

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 13, 2018 Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road, Jacksonville FL

Attendance

CPAC Members:

Chair – Trinity Ministries– Bruce Tyson
Cedar Hills – Johnny Carter
Charter Member - Don Ingram
Confederate Point Civic Assoc. – James Nolting
Vice Chair - Fishweir Neighborhood Watch – Michael Fisher
Hyde Grove Terrace - Peggy Meyers
Hyde Grove Terrace - Shirley Lowry
Murray Hill Historic Preservation - Len Burroughs
Watermill Masters HOA – Tom Martin

Visitors:

Bill Bell – Ortega Forest Association
Richard Carroll – Cedar Hills Estate
Willie Crosby – Sweetwater Church of Christ

Kenneth Draper – Ortega Forest Neighborhood Assoc
Suzanne Foresi – Damsel In Defense
Allisson – Joy Gier – Hyde Grove N.W.
Phyllis Gregg – Longleaf Forest HOA
Charla McKlevey
Celestine Mills – City Council Candidate CD 10
Jim Overton – Candidate Tax Collector
Susie Pahlhamme
William Paul Tardiff – Cedar Hills
Brad Thoburn - JTA

Staff and Officials:

Council Member, Council District 9 – Dennis Garrett
Executive Council Assist. To CM D. Garrett – Sandra Lane-Smith
Council Member, at Large Group 5 - Samuel Newby
Executive Council Assist. to CM Jim Love CD 14 – Kevin Kuzel
School Board Member, District 6 – Becki Couch

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue – Fire Battalion Chief, Jack Griggs
Jacksonville Public Library – Kathleen Brunner
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Zone 4 – Lt. Dennis Pelot
Jacksonville Transportation Authority – Cheryl Riddick
Municipal Code Compliance Department – Jennifer Kohn
Neighborhood Services Office– Michelle Godwin
Neighborhood Department – Stephanie Burch
Neighborhood Services Office – Lisa Ransom
Neighborhood Department Housing & Community Development – Shaun Rycroft
Planning and Development – Andy Hetzel

Excused:

Bernice Gremer – Fishweir Neighborhood Watch
Pierce Rump – Camalot
Mr. and Mrs. Walker – Spring Village

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. Michelle Godwin verified a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** Approval of June's summary will take place at September 10, 2018 meeting.
 - **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO):** Zone 4, Lt. Dennis Pelot encouraged everyone to be responsible and lock their vehicles and remove firearms by 9 p.m. Lt. Pelot also announced that Hispanic males are going door to door posing as employees of a roofing or electrical company or that they are with JEA. Lt. Pelot advised that you check the credentials of the person before allowing him into your home or to tamper with your home. Lt. Pelot informed CPAC members that JSO is still actively investigating the murder of the 7-year old child which occurred on the 7900 and 103rd block. 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>.
 - **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department** – Jack Griggs, District Chief Station 10, had no report but was available for questions. Chief Griggs may be contacted at (904) 786-3786 or jgriggs@coj.net.
3. **Elected Officials' Reports:**
 - Garrett Dennis, City Councilmember District 9, stated that the CPACs are the eyes and ears of what's taking place in communities. Councilman Dennis asked CPAC members to call 630-City to report issues and to also contact him and his Executive Assistant Sandra Lane-Smith, so they can follow up on the issues. You may contact Councilmember Dennis at 904-630-1395 or GarrettD@coj.net and Executive Assistant Sandra Lane-Smith at 904-630-1849 or Slane@coj.net. Councilman Dennis announced JEA will be upgrading and replacing the existing watermain on Garth Avenue and Mikael Avenue between Normandy Boulevard and Polaris Street as well as upgrading and replacing the watermain on Melba

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Street near I-10. He also announced that everyone should prepare for hurricane season before or by Labor Day.

- Samuel Newby, City Councilmember at Large Group 5, had no report but was available to take questions. Councilman Newby may be contacted at (904) 630-1387 or SNewby@coj.net
- Kevin Kuzel, Executive Council Assistant to Councilmember Jim Love District 14, informed CPAC members that he has reached out to the Planning and Development Department regarding the RiverVUE Apartments, located at St Johns Avenue and Herschel streets. Mr. Kuzel has asked the department to make sure they hold the developer to the site plans submitted with their application. Mr. Kuzel announced that the purchase of property north of US 17 is in the works. The purchase will enable an alternate access route into the Ortega Hills neighborhood in order to stop trains from blocking the entrance to the community. Mr. Kuzel also announced that the application for zoning exception #2018-265 was deferred for Edley's Bar-B-Que at 5344 Ortega Blvd. There was major concern about the 20 angled parking spaces planned for the right of way on Ortega Boulevard. In response to citizens concerns, Edley's Bar-B-Que has purchased property from JEA, adjacent to the proposed building site.

Kevin Kuzel may be contacted at (904) 630-1677 or KKuzel@coj.net

- Becki Couch, Duval School Board, District 6, announced that the Florida Constitution Revision Commission has proposed Amendment 8 titled, "School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools" to the Florida Constitution, which may appear on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot. Ms. Couch advised that the School Board is in opposition to the amendment and is adopting Resolution 2019-03. The School Board believes Amendment 8 does not accurately inform Florida voters of the true effect of the proposed amendment. Ms. Couch stated that Amendment 8 groups a controversial measure with popular ideas in an effort to mislead voters.

Becki Couch may be contacted at (904) 390-2373 or couchr@duvalschools.org

- 4. Presentations:** Brad Thoburn, JTA's President of Planning, Development and Innovation, presented on Jacksonville Transportation Authority's Blueprint for Transformative Excellence Initiatives. Mr. Thoburn explained that JTA is developing approaches to respond to the changing mobility marketplace and introducing alternative and innovative service delivery methods to attract riders. Mr. Thoburn announced that through various transformative Initiatives, JTA is working to capture the potential of new and emerging technologies to improve safety and make service more efficient and responsive to customer demands. He also announced that JTA will also be developing alternative service delivery opportunities associated with the development of shared mobility solutions.
- Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager, provided a list of JTA's scheduled public meetings and hearings throughout the month of August. Ms. Riddick announced that on Monday, August 6, 2018 several service changes took place. Ms. Riddick advised that everyone look for the new yellow service change schedules at JTA's main office, the Public Library, Rosa Parks Transit Station, Tax Collector's Offices, or on any JTA bus. Ms. Riddick also announced that JTA offers Bikes on Buses an alternative that allows riders to take their bike with them to work, school, or shopping. Ms. Riddick Informed members that the Gameday Xpress is now in service. You may purchase Gameday Xpress Season Passes or single game passes using the MyJTA mobile app, online at JTAFLA.com, at the lot on game day, or at JTA offices.

Cheryl Riddick may be contacted at (904) 632-5522 or Criddick@JTAfla.com

5. Staff Reports:

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** - Derek Dixon, Bike/Pedestrian and ADA Coordinator, was absent. Derek Dixon may be contacted at (904) 360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us
- **Jacksonville Public Libraries (JPL)** – Kathleen Brunner, West Branch Manager announced that Mayor Lenny Curry's proposed budget for FY 2018/2019 will assist in extending the days of operation to six days a week for those libraries that were open fewer days. Ms. Brunner also announced that early voting starts August 13, 2018 and runs through August 26, 2018. Ms. Brunner advised that you may early vote at most Jacksonville public libraries Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Kathleen Brunner may be contacted at (904) 630-1940 or kbrunner@coj.net.

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- **Neighborhood Department** - Stephanie Burch, Director of the Neighborhoods Department, announced she had informational flyers available regarding the various divisions and programs within the Neighborhood Department. Members are welcome to take as many as they wish back to their organization or meetings. Ms. Burch also announced that the Department of Health issued a mosquito borne illness advisory on Friday, August 10, 2018. Five chickens at one of the city's five chicken sentinel sites on the westside tested positive for the West Nile virus. No human cases have been reported yet. Ms. Burch encouraged CPAC members to be sure to dump standing water that is in their yards, to wear long sleeves and mosquito repellent to reduce being bit by mosquitos. Ms. Burch announced that the Animal Care and Protective Service (ACPS) is located at 2020 Forest St., not on Beach Boulevard as some believe. She advised that the city's shelter has over 100 cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Ms. Burch also informed members that the shelter has new hours of operation and is open Tuesday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is an adoption event taking place soon at the Southside PetSmart, as well as a Mega Pet Adoption event at the Jacksonville Fair Grounds in September. Ms. Burch advised CPAC members to call 904-255-8200 if they have questions regarding various programs.

Stephanie Burch may be contacted at (904) 255-8902 or Stephanieb@coj.net

- **Housing and Community Development** – Shaun Rycroft, Housing Property Analyst, announced that the Matching Grant Program will be released in the fall. Mr. Rycroft explained the main requirements needed in order to qualify for the program are registering with the State of Florida via Sunbiz and registering your association or group with the Neighborhood Services Offices using its Neighborhood Organization Registration site <https://jaxneighborhoodorganization.coj.net/>. Mr. Rycroft explained that associations, groups or organization may apply for up to \$5,000 in matching funds for an external beautification project within their community.

Shaun Rycroft may be contacted at 904-255-8272 or srycroft@coj.net

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)** – Jennifer Kohn, Zone 4 Senior Code Enforcement Officer, announced that 1,525 inspections were completed in Zone 4 starting July 13, 2018 to August 13, 2018. These included 98 junk vehicle inspections, 9 commercial inspections, 758 nuisance inspections, 259 residential inspections, zoning cases 138, 22 nuisance board ups and 49 unsafe structure cases. Jennifer Kohn may be contacted at (904) 255-7004 or Jkohn@coj.net

- **Planning and Development (PDD)** – Andy Hetzel, City Planner III, announced that there are several applications going before the Planning Commission on August 23, 2018.
 - 2018-443 - Conventional Zoning Request: 10440 Sandler Rd. Applicant is requesting to go from RLD 120 to RLD 60
 - 2018-0444 - Conventional Rezoning Request: 9490 Sandler Rd. Applicant is requesting to go from RR-ACRE to RLD-60
 - 2018-07 - Cell Tower: 7009 Wilson Blvd. Applicant is requesting to place a 105 ft Pine tree cell tower.
 - 2018-029 and 2018-034: 5344 Ortega Blvd. Applicant is seeking an exception to reduce parking and landscaping requirements.

Andy Hetzel may be contacted at 255-7821 or Ahetzel@coj.net

6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- **Transportation** – Tom Martin reported:
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved the 2018 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) amendment. This amendment corrected the New World Avenue extension from SR23 First Coast Expressway to Chaffee Road as a modification of widening to four lanes.
 - North Florida TPO CAC approved the draft of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP), which is a portion of the proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update.
 - North Florida TPO approved FDOT's request to amend the FY 2017/18 through FY 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for engineering work to add lanes to I-295 (9A) from Southside Connector (SR 113) to J Turner Butler Boulevard (SR 202).

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- North Florida TPO CAC approved JTA's request to amend the FY 2017/18 through FY 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The amendment is for the U2C Program: Bay Street Innovation Corridor.
- North Florida TPO CAC approved FDOT's request to amend the FY 2018/19 through FY 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Projects in the Roll Forward Report. These Projects were approved in the FY 2017/18 through FY 2021/22 (TIP), but were not authorized or begun prior to July 1, 2018, thus "Rolled Forward" into the new TIP.
- North Florida TPO CAC received a presentation on Clean Fuels.
- Prior to the meeting North Florida TPO CAC held a Future Mobility Research Study Presentation by the consulting firm RSG.
- North Florida TPO CAC received notice of a Smart Regions Update meeting to be held in St. Augustine on October 17, 2018.
The next North Florida TPO CAC meeting will be held Monday, September 10, 2018 at 2 p.m.
- **Cecil Area** – Chair Bruce Tyson reported:
 - That because of an increase in jobs in and around Cecil Commerce Center, plans for a 216 two bedroom apartments are in the process on a 53 acre parcel off of Normandy Boulevard, west of Cecil Airport owned by the U.S.
 - Wayfair will open a 1 million-square foot warehouse at the Cecil Commerce Center.
- **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** – Neighborhood Coordinator Michelle Godwin informed CPAC members that enrollment for the Home Owners Association and Town Home Association training is now full. There are a few seats available for the Condo Association Training. Ms. Godwin also announced that a survey regarding the Southwest CPAC is available and that everyone take a few minutes to fill it out and return it to her at the end of the meeting.
Michelle Godwin may be contacted at (904) 255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net.
- 7. **Chair's Report** – Bruce Tyson announced The Planning Department's bi- monthly Wednesday meetings with CPAC representatives and the general public have been suspended because of scheduling conflicts. The planning department will continue to send representatives to each CPAC meeting and continue to provide the link for the PDF LUZ Book with the applications twice monthly to CPAC members. Mr. Tyson also announced that the Southwest CPAC needs a land use and zoning subcommittee chair to help look over the land use applications and attend the LUZ meetings. He asked that if interested see him at the end of the meeting.
- 8. **Unfinished Business** - None
- 9. **New Business** – None
- 10. **Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements-**
 - William Tardiff doesn't understand why the voice recording for the Municipal Code Enforcement Office is in Spanish. He would like it if it was switched back to English and then Spanish as an option. Councilman Newby announced he wasn't aware of the situation and asked Mr. Tardiff to see him after the meeting. He said he would look into the problem and work on getting the message changed.
 - Randy Defoor introduced herself to CPAC members and will be running for City Council District 14.
 - Celestine Mills introduced herself to CPAC members and will be running for City Council District 10.
 - Former City Councilman Jim Overton introduced himself and will be running for Tax Collector.
 - Sam Newby introduced himself to CPAC members and announced he is running for re-election as Group 5 at Large member.
- 11. **Adjourn:** Chair Bruce Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: September 10, 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](#).