

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 8, 2018 Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road, Jacksonville FL

Attendance

CPAC Members

Chair – Trinity Ministries– Bruce Tyson
Vice Chair Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Mike Fisher
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Meyers
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs
Watermill Masters HOA – Tom Martin

Staff and Officials

Council President, Anna Brosche at Large Group 1
Executive Council Assist. To CP Anna Brosche, ALG1 -Jeneen Sanders
Executive Council Assist. to CM Jim Love CD 14– Kevin Kuzel
Council Member at Large Group 5 - Samuel Newby
Council Member, Council District 10 - Reginald Brown
FDOT – Derek Dixon
Jacksonville Public Library – Lynne Baldwin
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Zone 4 – Lt T.C. James
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Military Affairs – Caroline Adkins
MCCD – Jennifer Kohn
Neighborhood Services Office– Michelle Godwin
Parks, Recreation & Community Services – Eleanor Robinson
Planning & Development – Andrew Hetzel
Public Works – Bob Upson

Visitors:

Jack Shad – Walkwise
Tracye Polson – Candidate FL HD 15
Isaac Mashman

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
 - 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** Len Burroughs motioned to approve November's summary. The approval of November's summary was seconded by Mike Fisher.
 - 3. Presentations:** City Council President, Anna Brosche, attended the Southwest CPAC meeting to discuss the newly formulated special committees, which focuses their efforts on parks and safe and healthy neighborhoods. Council President Brosche asked for feedback from CPAC members regarding what is needed to do to improve our parks, safety and health in Jacksonville neighborhoods. Council President Brosche noted the concerns and suggestions given to her. She advised that suggestions can be sent to Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Coordinator to the Southwest CPAC or be sent to Council President Brosche until February 28, 2018.
 - Jack Shad, Walkwise Florida representative, presented on WalkWise Florida program. WalkWise is a statewide grassroots program funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Mr. Shad shared information on safe pedestrian and bicyclist behavior, the related traffic laws and how to walk and bike safely.
 - 4. Elected Officials' Reports:** Kevin Kuzel, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Jim Love, District 14, announced that City Council will meet Tuesday, January 9th to vote on a bill that will allow for a portable cooler for the Medical Examiner's Office. The cost of the unit would be \$ 206,000. He also announced that the ground breaking for the Costco on Collins Road has taken place and that the safety of the intersection of Rampart Road, east of I-295 is being looked at by the City. Council Member Jim Love and Council Assistant Kevin Kuzel scheduled a meeting on December 13th with the various neighborhoods near the Costco construction site as well as the project manager from T.D. Farrell Construction, Inc. One of the issues discussed during the meeting was noise. Mr. Kuzel believes a possible solution would be to place a masonry wall around Costco to reduce the noise. Council Member Jim Love may be contacted at 630-1380 or jimlove@coj.net.
 - Reggie Brown, City Council Member District 10, announced that a public meeting is scheduled Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 11 a.m. in City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. Suite 425 Conference Room A, to discuss Alcohol Permits and Internet Cafés. Council Member Reginald Brown may be contacted at 904-630-1684 or RBrown@coj.net.

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5. Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Zone 4 Lt., T.C. James, announced that a murder occurred Monday, January 1, 2018 at the Riverside BP Gas station on Stockton Street. He also informed CPAC members that the trending issue in Zone 4 is robberies. One attempted robbery and one armed robbery took place on McDuff and Roosevelt Avenues two nights ago. Officers are being diligent and keeping watch in the area.
The JSO Zone 4 Office may be contacted at 513-3165. The JSO non-emergency number is 630-0500. Please visit JSO's website at <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/patrol-division/zone-4.aspx>.
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon, Bike/Ped and ADA Coordinator, informed CPAC members the interchange improvements at I-295 and 103rd Street (S.R. 134) will begin this month. The project will include the entrance and exit ramps of the interchange and the roadway under the I-295 overpass up to Firestone Road at Westside High School. The expected completion date for the project is late summer 2018 and will cost \$3.3 million. Mr. Dixon also announced that the First Coast Expressway (FCE) is being extended north to Beaver Street to reduce congestion in the existing interchanges of I-10 at Chaffee Road and at U.S. 301. This segment of the FCE will provide access to I-10 from the distribution centers (Publix, Winn-Dixie, etc.), businesses and residential areas along U.S. 90 and will also allow better access to the Cecil Commerce Center. The project includes major reconstruction at I-10. Ramps are being constructed at Beaver Street to provide access to and from I-10 and the FCE. Derek Dixon may be reached at 904-360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us
- **JEA** – Nancy Kilgo may be contacted at 665-6439 or kilgna@jea.com
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** –Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager, announced that the Ultimate Urban Circulation (U2C) Test and Learn event took place December 20, 2017. The event allowed citizens to test the first autonomous vehicle (AV) EZ10. The vehicle was provided and operated by Transdev/Easy Mile. Regular operations will resume in February 2018 and will be open for the public to ride during planned events. Multiply vehicles will be tested throughout the demonstration period. To schedule an AV test and learn demonstration, please email u2cjax@jtafla.com or visit the website www.u2cjax.com. Ms. Riddick also provided everyone with a copy of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's 2016 annual report, entitled "Year of Awesome." Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at 904-632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com
- **Military Affairs and Veteran Services (MAV)** – Caroline Adkins, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, announced Veterans can receive free tax help by visiting City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, Suite 120 on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 A.M. until 2:30 p.m. Veterans must meet income requirements (no more than \$66,000) for free tax preparation services. Ms. Adkins announced free legal assistance is available to veterans the third Thursday of each month. Ms. Adkins informed CPAC members that free career counseling for Veterans, transitioning military members and their families will take place Thursday, January 18, 2018, starting at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, Suite 120. Ms. Adkins advised that it is best to call the MVA local number with any questions about services since the Veterans Affairs hold time is very long.
Caroline Adkins may be contact at 904-630-3625 or carolinea@coj.net .
- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCC)** – Jennifer Kohn, Zone 4 Senior Code Compliance Officer, announced that from December 8, 2017 to January 8, 2018, 1,221 inspections were completed. These included 124 junk vehicle inspections, 631 nuisance inspections, 207 residential inspections and 23 unsafe structures. A systematic inspection was conducted in Hyde Park in November, resulting in 314 new cases. A systematic inspection was completed in Hill Crest in December, resulting in 101 new cases. A systematic inspection will take place in Cedar Hills the end of January.
Jennifer Kohn may be contacted at 904-255-7004 or Jkohn@coj.net.
- **Planning & Development** - Current Planning – Andy Hetzel, City Planner III, presented the following report:
 - **E-17-098 Exception** – 4624 Park Street, between Blanding Boulevard and Cassat Avenue: Seeks to permit a child day care center for 45 children and five (5) staff members in the Commercial,

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Residential and Office (CRO) Zoning District. PC approved.

- **E17-099 Exception** – 3960 Confederate Point Road, between Blanding Boulevard and Butcher Pen Creek: Seeks to allow the retail sales and service of beer and wine only for on-premises consumption in the CN zoning district. The bar, Rascal's, is already in existence. This is only a change of owner. The establishment is located in a shopping center that includes other retail uses such as a beauty salon and convenience store located on Confederate Point Road. PC approved.
- **2017-0801 PUD Rezoning** – 17110 Brandy Branch Road: Seeks to reduce the minimum required road frontage from 80 feet to 0 (zero) feet to permit the development of a single-family dwelling. The site consists of 5.04 acres of land and is zoned Residential Rural-Acre (RR-Acre). The subject site is currently undeveloped and has an identifiable access point from the end of Townsend Road, with an easement for access across both the eastern and western boundaries of the properties to the north of the subject site.
- **WRF-17-027 (Ord 2017-0757) Waiver of Road Frontage** - 7315 Argyle Forest Blvd: SW-17-08 (Ord 2017-0561) seeks an increase in canopy sign size from 16 sq. ft. to 20 sq. ft.
- **V-17-11 Variance** – 7362 Townsend Road; on the south side of Townsend Road between Ricker Road and Rampart Road: Seeks to reduce the minimum required road frontage from 80 feet to 0 (zero) feet to permit the development of a single-family dwelling. The site consists of 5.04 acres of land and is zoned Residential Rural-Acre (RR-Acre). The subject site is currently undeveloped and has an identifiable access point from the end of Townsend Road, with an easement for access across both the eastern and western boundaries of the properties to the north of the subject site.
- **AD-17-083 Administrative Deviation** - 1700 Otis Road: Seeks to reduce the required number of trees in the interior VUA from 1 tree / 4,000 square feet (43 trees) to 1 tree / 8,190 square feet (21 trees).and reduce the required number of trees along the north and east property boundaries from 76 trees to 37 trees for the Otis Road debris landfill.
- **AD-17-084 Administrative Deviation** - 4650 Apache Ave: Seeks to reduce the side yard setback from 5 feet to 4.1 feet for a carport.
- **MM-18-02 Minor Modification to PUD** - Meadows Dr. West, south of New World Avenue, west of Chaffee Road South: This minor modification to the PUD would permit Parcel D to be developed as a residential community consisting of a maximum of 200 single-family dwelling units with related community amenities. The original PUD permitted multifamily uses. The overall density of Parcel D will not exceed 3.60 dwellings per acre consistent within the LDR land use category. Andy Hetzel may be contacted at 255-7821 or Ahetzel@coj.net.
- **Parks, Recreation and Community Services** – Eleanor Robinson reported that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is preparing for the summer and will be posting positions for camp counselors, Rec & Roll, Summer Night Lights and life guards. Ms. Robinson announced the department will be reopening the Normandy Community Center. Ms. Robinson informed CPAC members that the department is looking at installing five heater vents in five community pools, including Thomas Jefferson. Ms. Robinson may be contacted at 255-7920 or eleonor@coj.net.
- **Public Libraries** – Lynne Baldwin of the Jacksonville Public Library announced that Mapping Our Past with Christopher Lane of PBS Antiques Roadshow will be at the Main Library Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 11a.m to 4 p.m. Various events will take place throughout the day. Ms. Baldwin announced that the new computer and technology class schedules are available. Ms. Baldwin also announced that the next Friends of the Library book sale will take place at the University Park Library, 3435 University Boulevard North, February 9th, 10th, and 11th. Please visit <http://fjpl.info/book-warehouse-sale/> for more information. Ms. Baldwin encouraged everyone to read more and obtain or renew a library card as increased reading can strengthen our communities. CPAC Vice Chair, Mike Fisher said the Jacksonville libraries are a huge asset and that the map collection on the fourth floor of the Main library is phenomenal. Lynne Baldwin may be contacted at 630-1968 or lbaldwin@coj.net.

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- **Public Works** – Bob Upson reported that his team is 95 percent complete with repairs caused by Hurricane Irma.
Bob Upson may be contacted at rupson@coj.net.
- 6. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**
- **Transportation** – Tom Martin reported:
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved a resolution adopting the FDOT Safety Performance Targets. The aspirational target is 0.1 for the number of fatalities, serious injuries, and non-motorized fatalities.
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved the FDOT request to amend the FY 2017/18 through FY 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This amendment provides funds for the following projects: street lighting on University Boulevard from Los Santos Way to Jacksonville University, and for Emerson Street railroad crossing safety improvements.
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved a resolution adopting a Citizens Advisory Committee request to FDOT to discourage and prevent the homeless from sheltering under Interstate highway underpasses.
 - The next North Florida TPO CAC meeting will be held 2 p.m., Wednesday, February 7, 2018 in the TPO Board Room at 980 North Jefferson St.
- **Sheriff's Watch Committee** – Alice Turknetts was excused.
- **Cecil Area** – Chair Bruce Tyson reported that construction hangar H955 will be completed in mid-February. The design plans for new Fire Station #73 is 60 percent complete. Planning and design firm Earthwork Group will start work in February. Gulfstream is conducting flight testing at Cecil Airport; testing may last for a month. Cecil Field will have its annual DOT inspection February 5, 2018. The Cecil Airport is staying extremely busy and is working on developing the east side of the property. The road from New World Avenue to Chaffee Road South is completed and open.
- **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin informed CPAC members that Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) workshop is scheduled Tuesday, February 6th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Intuition Ale Works, 929 East Bay Street, Jacksonville. The workshop is a great opportunity for various organizations to network and obtain ideas. She also informed the CPAC members that ethics training is required for all CPAC members and reminded CPAC Chair and Vice Chair that their annual ethics training will take place Tuesday, January 9th at 6 p.m. on the 5th floor conference room in the Ed Ball Building.
The Neighborhood Services Office may be contacted at 255-8250 or neighborhoodservices@coj.net
- 7. **Chair's Report** – Chair Bruce Tyson announced membership is low and that he is willing to visit organizations to discuss CPAC. If anyone knows of an organization or association that may not know about CPAC's, please provide the CPAC coordinator, Michelle Godwin with the contact information for that association or organizations. Michelle will pass that information on to the CPAC Chair and Vice Chair.
You may reach Michelle Godwin at 904-255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net
- 8. **Unfinished Business** – None.
- 9. **New Business** – None
- 10. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements-**
 - Vice Chair, Mike Fisher expressed concern about the decorative lights on the Main Street and Acosta Bridges not operating. He also expressed concern that there is an issue with the traffic light on Park Street and Roosevelt Boulevard at the railroad tracks. The timing is off and the light stays red for extremely long time. Mr. Dixon with FDOT provided Mr. Fisher with the contact information to the FDOT Bridge Department and will make the appropriate parties aware of the lighting issue at Park Street and Roosevelt Boulevard.
 - Lynn Baldwin, Jacksonville Public Library, expressed concern with the lack of a traffic light on Old Middleburg Road near the Argyle Branch Library and Enterprise Learning Academy. It has become increasingly dangerous to get out of the library parking lot. Mr. Dixon with FDOT suggested Ms. Baldwin reach out to Chris LeDew, Chief of Traffic Engineering with the City of Jacksonville. Mr. LeDew can

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have someone take a look at the intersection. Kevin Kuzel provided Ms. Baldwin with Mr. LeDew's email address, cle Dew@coj.net.

11. **Adjourn:** Chair Bruce Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
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Next CPAC Meeting: February 12, 2018, 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](#).