

# Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## March 12, 2018 Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road, Jacksonville FL

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### Attendance

#### CPAC Members:

Chair – Trinity Ministries– Bruce Tyson  
Cedar Hills – Johnny Carter  
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting  
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry  
Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Meyers  
Murray Hill Preservation – Len Burroughs  
Watermill Masters HOA – Tom Martin

#### Visitors:

Karen Harris  
Elizabeth Swayne – Sheriff's Watch  
Bill Jones  
Sunny Guttlinger- City Council Candidate CD 14  
Jimmy Peluso – City Council Candidate CD 14  
Celestine Mills – City Council Candidate CD 10  
Robert Leuerock

#### Staff and Officials:

Executive Council Assist. to CM Jim Love CD 14– Kevin Kuzel  
Councilman at Lrg. Samuel Newby – Group 5  
FDOT – Derek Dixon  
Jacksonville Public Library – Lynne Baldwin  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Zone 4 – Lt Chris King  
JEA – Nancy Kilgo  
JTA – Cheryl Riddick  
JTA – Alexander Traversa  
JTA/RSH – Cheryl Freeman  
Military Affairs – Caroline Adkins  
MCCD – Jennifer Kohn  
Neighborhood Services Office– Michelle Godwin  
Parks and Recreation – Eleanor Robinson  
Planning & Development – Andrew Hetzel  
Public Works – Lamar Heard

#### Excused:

Charter Member – Don Ingram  
Vice Chair Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Mike Fisher  
Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Bernice Gremer

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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:** Tom Martin motioned to approve February's summary. The motion was seconded by Shirley Lowry. The motion carried.
- 3. Presentations:** Cheryl Freeman, Project Engineer with Reynolds, Smith and Hill (RS&H) and Alexander Traversa, Systems Planner, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, presented information about the First Coast Flyer Southwest Corridor bus rapid transit service. The Southwest Corridor will run service from the Convention Center and south along Blanding Boulevard. Passengers will be able to access Five Points, FSCJ Kent Campus and the Orange Park Mall quickly and efficiently. The Southwest Corridor will offer greater service frequency with more routes, enhanced branded stations with schedule information and feeder bus service to residents and businesses near to the First Coast Flyer line.
- 4. Elected Officials' Reports:** Samuel Newby, City Council Member At Large, Group 5, reported that an evaluation is being conducted to assess the potential sale of JEA before the issue comes before Council for a vote. In order for the sale to be approved, it takes a super- majority (13) votes by City Council.  
Samuel Newby, Council Member at Large, Group 5 may be contacted at 904-630-1387 or [snewby@coj.net](mailto:snewby@coj.net)  
Kevin Kuzel, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Jim Love, District 14, announced that a special committee on the potential sale of JEA has been formed. The purpose of the committee is to understand all aspects and implications of a potential sale of JEA. The committee will hold necessary meetings and hearings to gather relevant facts. The entire City Council will consider in its decision related to a potential sale of JEA. Mr. Kuzel also announced the City Council is reviewing new Florida Legislation dealing with the sale of WiFi transmission on utility poles. A joint committee consisting of TEU and LUZ is looking into ways to adapt the Florida legislation into Jacksonville. Council Member Jim Love may be contacted at 904-630-1380 or [jimlove@coj.net](mailto:jimlove@coj.net).
- 5. Staff Reports:**

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- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Zone 4, Lt. Chris King, announced that JSO's specialized patrol officers designated as "X-ray" officers are assisting in looking for sexual predators. Lt. King also informed CPAC members that a number of robberies have occurred at local Internet Cafés; he also said a number of Hispanics in the neighborhood have been targeted. The JSO non-emergency number is 904-630-0500. 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, announced that work on the Ortega River Drawbridge State Road 111 is anticipated to be completed late 2018. Resurfacing of Lenox Avenue to Blanding Boulevard is anticipated to be completed summer 2019. The project includes the following improvements: resurfacing the roadway, upgrading crosswalks to ADA standards, installing countdown pedestrian timers, removing on-street parking on a major portion of the roadway to add bicycle lanes, eliminating the northbound right turn lanes to Post Street and Lenox Avenue, removing one southbound travel lane on Cassat Avenue from San Juan Avenue to Blanding Boulevard to add buffered bicycle lanes while maintaining on-street parking, replacing JEA water main and adding new service connections and relocating the I-10 bridge pier protection wall. Derek Dixon may be reached at 904-360-5653 or [Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us)
- **JEA** – Nancy Kilgo, Director of Government Relations JEA, announced JEA has been asked to develop a long-term program to bury all utility lines throughout the city and assessing what the cost will be to implement this plan. Nancy Kilgo may be contacted at 904-665-6439 or [kilgna@jea.com](mailto:kilgna@jea.com)
- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)** –Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager, announced that a service change to the regular bus service will take place on April 2. Riders should look for the yellow schedules which indicate any service changes. Ms. Riddick announced the Greyhound portion of the new Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center (JTRC) ribbon cutting ceremony is anticipated to take place mid-April. Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at 904-632-5522 or [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)
- **Military Affairs and Veteran Services (MAV)** – Caroline Adkins, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Military Spouse Night Out event will be held on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Veteran Memorial Arena. Military Spouse Night Out is open to all military spouses throughout Jacksonville. Ms. Adkins announced Women Veterans Week of Recognition will be March 11 through March 17. She provided fliers listing the events scheduled for the week. Ms. Adkins informed CPAC members that the Governor Rick Scott will be coming to Jacksonville on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, to honor Florida's Veterans in Duval County. The Veterans Service Award Ceremony will be held at the National Guard Armory, located at 9900 Normandy Blvd, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Caroline Adkins may be contact at 904-630-3625 or [carolinea@coj.net](mailto:carolinea@coj.net) .
- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCC)** –Jennifer Kohn, Zone 4 Senior Code Compliance Officer, announced that from February 12, 2018 to March12, 2018, 1,294 inspections were completed in Zone 4. These included 190 junk vehicle inspections, 565 nuisance inspections, 261 residential inspections and 26 unsafe structures. A systematic inspection is scheduled for March 21 in the Sweetwater neighborhood. Jennifer Kohn may be contacted at 904-255-7004 or [jkohn@coj.net](mailto:jkohn@coj.net).
- **Planning & Development** - Current Planning – Andy Hetzel, City Planner III, presented the following report:
  - **E-18-009 Exception** – 6916 103<sup>rd</sup> St.: Seeks an Exception for an auto storage yard on the south side of 103<sup>rd</sup> Street between Tampico Road and I-295.
  - **E-18-010 Exception** – 3610 Blanding Blvd: Seeks Zoning Exception for a restaurant with full alcohol sales within the Cedar Hills shopping center.
  - **AD-18-004 Administrative Deviation** – 2020 Euclid St.: Seeks to increase front yard fence height from 4 feet to 6 feet.
  - **AD – 18-010 Administrative Deviation** – 4651 Ortega Island Dr.: Seeks to reduce the required yard along a navigable waterway from 20 feet to 6 feet.  
Andy Hetzel may be contacted at 255-7821 or [Ahetzel@coj.net](mailto:Ahetzel@coj.net).
- **Parks, Recreation and Community Services** – Eleanor Robinson, Recreation Services Superintendent,

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announced that Parks, Recreation and Community Services is gearing up for summer and has started staffing for its summer camps and summer programs. The department is hiring summer camp counselors, summer night lights staff, rec & roll staff, life guards and swim instructors. Ms. Robinson also announced that this month's Jaxparks movie night will be held at 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park, 8000 Baymeadows Rd. on Friday, March 16, 2018 starting at 8 p.m.

Eleanor Robinson may be contacted at 255-7920 or [eleanorr@coj.net](mailto:eleanorr@coj.net).

- **Public Libraries** – Lynne Baldwin of the Jacksonville Public Library announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Book Fest was a big success and over 3,000 people attended the event. Ms. Baldwin Informed CPAC members that at the Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library, on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Jacksonville Aviation Authority will share a presentation with the community about the newer features of the Jacksonville Airport, the new programs happening at the airport, accessibility and how the Authority gives back to the community. Ms. Baldwin announced that the Jacksonville Public Library has a new mobile app which is now available on the Apple App Store and Android App on Google Play. The new app will allow users to browse all e-content in the catalog, locate books, movies, view loans and holds and scan their library cards from the app at checkout. Visit the App Store or Google play to download the app.

Lynne Baldwin may be contacted at 630-1968 or [lbaldwin@coj.net](mailto:lbaldwin@coj.net).

- **Public Works** – Lamar Heard, Facility Manager – Access Control & Regulatory Compliance, had nothing to report, but took questions.

Lamar Heard may be contacted at [lheard@coj.net](mailto:lheard@coj.net).

#### **6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**

- **Transportation** – Tom Martin reported:
  - North Florida TPO CAC approved the FDOT request to amend the FY2018/19 through 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This amendment provides operating and capital funds to various agencies for the transportation of the elderly in Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties.
  - North Florida TPO CAC deferred action on the JTA request to amend the FY 2017/18 through FY2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This amendment is for a LowNo Grant.
  - North Florida TPO CAC approved the staff request to amend the FY2016/17 through FY2017/18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This amendment deobligates unexpended fund in the current fiscal year so the funds will be available in the next fiscal year.
  - North Florida TPO CAC received a list of requested studies under the North Florida TPO for FY2018/2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Included in the list is a request for a First Coast Express Local Traffic Impact Study. The study will not be funded because the completion date of the study segment is in doubt.
  - North Florida TPO CAC received a presentation by Denise Bunnewith, N FL TPO Planning Director of the Long Range Transportation Plan, of the List of Priority Projects (LOPP) for 2018.
  - North Florida TPO CAC received a presentation by Odette Struys, FDOT Public Information Officer, on the three I-95 Improvement projects in Duval and Nassau counties. These projects include the Overland Bridge project, I-10/I-95 intersection operational improvements with the addition of a shared use path on the Fuller Warren Bridge and SR-200/A1A intersection improvements with a divergent diamond intersection.
- **Cecil Area** – Chair Bruce Tyson reported on the various projects taking place at Cecil Field. Mr. Tyson announced that the design work for the new Fire Station #73 is in progress. The new station will be on Aviation Avenue outside the airport and serve the airport and the neighborhood.
- **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin informed CPAC members that the Neighborhood Summit is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St. The event is free to the public but pre-registration is required. You may register at [www.coj.net/neighborhoodsummit2018](http://www.coj.net/neighborhoodsummit2018), or by calling the Neighborhood Services Office (904) 255-8250. Michelle Godwin also announced that nominations for Neighborhood Awards are being accepted until Friday, March 23, 2018 and that CommUniverCity

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classes will begin Tuesday, April 3, 2018. A total of 6 classes will run through the month of April on Tuesday and Thursday nights. CommUniverCity graduation certificates and Neighborhood awards will be presented at the Neighborhood Summit. If anyone is interested in the CommUniverCity they should contact their City Council representative who will then contact Stephanie Burch, Director of the Neighborhood Department, or the Neighborhood Services Office for registration.

The Neighborhood Services Office may be contacted at 255-8250 or [neighborhoodservices@coj.net](mailto:neighborhoodservices@coj.net)

- 7. Chair's Report** – Chair Bruce Tyson asked CPAC members and visitors to tell other people in their communities or organizations about CPAC in order to increase membership and ensure the community's voice is being heard and citizens are aware of the services that the City provides.
  - 8. Unfinished Business** – None.
  - 9. New Business** – None
  - 10. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements-**
    - CPAC member Thomas Martin expressed concern about the damaged fencing along the south side of Collins Road between Shindler Drive and Old Middleburg Road. Lamar Heard, Facilities Manager with Public Works, provided Mr. Martin with his contact information and advised he would look into the problem.
    - CPAC member Peggy Myers inquired about the findings of the LUZ regarding the issue of the liquor stores and Internet Cafés. Councilman Newby advised that Councilman Reginald Brown, Councilman Reginald Gaffney and he, have introduced legislation to make it more difficult to open liquor stores in neighborhoods. Councilman Newby advised that the Internet Cafés are more complicated and council is still researching the problem.
    - Celestine Mills introduced herself to CPAC members and announced she will be running for the Council District 10 seat.
    - Sunny Gettinger introduced herself to CPAC members and announced she will be running for the Council District 14 seat.
    - Jimmy Peluso introduced himself to CPAC members and announced he plans to also run for the Council District 14 seat.
  - 11. Adjourn:** Chair Bruce Tyson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
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**Next CPAC Meeting:** April 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Lane Wiley Senior Center 6710 Wiley Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210.

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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](#).