 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>.
 - Knox Box samples were made available to view. Homeowners may purchase a Knox Box for their homes to eliminate barriers and allow Firefighters to quickly gain access to secured properties in an emergency without causing property damage. For more information on how to purchase a Knox Box, visit www.knoxbox.com.

- 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 have batteries replaced in an existing device, please call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or register by visiting the MyJax website [MyJax Customer Help](#).
- Fire Prevention week begins on October 9, 2022, and will run through October 15, 2022. JFRD will be conducting public education and outreach regarding home fire safety. JFRD will also host its annual Fire Prevention Week community event for schools during this week. District Chief Allen Mason may be reached at (904) 255-3281.

6. Presentation/Guest Speaker: Nicole Hamm, Executive Director of Blue Zones Project Jacksonville, presented information regarding the new Blue Zones Project Jacksonville. The Blue Zone Project Jacksonville has partnered with the City of Jacksonville, Baptist Health, Florida Blue, University of Florida Health (UF Health), and United Way of Northeast Florida to assist with making positive changes in the way citizens make healthy choices such as movement, relieving stress, eating a more plant-based protein diet, and building strong relationships. Ms. Hamm announced that a focus group would be held to hear from the local community leaders about their neighborhoods in the zip codes 32210 and 32244. The informal session will be held at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 7673 Collins Rd., on Thursday, September 22, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Nicole Hamm can be reached at (904) 790-0636 or Nicole@bluezones.com.

7. Chairs Report: Chair Crosby selected William Fonferek, Dewey Walker, and Bruce Tyson as members of the nominating subcommittee. Bill Fonferek was chosen as the Chair of the nominating subcommittee,

8. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Shay Hill, Byproduct Services Manager, encouraged CPAC Members to become familiar with the JEA website and review the storm Center and Outage Center links on JEA’s website. For more information and to view the sites visit www.JEA.com. Mr. Hill also advised CPAC members to fill their milk jugs or cat litter containers with fresh water that can be used during a storm for drinking and flushing. Mr. Hill reported that disconnections for non-payment will expire on September 18, 2022. Starting October 1, 2022, JEA will no longer charge a credit card fee when paying your utility bill by credit card. Mr. Hill apologized for the delayed boil water notices and advised that JEA is in the process of looking for a new notification system. Shay Hill may be reached at Hillcs@jea.com.
- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
 - September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. The library encourages those who visit a branch to take a selfie with their new library card and post what they love about owning a library card on social media.
 - The city has installed a new fence around the retention pond behind the Argyle Forest Branch Library.
 - The Jacksonville Public Library has three part-time vacancies at the Webb West Connect Library. Two customer experience associate positions and one library clerk. Each job position is 20 hours a week. For a complete job description, please visit the City of Jacksonville Job Opportunities website <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/jacksonvillefl?page=1>. Lynne Baldwin may be reached at (904) 338-4383 or LBaldwin@coj.net.
- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Bradley Clayton, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 1,932 inspections were completed From August 8, 2022, through September 8, 2022. A total of 14,835 have been completed year to date. Mr. Clayton announced that the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief (JAR) Program is still available and now covers dead trees. 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](#). Bradley Clayton may be reached at (904) 255-7038 or BClayton@coj.net.

- **Public Works** – Jeremy Wright, Facility Manager, provided the following project updates:

- A new restroom addition is being added to the 103rd Street Sports Complex. The project is currently at the 60 percent design phase.
- Several Americans Disability Act (ADA) sidewalks, curb and ramp improvements have been completed in the Jacksonville Heights neighborhood. Fifty percent of the 363 improvements have been completed throughout Jacksonville.
- Near Gaskins Road and Jammes Road, a 600 linear foot long embankment will be constructed starting September 19, 2022.
Jeremy Wright may be reached at (904) 255-4331 or WrightJ@coj.net.

9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development** – Chair Crosby reported that the Southwest CPAC Land Use and Zoning subcommittee reviewed five Land Use and Zoning applications. The LUZ subcommittee made a recommendation to send a letter of recommendation for:
- **Ordinance 2022-0630** - Rezoning: 0 Gracy Road – The applicant seeks to change the PUD previously approved by Ordinance 2021-230E from approximately 89.07 acres with 194 lots with a minimum lot width of 50 feet to add two 10-acre tracts in the northern area of the development and on approximately 6.96 parcel to the south, resulting in a more compact development boundary adding 50- and 60-foot lots. The proposed PUD would total 115.86 acres with up to 405 lots. Up to 288 lots will have a minimum lot width of 50 feet, and up to 117 lots will have a minimum lot width of 60 feet. The added land is currently undeveloped and is zoned RR-Acre and PUD. The Southwest CPAC opposes the application because the project will be built on wetlands and may impose drainage and flooding issues on the surrounding properties.
Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 or AHetzel@coj.net.
- **Cecil Report** – Bruce Tyson announced that the 2022 Cecil Behind the Scenes Bus Tour is scheduled for October 13, 2022. The bus 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 or contact Lara Hipps (904)781-2654 or lara@hippsgroupinc.com. Ticket sales end October 6, 2022.
- **Park Safety Council** – Bruce Tyson reported that the Park Safety Council met Monday, August 29, 2022, at the Ed Ball Building in Conference Room 851. The Park Safety Council submitted its second quarterly report to the Parks Recreation and Community Services Department to be submitted to the Mayor and City Council. The report will be available for review once the Parks Recreation and Community Service Departments have attached its memo. Mr. Tyson advised CPAC members that the best way to report a park safety issue is to call (904)630-CITY (2498). This will help the city and the Park Safety Council track when and where a problem occurs. 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., 8th Floor conference room 851.
- **Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that the TRUE Commission will be sending a resolution to City Council asking that the new sheriff and mayor elected in 2023 create a plan to hire 148 new JSO Officers each year over the next four years to achieve a JSO staffing ration of 2.73 officers to every 1,000 city residents by fiscal year 2031. The TRUE Commission would also like to investigate the effectiveness of the Public Works Department and research 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.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business – None

12. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report: Michelle Godwin-Ware presented 2022 CommUniverCity graduate Tamika McKenzie with her certificate of completion and gift bag for attending CommUniverCity 2022. Ms. Godwin-Ware announced that she would be happy to attend any neighborhood or homeowner association meeting to speak about CPACs. Ms. Godwin-Ware also reminded CPAC members about the upcoming Neighborhood Awards Program that will take place at the Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 E. 1st St., on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 6 p.m.

Michelle Godwin-Ware may be reached at (904)255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net.

13. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:

- Kara Ramesar introduced herself and her organization Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition (NEFHSC), and the work they are doing on the southwest side and throughout Jacksonville to assist mothers who are pregnant as well as families with children under the age. The NEFHSC has also released a program called Fatherhood.
- Len Burrough announced 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 Ave. S. The big costume parade will begin at 7 p.m.

14. Adjourn: Chair Crosby adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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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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