

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 28, 2022, Meeting Summary

Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Carol D’Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Blake Hakimian, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners Association; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Ralph Hodges, Council-At-Large Group 4; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc.; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association Inc.; Rowena Nagales, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Jon Singleton, San Marco; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community.

Visitors: Richard Skule, GENA; Dolores Landrum; Michael Journey, Hickory Glen; Joe Carlucci, Miramar; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin; John Nooney; Morgan Roberts, Candidate Council District 5; Gary Monahan; John Reed, Linkside at Baymeadows; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA; Fred Atwill; MJ Beck, Southwood; Steven Hutra, East Hampton HOA; Stephen Brooks; Dolores I-phone; 904-660-4021

Staff: Michael Boylan, City Council Member, District 6; Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Charles Johnson, Captain, JFRD; Joseph Johnson, Executive Council Assistant District 11; Bryan Mosier, Neighborhoods Department Director; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Paul Soares, DCPS; Eric Soriano, JPL; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Lt, Worthington, JSO

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair Parker Griffin called the SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:34 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Mandarin Senior Center and on Zoom. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – The February 2022 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): Jennifer Walter, Chief, Animal Care and Protective Services, presented on the services that Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) offers to the community.

Services provided by Animal Care and Protective Services include adoption center; lost pet reunification; medical and daily care of abused, neglected, abandoned, and unwanted pets; pet licensing; resources for pet owners; SpayJax program for income qualified residents; Duval Cat Fix; enforcement of Chapter 462 and State Statute 828; emergency operations and deceased animal pick up.

Chief Walter informed the CPAC on how neighborhoods can address cat colonies in and around their communities. Community Cat Management is regulated by 462.312(b) and it states that:

- All managed cat colonies must be maintained on private property of caregiver or with permission from property owner.
- Cats must be sterilized, vaccinated against rabies, and ear tipped to be exempt from ordinances pertaining to owned animals.
- Caretaker is required to provide proper nutrition and medical care.
- Trapped cats may be taken to First Coast No More Homeless Pets (6817 Norwood Ave).
- Traps are available for loan at ACPS - \$75 deposit. Refunded when trap is returned.

Duval Cat Fix Program offers:

- Free spay and neuter program for pet, feral, or free roaming cats.
- Only qualification is Jacksonville residency
- Funds are limited.
- To schedule call First Coast No More Homeless Pets: 904-425-0005

Chief Walter did clarify that Animal Care and Protective Services only provide services for domesticated animals. If a community is having problems with wildlife (coyotes, boars, alligators, raccoons) they would need to contact either:

- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission North Central Regional Office: 386-758-0525
- Wildlife Rescue Coalition of NE Florida: 904-779-5569

If you are interested in adopting an animal from Animal Care and Protective Services, please know:

- Hundreds of animals are available for adoption every day. Monthly specials make adoption affordable and convenient.
- All animals are current on age-appropriate vaccinations, microchipped, sterilized, dewormed, and started on flea preventative. Dogs are heartworm tested.
- Adoption center hours: Tuesday through Friday from 12pm until 7pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 6pm at 2020 Forest Avenue.

To contact Animal Care and Protective Services:

- To report concerns in the community:
 - Online: myjax.custhelp.com
 - Phone: 630-CITY (2489)
- Pet owners needing assistance:
 - Email: JaxPets@coj.net
 - Phone: 630-CITY (2489)

Chief Walter – JaxPets@coj.net

Elected Officials Report:

Michael Boylan, City Council District 6 – as an update to the previously discussed entrance improvement into the new Chick-Fil-A off San Jose Boulevard. FDOT has determined that there are a high number of automobile accidents involving northbound drivers (on San Jose Boulevard) attempting to enter the Zoe's/Chick-Fil-A entrance. FDOT will modify the right-hand southbound lane, thus creating an additional “entrance only” option for those drivers in the southbound lane that want to enter the Chick-Fil-A lot. Unfortunately, this does not address the ongoing challenge of the westbound drivers who continue to use the Oak Bluff Lane entrance to access Chick-Fil-A. Council Member Boylan has requested FDOT post signage just north of Oak Bluff Lane advising southbound drivers to use the new entrance off San Jose Boulevard. It was determined that funding to complete significant road improvements on San Jose Boulevard that was discussed last month may take a couple of years to be funded and completed.

Council Member Boylan announced City Council Redistricting has finished and shared a map of the new district boundaries and an enlarged map of City Council District 6 on the screen. Due to residential growth, a small portion of City Council District 6 was adjusted to maintain the numeric balance between City Council Districts. This small portion is located in the northeast area of the current City Council District 6 (east of Old St. Augustine Road and north of Hood Road); this will become part of City Council District 5 beginning July 1, 2023.

Council Member Boylan – Mboylan@coj.net or 904-255-5206

Staff Reports:

Neighborhoods Department – Bryan Mosier, Director, provided an overview of the services that are provided by the Neighborhood Department. The services include:

- 630-City Customer Service Center (MyJax) – submit a request for service, check status of a request or find answers to city related questions by calling 630-CITY (2489) or myjax.custhelp.com
- Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) – provides adoption services and animal control for the City of Jacksonville. Director Mosier emphasized an opportunity to volunteer at ACPS for community service hours and for the pet fostering program.
- Environmental Quality Division (EQD) – administers and monitors the City of Jacksonville’s air and water resource management activities, with emphasis on pollution control. EQD responsibilities include air, odor, noise, surface water, ground water, underground storage tanks, hazardous wastes, wetlands, wildlife, and testing samples from the St. Johns River.
- Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) – manages affordable housing and community development related initiatives to increase the availability of affordable low to moderate income persons in Jacksonville.
- Mosquito Control Division (MCD) – performs treatment as needed and educates the public about its role in reducing the mosquito population throughout the city. Director Mosier reminded everyone to tip and toss any standing water around their home. Planters and debris in household gutters are often overlooked.

- Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) – handle the enforcement of the provisions of Property Safety and Maintenance Code (Chapter 518); the Zoning Codes (Chapter 656); Addressing and Street Regulations (Chapter 745); and Zero Tolerance on Litter (Chapter 741).
- Neighborhood Services Office (NSO) – works with neighborhood organizations and the six Citizens Planning Advisory Committees to facilitate communication between city government and local communities.
- Office of Consumer Affairs – mission is to handle enforcement of Miscellaneous Business Regulations (Chapter 250); Unfair and deceptive Trade Practices (Chapter 696); and Charitable Solicitations by permit (Chapter 804).

Bryan Mosier – cojneighborrhods@coj.net

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Worbington – stated in the last 30 days there has been a 11% reduction in violent crime and 23% reduction in property crime. Auto thefts and robberies statistics have remained the same over the past 30 days.

JSO has implemented a program to reduce property crime. Many of the property crime occur in apartment complexes and JSO conducted 30 different deployments at various apartment communities throughout Zone 3 in the past 30 days. JSO has distributed educational material that emphasize the importance of locking your vehicle(s) and removing personal property, especially firearms from unattended vehicles. Lieutenant Worbington encouraged everyone to participate in the 9 pm Routine Program.

Zone 3 substation – 8875 Liberty Ridge Drive, Suite 110, 32256 – 904-828-5463

JFRD – Captain Charles Johnson, Fire Prevention Bureau, stated he was attending the meeting on behalf of Lieutenant Craig Fry, Fire Prevention Bureau.

Captain Johnson stated the focus of the Fire Prevention Bureau is residential fire prevention. The captain explained that once a residential fire occurs in a community, Lieutenant Fry and his team activate a canvassing team to go door to door to educate the community about fire prevention and importance of smoke detectors. Additionally, this team will replace or install new smoke detectors where needed and assist in replacing the batteries in existing functioning smoke detectors. Everyone was encouraged to test their smoke detectors by pushing the test button on the smoke detector. If your smoke detector is malfunctioning, please call 630-CITY (2489) to request to have a new smoke detector installed.

DCPS – Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent of Operations announced Duval County School Board members voted 6-1 at a March school board meeting to put a property tax increase on voters' August ballot. Mr. Soares explained that the sales tax funds can only be used to fund capital projects. The proposed property tax increase would go toward increasing teacher pay and funding arts and athletics programs; the funds could not be used to increase the salary of the board members, superintendent, or executive staff. A 1-mill increase means adding one additional dollar per \$1,000 of taxable property value. DCPS has launched a website to try to educate the public about the plan and persuade people to vote yes on the increase in August. You can visit the website at:

<https://www.teamduval.org/2022/02/15/board-discusses-potential-one-mill-referendum/>. City Council will now be responsible for putting the referendum on the ballot.

FDOT – Derek Dixon – provided the following updates:

- I-95 at Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway (U.S. 1) Interchange Improvements
- <https://nflroads.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?p=5405>
- State Road 115 (Southside Boulevard) at Gate Parkway Intersection Improvements
- <https://nflroads.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?p=5290>
- Southside Connector (SR 113) Resurfacing from Arlington Expressway to I-295
- <https://nflroads.com/ProjectDetails.aspx?p=5330>

Derek Dixon – Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us

JPL – Eric Soriano, South Regional Manager, provided the following updates:

- The annual Best of Elementary Art Show will began on Friday, March 11. One or more pieces of artwork from every elementary school will be put on display for the public at most of library locations throughout the city.
- Great Decisions series is back. Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book (optional), and meeting in a discussion group to discuss critical global issues facing America today. Each meeting begins with a video lecture followed by a facilitator-led discussion. The next topic will be Industrial Policy and the in-person discussion will be held at Pablo Creek Regional Library on April 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm. On April 13, 2022, the discussion will be Biden’s Agenda at the Highlands Library at 6:00 pm. Pre-registration is required to participate in the Great Decisions programs.
- In honor of Jacksonville’s bicentennial birthday JPL will offer a poetry program/contest for all 4th through 12th graders to submit a poem about Jacksonville’s history. Submit entries to your local branch until April 30, 2022. The top three winners from each category will win prizes. Visit your local library for additional details and to submit your poem.

Eric Soriano – esoriano@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance Division – stated the March systematic inspection in the Tiger Hole/Secret Woods community generated 153 cases. In the past 30 days, 1064 inspections were completed and year to date 6460 inspections were completed.

The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief or JAR program was reviewed. The purpose of the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program is to facilitate a means of compliance to those who would otherwise be unable to achieve it due to disability or economic disadvantages. The program’s objective is to provide the abatement services required at no cost to those citizens who qualify, thereby achieving compliance and beautification of the city while not unduly burdening its most vulnerable citizens.

If you cannot comply the violations on your property due to a disability or economic hardship, please feel free to visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>

Devron Cody – 904-255-7033 or DCody@coj.net

Planning & Development Department – Arimus Wells did not have a report but was available for questions.

Arimus Wells – 904-255-7824 or ArimusW@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ– Craig Shoup and the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed fifteen LUZ applications and three motions were presented to the CPAC.

- Denial of 2022-0113 Waiver of Road Frontage at 10544 Scott Mill Road, RE#158835-0000. This body believed this waiver of road frontage and subsequent splitting of the parcel will degrade the integrity of the neighborhood.

The motion passed unanimously

- Deferral MM-22-04 at 0 Nocatee Parkway; RE# several. This body extensively discussed this request for the modification. During the discussions of the body, it was realized that, in the opinion of the body, that this is a significant change to all neighborhoods in the Nocatee area of Duval County. This body requests a deferral to allow the applicant to attend our next meeting to have an open dialog with us regarding these changes and for the body to gain more information to make a more information decision prior to recommending a denial or approval.

The motion passed unanimously

- Deferral of E-22-18 RE# 157212-0000, 157211-0023, 157211-0150, 157246-0220 & 157211-0060. This body extensively discussed this request for exception and would like to have discussions with the applicant regarding the possible traffic issues that will impact the local community and neighborhood. The request for deferred is until this body is able to meet with the applicant and obtain more information.

The motion passed unanimously

Membership – Ramon Day informed the CPAC that the Membership Subcommittee met prior to the CPAC meeting and identified the areas within the district that has the most HOA's. The goal is to identify the HOA's and inform them about the SE CPAC. At this time, Deerwood and Linkside at Baymeadows have been contacted; both communities are working to identify a CPAC representative.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill announced the FDOT 2022 Annual List of Priority Projects (LOPP) was discussed at their March 2022 meeting. The LOPP includes twelve funded projects and identified twenty potential projects that are unfunded at this time. Pedestrian and bicyclist safety concerns has inspired the need for traffic studies on several roadways in the northeast Florida area. In the Southeast District, a traffic study will be conducted on Sunbeam Road. The purpose of the Sunbeam Road study is to identify improvements and conceptual designs to create a better and safer pedestrian/cyclist experience.

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Committee met earlier in the day. Recently, 131 parks were inspected for safety concerns, 32 of those parks are in the Southeast District and 11 had minor issues. If you have a concern or see a violation in a park, please report that issue to 630-CITY or MyJax.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day provided the following updates:

- A City Controller presented on the I-Cloud Financial system the City of Jacksonville implemented on February 29, 2020. Since implementing I-Cloud there has been a variety of problems to the point that Oracle, designer of the system has had to step in to work on the system. Currently payroll is still working on the old system that was in place before the introduction of I-Cloud. At this time, Detroit and Atlanta are the only other cities that are using the I-Cloud system and both cities are facing similar challenges.
- TRUE reviewed the quarterly reports Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA), JEA, JTA and Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA). Three of the authorities are reporting surplus funds and one authority is financially breaking even.
- The City of Jacksonville and Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) have reached a mediated settlement with Metropolitan Parking Solutions LLC (MPS) over the company's 2004 development agreement for three Northbank parking garages. The settlement will allow MPS to continue owning the garages but gives operating control and all future parking revenue to the DIA. It also gives the city the option to buy the structures in 2041.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – thanked Carol D’Onofrio for her participation and serving as the site captain at the St. John’s River Celebration 27th Annual Cleanup at Walter Jones Historical Park and County Dock Boat Ramp.

The City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Department announced the opening of its annual awards competition for 2022. The 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program is designed to recognize the efforts of organized neighborhood and civic groups in Duval County. Groups will be awarded for activities that emphasize volunteerism, leadership and collaborations that benefit their community with programs, events, artwork, or that physically and/or socially improve or beautify Jacksonville neighborhoods. Projects or activities which began and were completed between January and December 2021, are eligible, and applications must be received by June 3rd. Finalists will be notified a few weeks before the October 20th awards ceremony.

Rosemary Wesolowski 904-255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net

Chairs Report – Chair Parker Griffin welcomed and introduced new CPAC member Jon Singleton. This is the second time Mr. Singleton has represented San Marco Preservation Society on the SE CPAC.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: - None

Public Comment – Visitor John Nooney expressed his concern regarding land that was cleared cut from the 3000 block of Parental Home Road to Pottsburg Creek. Mr. Nooney has reached out to several local, state and federal agencies to express his concern about the land that was cleared as well as the health of Pottsburg Creek.

Motion to Adjourn – the meeting ended at 8:22 pm.

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on **Monday, April 25, 2022**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.