

# Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## March 11, 2024, Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. 32210

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 1986 6982 Passcode: 636927

## Meeting Attendance

**CPAC Members In-Person:** Christina Purdy, Chair; Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA, Vice Chair; MHPA; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Sheriff's Watch; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Jacquelyn Woods, Cedar Hills Estate Community Association.

**CPAC Members Via Zoom:** Chris Ramseyer, Watermill HOA; Ernest Surmons, Glenda Meadows HOA; Sandy Simpson, Chimney Lakes HOA; Tameka Wolfe-McKenzie, Tamika's School of Epicure; Jessica Wilkerson, Glenda Meadows HOA.

**Visitors:** Phyllis Mattox, NEFHSC; Rae Walker, Sheriff's Watch; John Chapman; Jason Roberts, Sheriff's Watch Zone 4; Denise Parsons, Sheriff's Watch, Zone 4; Leonard Parsons, Sheriff's Watch, Zone 4; Bill Klima, Sheriff's Watch; Hank Rogers, Candidate for School Board, Valerie Lunsford.

**Visitors via Zoom:** Jermaine Noble; Lewan Brunson, Blue Zones Jacksonville; Sandy Simmons; Staci Rewis, Driver, Peak, McAfee and Hawthorne Law Firm.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, District 9; Assist. Chief Eric Redgate, JSO; Don Tuten, JEA; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Jeremy Wright, Public Works; Brian Naples, MCC Supervisor; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office.

## Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Purdy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** The CPAC approved the summary of February 12, 2024.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:**
  - Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, District 9, announced that the Valencia Way Apartments, aka Eureka Gardens Apartments, located at 1214 Labelle St., was declared a public nuisance and went before the Public Nuisance Abatement Board last month. The owners have one year to take corrective action on various violations and improve safety. There is not only an issue with violent crimes committed by adults, but with the youth vandalizing the property. Council Member Clark-Murray is working with the Police Athletic League (PAL) to establish a league on the property to help prevent delinquent behavior.
  - During the last council meeting, Ordinance 2023-0416 was discussed regarding the Recreation Vehicle (RV) Park. She urged her colleagues to vote against the ordinance and supported the Southwest CPAC's recommendation to deny the project.
  - Council Member Clark-Murray stated she believes community centers benefit the community and serve as hubs and places where residents can gather. Unfortunately, the area where a senior center has been requested is not in Council District 9, but in Council District 14, which is Council Member Rahman Johnson's district.
  - On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:45 a.m. City Council District 9 will host a community clean-up on Ricker Road. Volunteers will meet at O'Reilly Auto Parts parking lot 7881 103<sup>rd</sup> St. Trash will be collected on Ricker Road from 103<sup>rd</sup> Street to Gregory Drive. Bags and gloves will be provided.
  - Council Member Clark-Murray invites seniors 60 and older to the Spring Fling Brunch on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. Seats are limited. You must RSVP by calling (904) 255-5209.
  - A Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Community Workshop will be hosted by Council Member Clark-Murray on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall, Lynwood Roberts Room, 117 West Duval St. Topics will include LUZ laws, the application process, the Planning Commissions role, and the City Council's role.  
Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray may be reached at (904) 255- 5209 or [tclarkmurray@coj.net](mailto:tclarkmurray@coj.net).

**4. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Assistant Chief Eric Redgate provided crime statistics for February 2024.

- Over the last 30 days, crime has remained low in many crime categories, except for sex offenses and burglary. These offenses are up by four for the sex offenses and seven for burglary. Three of the sex offenses were arrested.
- Residents are doing an excellent job of locking their car doors because theft from cars is down. Spring break begins March 18, so residents should continue to lock their car doors.
- JSO has been monitoring semi-trailer trucks parked in residential areas. Multiple tickets have been written for semi-trucks on Chaffey Road, Normandy Boulevard, 103rd, and Morse Avenue. Officers checked Jammies Road several times, but there were no trucks there. JSO will continue to monitor the area.
- Speeding tickets were issued on 118<sup>th</sup>, Noroad and Blanding Boulevard.
- Officers investigated the homeless problem at the Racetrack gas station at Argyle Forest Boulevard and Rampart Boulevard. Three people were cited for camping and were given notices to appear. Everyone was told to vacate the property. A trespass warning authorization form was obtained for the empty lot. The garbage on the lot is on the list for removal with JSOs and the city's Blight team.
- A murder took place early Monday morning at Chaffey Road and Normandy Boulevard. Homicide did not have a lot of information, and they are still reviewing the evidence.
- A Sheriff's Walk was conducted earlier this month at Ricker Road and Melvin Road. The main complaints were kids pulling on car door handles and speeding.
- Sheriff's Watch meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd.

Assistant Chief Eric Redgate may be reached at (904) 573-3165.

**5. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)**—Capt. Ben Kodatt reported that he is the new representative for JFRD District 4. He reminded everyone that the smoke detectors program is available. Residents can call 630-City and request the installation of smoke detectors in their homes.

- A new fire station is being built off Lenox Avenue to replace the old Fire Station 22. It is set to open in late summer.
- The Marine Station opened in Mandarin. This is the closest Marine Station to Planning District 4.

Capt. Kodatt may be reached at (904)630-0284.

**6. Chair's Report:** Christina Purdy reported that Kathleen Collins, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, responded to the SW CPACs CIP recommendations for recommendation number one and recommendation number four of their letter. Mr. Fonferek asked if Parks, Recreation, and Community Services could provide updates regarding the progress of parks. Mrs. Godwin-Ware advised that CPAC members are welcome to contact (PRCS) for updates or ask the PRCS staff member to provide an update when they report to the SW CPAC.

**7. Staff Reports:**

- **Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA)** – Don Tuten reported that residents could track their electric and water usage by using the Track Your Usage link. This link allows citizens to monitor their usage, assisting in reducing consumption. The link can be found at the bottom of JEA's website homepage. To track your usage, please visit JEA's website at [www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com).
- Free efficiency assessments and free irrigation assessments are available. Visit JEA's website at [www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com) for more information. The site also provides links to all eligible rebates for homeowners.
- Scammers are starting to target customers. If you have questions about your bill or feel someone is trying to scam you, please contact JEA directly. JEA will never call or email you for payment or request that you pay by prepaid card, PayPal, or Venmo.

Don Tuten may be reached at [Dtuten@jea.com](mailto:Dtuten@jea.com).

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
  - The citywide goal for Mayor Donna Deegan's River City Reading challenge is a million minutes read in the next 365 days. So far, 612 readers have logged over 351,000 minutes.
  - Tanika Hughes Action News Jax anchors' Books for Kids annual book drive will run from March 4, 2024, through March 16, 2024. The collected books will be gifted to youth who meet their summer reading goals.

- The best of the Elementary art show will be displayed at designated local West Side libraries, Argyle Branch, Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional, Bill Brinton Murray Hill Branch, and Willow Branch, from March 13, 2024, through April 24, 2024, honoring the artwork of students and their teachers.
- Early voting will run through Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at various branches throughout the county and Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at your designated polling location.

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)**—Brian Naples, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that 1,256 cases were completed in February, and 75 illegal signs were removed from the right-of-way.
  - Currently, MCC Officers are in the middle of a project in the Hyde Park Neighborhood, where there are many nuisances, unsafe structures, and junk vehicles.
  - A total of 260 cases were created for the Valencia Way Apartments, including exterior and interior violations.
  - Any vehicle without a tag, has flat tires, looks inoperable, or is on jack stands can be considered a junk vehicle.
  - Autobody shops can be cited if vehicles spill into the right-of-way. Depending on the zoning, the complaint will go to the parking enforcement, MCCD, or JSO. It can be hard to verify whether a resident is running a car repair business from their home if the MCC Officer cannot see the vehicles. However, sometimes, they can be cited for trash and debris if many car parts are lying around the property.
  - Per Senate Bill 60, citizens can no longer be anonymous when calling 630-2489(CITY) to make a complaint. Council Member Clark-Murray informed members that if they feel uncomfortable reporting code violations, they could report the issue anonymously by calling her office at (904) 255-5209.
  - The main number for the Municipal Code Compliance Office is (904) 255-7000.

Brian Naples may be contacted at (904)255-7083 or [BNaples@coj.net](mailto:BNaples@coj.net).

- **Public Works (PW)** – Jeremy Wright reported that 30 capital projects are in various phases in Planning District 4. The list of projects will be sent to Mrs. Godwin-Ware to share with the CPAC. Mr. Wright announced that Mayor Deegan created a dashboard for Public Works, Animal Care, Protective Services, Permitting, and River City Readers to promote transparency and accountability. They can be viewed on the City of Jacksonville's website at: <https://www.jacksonville.gov/mayor/mayor-s-transparency-dashboards>.

Jeremy Wright may be reached at (904) 255-4331 or [WrightJ@coj.net](mailto:WrightJ@coj.net).

#### 8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development**—Chair Purdy reported that the subcommittee reviewed five applications. The Southwest CPAC's LUZ subcommittee recommended approving four applications. Ordinance 2024-0142 was approved with recommendations. Application AD-24-14 was opposed. CPAC members passed the SW LUZ Subcommittee recommendations.
  - **Ordinance 2024-0142—Planned Unit Development Rezoning – 0 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, RE# 002442 1000:** The applicant seeks to change the parcel's designation from a hunting preserve to mixed-use.
  - **AD-24-14—Administrative Deviation – 10915 Normandy Blvd., RE# 012826 0005:** The application proposes a 240-unit multi-family development seeking a decrease in minimum parking from 455 spaces to 360 spaces (equaling 1.5 spaces per unit), a reduction in bicycle parking from 45 spaces to 7 spaces (equating to approximately 25 of the minimum required off-street parking), and elimination of the loading space requirement.

Andy Hetzel may be contacted at (904) 255-7821 or [AHetzel@coj.net](mailto:AHetzel@coj.net).

- **Taxation Revenue Utilization Expenditures (TRUE) Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported that the TRUE Commission met on Thursday at 4 p.m. in City Halls Don Davis Room. Several reports were reviewed. Mr. Tyson will provide a copy of the minutes to Mrs. Godwin-Ware for everyone to review. Members discussed the contract between the public venue operator ASM Global and the City of Jacksonville. There are some issues with money spent without first obtaining approval. The topic for the next meeting is collective bargaining, the impact on the new procurement code division, and the drafting of the new procurement code manual.
- **Park Safety Council (PSC)**—The Park Safety Council will meet on Monday, March 25, 2024. The Parks Safety Manager inspects approximately 300 parks a year. He tracks and rates the conditions of all the

parks throughout Duval County. The PSC and PRCS Departments review the safety report together and discuss the progress of the items.

**9. Unfinished Business - None**

- **New Business** – None

**10. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report:** Michelle Godwin-Ware announced that applications for CommUniverCity are no longer being accepted. The deadline to turn in applications was Friday, March 8, 2024. Accepted applicants will be notified by Friday, March 15, 2024. Mrs. Godwin-Ware explained how to become a CPAC member. You must be a resident of Duval County and live, work, or be part of an organization such as a Homeowners Association, Condo Association, church, or a group or organization in Planning District 4. Individuals must also attend three consecutive SW CPAC meetings, register their group or organization in the Neighborhood Service Office Neighborhood Directory at <https://jaxnhorg.coj.net/#/register>, fill out a nomination packet, and have it signed by an officer of your organization.

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

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

**12. Adjourn:** Chair Purdy adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting: April 8, 2024, 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: April 8, 2024, 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).

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