

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 12, 2024, Meeting Summary

Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd. 32210

Zoom Webinar Meeting ID: 845-6486-6913 Passcode: 250058

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members In-Person: Bill Fonferek, Westland Communities HOA, Vice Chair; Len Burroughs, MHPA; Bernice Gremer, Fishweir Sheriff's Watch; Bruce Tyson, Trinity Ministries; Shirle Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace; Jason Roberts, Neighborhood Watch District 4; David Lowry, Hyde Grove Terrace Neighborhood Watch; Dr. Willie Crosby, Sweet Water Church of Christ. Jacquelyn Woods, Cedar Hills Estates Community Association.

CPAC Members Via Zoom: Sandy Simpson, Chimney Lakes HOA; Tameka Wolfe-McKenzie, Tamika's School of Epicure.

Visitors: John Chapman, Freedom at Arbor Mill; Jessica Scheidler, Life Quest; Nora Marcontel, CHAPS; Carol Cooper, Cottages of Argyle Ct.; (904) 207-1060.

Visitors via Zoom: Sandy Simmons; Lewen Brunson, Blue Zones Project Jacksonville.

Staff and Elected Officials: Asst. Chief Eric Redgate, JSO; Lt. Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Lynne Baldwin, JPL; Jared Chemay, MCC Supervisor; Andy Hetzel, Planning and Development; Breyanna White, ECA Tyrona Clark-Murray District 9; Michelle Godwin-Ware, Neighborhood Services Office; Jessica Scheidler, University of Florida Life Quest.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Vice Chair Fonferek 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 June 10, 2024, summary.
- 3. Elected Officials' Reports:** Duval County School Board Member Warren Jones, District 5, announced that Chaffee Trails Middle School, the new middle school in District 4, opened its doors to students for the first day of school.
 - Bus cuts for middle and high school students who live less than two miles from school have taken place, saving the district roughly half a million dollars. Bus service for students who must walk along busy intersections and railroad tracks will be evaluated.
 - School board members Lori Hershey, District 7, Kelly Coker, District 1, and I, Warren Jones, District 5, will not be running for reelection.
 - Decisions regarding the closing and consolidation of schools will be made before the November elections. There are 30 schools on the list, two of which are within Planning District 4: Fishweir Elementary and Holiday Hill Elementary. The School Board will meet over the next few months to decide which of those schools will be consolidated. All 30 schools will not be closed.
 - Over 30,000 students have been lost to charter and private schools over the last year. To provide the services that students need, enrollment must be increased.
 - The school district was just two points away from being an A and remains a B.
 - Focus groups have been created to study the patterns of students going from elementary to middle to high school. They are also researching how many schools should be consolidated and will make a recommendation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will then recommend the matter to the Board, which will hold public hearings and vote on it.
 - The DCPS Board has no oversight over charter schools. The State of Florida oversees them.Warren Jones – (904) 390-2372 or JonesW2@duvalschools.org.

4. Presenter/Guest Speaker: Jessica Scheidler, University of North Florida Life Quest, presented on the LifeQuest Organ Donation program, a founding member organization of Donate Life Florida. The program works with 70 hospitals throughout Florida's northeast and northwest regions to provide training and education to critical care healthcare professionals involved in identifying and referring potential donors. It also educates students and various community and faith-based organizations and encourages them to make positive decisions about organ donation. Mrs. Scheidler stated that there are more than 103,000 patients on the national transplant waiting list. Of those, more than 5,000 are listed at the transplant centers in Florida. Duval County ranks last in the number of registered organ transplant donors. To learn more about donation or to become a volunteer, please contact Life Quest at (352) 733-0350 or visit the website <https://lifequestfla.org/get-involved/>.
Jessica Scheidler Grossberg – (513) 389-6800 or jsch0014@lifequest.ufl.edu.

5. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Assistant Chief Eric Redgate reported:

- The District 4 Town Hall meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at First Coast Christian School, 7587 Blanding Blvd. During the meeting, attendees will receive a one-year update regarding the boundaries for patrol response, be introduced to enhanced public safety initiatives, and connect with the community.
- School is back in session, and citizens should be aware of school zones and speed limits during school hours. When approaching a school bus, you must remain stopped until all children clear the roadway and the bus signal has been withdrawn. If the highway is divided by a raised barrier or an unpaved median at least five feet wide, you do not have to stop if you are moving in the opposite direction of the bus. JSO has partnered with school principals and a few local pastors to create a plan to address speeding through neighborhoods.
- Overall, crime has decreased 3.9% over the last 30 days, and violent crimes are down 10%. Unfortunately, property crime is up 16.24%. This is being driven by motor vehicle theft. This is because of the social media videos on how to steal Kia and Hyundai vehicles. It is highly recommended that owners of these types of cars get the update to help prevent theft.
- The most recent crime trend in the district is burglary to smoke shops. Youths are crashing through or prying doors open of the smoke shops, stealing vape cartridges, cigarettes, and a large amount of cash. Several juveniles have been caught and have several cases on them.
- Catalytic converter thefts are picking up again. A suspect running a chop shop out of his yard was imprisoned for possessing several stolen vehicles and a pile of catalytic converters. JSO was able to resolve the issue of the chop shop thanks to a complaint made by several concerned neighbors.
- Street racing is now a felony, especially when people wear masks. State law allows JSO to cite spectators with \$268 fines for being actively engaged. The department is following social media trends and embedding undercover officers in these groups
- Sheriff's Watch meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd.

Asst. Chief Eric Redgate - (904) 573-3165.

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD)** – Lt. Clarence Hodge demonstrated how to properly extinguish a fire in its beginning phases. The Lieutenant advised the following:
- It is recommended to have a multi-purpose dry chemical fire extinguisher near the kitchen because it is the number one place for a fire. Having one in or near the bedroom can be helpful if your smoke detector goes off while you are sleeping and you need to clear away or break a window to escape. Extinguishers can be purchased at any hardware store, costing roughly \$50-\$60.
- A dry chemical fire extinguisher is suitable for class A, B, and C fires. All extinguishers are labeled with a letter and a number rating indicating the type of fire they suit. Class A is the most common type of fire that citizens run into, such as solid combustibles like paper, wood, cloth, rubber, and some plastic. Class B fires involve flammable, combustible petroleum greases, tars, oils, oil-based paints, solvents, lacquers, alcohols, and flammable gases. Class C fires involve energized electrical equipment, appliances, and wiring.
- When extinguishing an electrical fire, the power source should be shut off. This can be done by turning the power off from the breaker box. Trying to extinguish an electrical fire without cutting the power wastes time. If a resident is unaware of where his breaker box is, he should evacuate the home and call 911 for Fire and Rescue to take care of the situation.

- The acronym P.A.S.S. will help citizens remember how to operate a fire extinguisher. While standing eight to 10 feet from the fire, pull the safety pin out of the extinguisher, aim the nozzle at the base of the seat of the fire, and squeeze the handle while sweeping back and forth. Once the fire is out, back away from it so you can keep your eyes on it.
- Extinguishers can lose their charge. The gauge on the front should be checked monthly to ensure it is fully charged and works properly when needed. The canister should be free of dings, dents, or peeling paint, and the hose should not be cracked or have holes. Most extinguishers should be replaced every ten years, even if they are still in good condition.
- 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 replace batteries in an existing device, please call (904) 630-CITY (2489) or register by visiting the MyJax website [MyJax Customer Help](#).

Lt. Hodge - (904) 255-3284 or Hodge@coj.net.

- 6. Chair's Report:** Vice Chair Bill Fonferek had no report but stated he would be interested in finding out if someone could come and speak with the CPAC regarding the funding for the Capital Improvement Program and if money is being taken from the CIP to help fund the stadium project. The CPAC is waiting to hear from Council Member Rahman Johnson regarding using land along Oakleaf Plantation Parkway for a park.

7. Staff Reports:

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** - Derek Dixon, Transportation System Manager District 2 Urban Planning Office, provided feedback on several CPAC members' questions.
 - Project 44727, located at the US 17 off-ramp onto Park Street, is expected to begin in spring 2026. The project contact is Wayne Tooker Jr., who can be reached at (386) 961-7584 or Wayne.TookerJr@dot.state.fl.us.
 - The traffic signals team is in the process of purchasing the equipment for the pedestrian crossing sign at the Blanding and Du-Clay intersection to assist with the safe crossing for impaired citizens.
 - Removing shoes from utility lines is outside of FDOTs jurisdiction.
 - Maintenance crews are scheduled to maintain the Terrace planters at 103rd and I 295.
 - The electric signage for the lane changes along the Buckman Bridge needs new electrical elements that have not been energized.
 - The City of Jacksonville maintains Collins Road. Please call 630-City to report issues.

Derek Dixon - (904) 360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)** – Lynne Baldwin, Executive Assistant Library Services I, reported:
 - The summer Learning program, Adventure Begins at Your Library, was successful. In June and July, 3,190 people attended the 180 programs for youth and teens. The Webb Regional Library served 1,239 summer lunches to area youth, and more than 850 books were given away.
 - The Jax Book Fest is back this year. It will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024, and Saturday, September 21, 2023, at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St. A free writer's and publishing workshop has been added to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop features authors, Vashti Harrison, Jason Reynolds, and Gabriel Zevin from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The focus is free writing, self-publishing workshops, and networking opportunities with local writers' groups. On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the main event will feature local authors' readings, Lit Chat interviews, and activities for all ages. For more information, visit the Jacksonville Public Library website: https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/bookfest?utm_source=web+site&utm_medium=bookfest&utm_campaign=JaxBookFest2024_homepage&utm_id=JaxBo
 - The West Branch Library Teen Advisory Board will meet on Monday, August 26, 2024, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The theme is Turf War, which features the book Platoon Volume One.
 - The UF Extension Office's Life Lab program will focus on wildflowers and how to incorporate them into your garden. It will be held at the West Regional Library on Monday, August 19, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the community room.

- Reading therapy dogs can be visited at an area library with your child, allowing them to practice their reading skills with a trained therapy dog. The schedule for the therapy dogs can be found on the JPL website at <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/>.
- Election day is Tuesday, August 20, 2024, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. To find your polling station, visit the Duval County Supervisor of Elections website: <https://www.duvalelections.com/>.

Lynne Baldwin - (904) 338-4383 or LBaldwin@coj.net.

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD)**—Jared Chemay, Code Compliance Supervisor, explained the duties of the MCCD and the areas they enforce, which include property, safety and maintenance, zoning issues, and zero tolerance litter signs. Mr. Chemay reported:

- A total of 1,928 inspections were completed during July through August, totaling 10,673 completed inspections this fiscal year.
- MCCD has proactively started doing projects for proactive sign collection each month, issuing citations for signs found in the city right-of-way.
- A total of eight litter sign citations were issued in June. A total year-to-date of 54 citations.
- The MCCD can assist in mitigating issues caused by storms, such as unsafe structures, dead trees on private property, or trees falling on things, and enforcing trash or debris collected on private property. Damaged roofs or damaged sheds can also be reported through 630-City.
- Trees growing into primary power lines along the right-of-way should be reported to JEA for inspection.
- The main number for the Municipal Code Compliance Office is (904) 255-7000.

Jared Chemay - (904) 626-0736 or JChemay@coj.net.

8. **Neighborhood Coordinator's Report** - Michelle Godwin-Ware announced that:

- The Office of Ethics, Compliance, and Oversight will hold the next ethics training via Zoom on Thursday, September 19, 2024.
- The next CPAC Chairs mayors quarterly meeting is set for Friday, September 13, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. CPAC members should submit their concerns and questions to Mrs. Godwin-Ware, who will forward them to Chair Purdy.
- The nominating subcommittee will need volunteers next month. If you are interested in being on the subcommittee, please submit your name to Michelle Godwin-Ware.
- The number of Neighborhood Award applications increased this year. Award finalists will be notified on or before Monday, October 7, 2024. The award ceremony will occur on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., at 6 p.m.

Michelle Godwin-Ware - 904-255-8236 or Michellegw@coj.net.

9. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**

- **LUZ Subcommittee & Planning and Development**—Vice Chair Fonferek reported that the subcommittee reviewed eight applications. Southwest CPAC's LUZ subcommittee had no opposition to the applications presented. CPAC members had no objection to the CPAC LUZ subcommittee recommendations.
 - **WLD-24-14 – Waiver of Liquor Distance – 8402 Merchants Way:** The applicant seeks to reduce the required minimum distance between the liquor license location (pickleball facility) and church (Metro Church) from 1,500 feet to 358 feet
 - **2024-0488 - Zoning Exception - 4323 Herschel St.:** The applicant seeks an exception to allow for retail sales and service of alcohol in conjunction with a restaurant, including outside seating.
 - **2024-0530 - Conventional Rezoning – 0 Jammes Road:** The applicant seeks to rezone 9.29 acres from RR-Acre to RMD-D to allow for multi-family residential development.
 - **2024-0537 – Planned Unit Development – 2939 Manitou Ave.:** The applicant seeks to rezone 0.37 acres from PUD (2020-0089) to a new PUD to allow for a multi-family quadplex.
 - **2024 – 0607 - Planned Unit Development - 9997 103rd St.:** The applicant seeks to rezone 12.20 acres from RR-Acre/CN to PUD to allow for multi-family residential not exceeding 240 units.
 - **2024 - 0609 – Planned Unit Development – 7335 Morse Ave.:** The applicant seeks to rezone 9.86 acres from RR-Acres to PUD to allow for a commercial plant nursery.
 - **2024 – 0611 - Planned Unit Development - 4218 Ortega Blvd.:** The applicant seeks to rezone 0.90 acres from Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to PUD to allow for luxury commercial condominiums with mixed uses, including office space and personal storage.

- **2024 – 0613 – Conventional Rezoning – 10090 1-3rd St.;** The applicant seeks to rezone 1.87 acres from Commercial Office (CO) to CCG-2 to allow for retail sales of new and used mobile homes.
Andy Hetzel - (904) 255-7821 or AHetzel@coj.net.
 - **Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization Expenditures (T.R.U.E) Commission** – Bruce Tyson reported:
 - The T.R.U.E. Commission met on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 4 p.m. in City Hall's Don Davis Room. The TRUE Commission will review all the notes and minutes from the budget hearings and make recommendations at the T.R.U.E Commission meeting on items members may have questions about going forward. It will then create a report and forward it to the City Council for review before the budget vote.
 - Mr. Tyson announced he is ready to be replaced on the T.R.U.E. Commission. Please contact Mr. Tyson or Michelle Godwin-Ware if you want to replace Mr. Tyson and represent the Southwest CPAC.
- 10. Unfinished Business** - None
- 11. New Business** – None
- 12. Public Comments/Concerns/Announcements:** None
- 13. Adjourn:** Vice Chair Fonferrek adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: September 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m. In-person at Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 845-6486-6913 Passcode: 250058. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

Next Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Subcommittee Meeting: September 9, 2024, 5:30 p.m. In-person at Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Rd., and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 845-6486-6913 Passcode: 250058. A formal email notice will be emailed to members.

Summary prepared by Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8236 or michellegw@coj.net.
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