

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

**January 24, 2022, Meeting Summary**

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

### **Meeting Attendance:**

**Members:** Brandon Andersen, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; 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; 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; Robin Pickle, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

**Excused:** Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA.

**Visitors:** Jon Singleton, San Marco; Ann Clapp, GENA; Richard Skule, GENA; Michael Beck, MSC Site Council; Alberta Hipps; John Prince; Norman Brewer, District 11; Mike Herzberg, Sleiman; Evin M. Herzberg, Sleiman; John Nooney, John Q Public; Carla Gangone, Sail Cove Condo; Dolores Landrum; Sharon H

**Staff:** Michael Boylan, City Council Member, District 6; Joseph Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 11; Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, At- Large Group 2; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Renee Goode, JEA; Keli Likins, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Robin Smith, Public Works; Paul Soares, DCPS; Assistant Chief Craig Waldrup, JSO; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office.

### **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:**

Chair Parker Griffin called the SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 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 December 2021 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

**Presentation(s):** Jennifer Casey, Chair, Duval Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) – educated the CPAC about the purpose and duties of the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District, which is to educate the community about conservation, improvement, sustainability and protecting our natural resources for future generations.

Chair Casey informed the CPAC members about the various educational, farming and conservation programs. Conservation programs range from technical assistance to financial cost share programs. Most programs are created in response to national priorities and funding for the entire state. Some of the conservation programs are: Environmental Quality Incentives, Wildlife Incentive Program and Conservation Easement Programs.

Regeneration Park is a large urban project the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District has been working on with the City of Jacksonville. Regeneration Park is located on unused public land in Durkeeville near the S-Line and the Sugar Hill Mosaic at Moncrief Rd. and W. 13th Street. Regeneration Park is a proposed green infrastructure and community stewardship project which will create space to demonstrate urban agriculture, cultivate environmental stewardship, provide educational workshops and Duval SWCD will host quarterly community cleanups. In the future, Regeneration Park would incorporate grey infrastructure including a pavilion, ADA-compliant pathway, benches, and solar lighting.

Chair Casey also stated that there are two bills, Senate Bill (SB)1078 and House Bill (HB) 783. The proposed bills seek to abolish all 58 soil and water conservation districts in the State of Florida. However, the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District is opposed to this legislation. If these bills pass, Florida would be the only state in the country without a Soil and Water Conservation District/programs. Chair Casey encouraged the CPAC members to reach out to their State Representatives regarding SB 1078 and HB 783. For more information, visit [www.duvalsoilandwater.com](http://www.duvalsoilandwater.com) or contact Chair Casey can be reached at [casey@duvalsoilandwater.com](mailto:casey@duvalsoilandwater.com) or (904)994-5153.

#### **Elected Officials Report:**

**Michael Boylan, City Council District 6** –Informed the CPAC he held a Hybrid Town Hall Meeting at the Mandarin Senior Center on January 12, 2022, and via Zoom. Much of the meeting covered the current solid waste management situation. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be an end in sight regarding the current recycling situation. The main factor impacting the collection process is staffing. Between the three commercial haulers the city has under contract, they are short roughly 50 qualified drivers. It was noted that the waste haulers are offering significant signing and retention bonuses.

Today, Council Member Boylan met with Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services to discuss the \$50 million CIP budget for park improvements. To date, \$20 million of the funds has been utilized to address numerous park area playgrounds and centers that were in disrepair. In the SE CPAC district, \$2.5 million will be used at the Fort Family Regional Park for a baseball field. Each Senior Center has been allotted \$500,000 for upgrades and improvements. Council Member Boylan confirmed at this money was also awarded to the Mandarin Senior Center too.

The Redistricting process is progressing and went through the Special Committee and there will be some changes in several council districts. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the four upcoming Redistricting Town Hall meetings.

Council Member Boylan – [Mboylan@coj.net](mailto:Mboylan@coj.net) or 904-255-5206

**Joseph Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, Council District 11** encouraged the CPAC members to visit <https://dannybecton.org/> website to learn more about events and happenings in City Council District 11.

CPAC Member Abby Howard Murphy suggested the name of the Baymeadows Taxing District is a very generic name/term and may cause some confusion since it does not apply to the entire Baymeadows corridor.

Council Member Becton – [Dbecton@coj.net](mailto:Dbecton@coj.net) or 904-255-5211

**Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, At-Large Group 2** informed the CPAC that the Mental Health Offender Pilot Program (MHOP) has received funding and is a permanent program now (no longer a pilot program). Four program participants were a part of MHOP's first graduating class. The graduates are invested in turning things around for themselves and have moved into a group home environment where they will live independently. A trust fund for the Mental Health Offender Program has been established.

Council Member Salem chaired the Annual Strategic Planning meeting. At this meeting City Council Members make recommendations for one-, three- and five-year goals. Ms. Evans brought copies of the recommendations and will share an electronic version of the recommendations to share with the full CPAC.

Ron Salem, 904-255-5216 or [Rsalem@coj.net](mailto:Rsalem@coj.net)

#### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Assistant Chief Craig Waldrup**, shared that across the board, crime went up 6.2 % in Zone 3 in 2021. Violent Crime was up 10% and property crime was up 5.6%. After analyzing the 2021 crime data, it was determined that the uptick in crime was derived because the data was compared to the low crime rate/data in 2020 due to the pandemic. JSO, then compared 2021 crime statistics to the 2019 crime statistics. Compared to 2019, the 2021 data reflects only a half a percentage point increase in crime. Auto burglaries and auto thefts continue to be a problem citywide. Everyone was reminded to lock their vehicles when they are not in them

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

**JPL – Keli Likins, South Regional Manager**, informed the CPAC the 2022 Special Unitary General Election early voting will be held February 12, 2022 – February 20, 2022. Please visit the <https://www.duvalelections.com/General-Information/Learn-About-Elections/About-Early-Voting> for additional information about early voting. As a reminder, Election Day voting will be held on February 22, 2022, will be held 7:00 am - 7:00 pm and you may only vote at your precinct.

Keli Likins – [Klikins@coj.net](mailto:Klikins@coj.net)

**JEA- Renee Goode** stated she did not have a formal report but informed the CPAC members that session in Tallahassee has quite a few bills that JEA is monitoring. Ms. Goode was available for questions.

Renee Goode – [goodrr@jea.com](mailto:goodrr@jea.com) or 905-665-6000

**JTA – Cheryl Riddick** announced Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) and Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) announced the My Ride 2 School pilot program to provide free bus trips to middle and high school students. This service started on January 4, 2022 and will run through May 27, 2022. This service includes middle and high school students attending any DCPS, private, or charter school in Duval County. Eligible students can ride JTA buses and the First Coast Flyer at no cost, Monday – Friday, (only

when school is open), from 6 am – 7 pm. Students must provide a valid school I.D., or one issued to them through the JTA and their school, when boarding.

Member Kathleen Perera inquired how many students are riding the JTA buses to school. Ms. Riddick stated she would provide that information at the February meeting.

Visitor Carla Gangone, Sailcove Condominium inquired if JTA has any programs to assist the homeless population. Ms. Riddick informed her that they have partnered with the Sulzbacher Center and a couple of other service providers. Free transportation is provided to those that need a ride to one of the service providers.

Cheryl Riddick – [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)

**Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)– Paul Soares** informed the CPAC that so far there are approximately 206 students that are riding a JTA bus to school each a day. DCPS is projecting that ridership to school will increase throughout the remainder of the school year and they are working closely with JTA on this service.

**Public Works – Robin Smith** did not have a report but was available for questions.

Robin Smith – [robinsmith@coj.net](mailto:robinsmith@coj.net)

**Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Bradley Clayton informed the CPAC that a systematic inspection was completed in the Del Rio neighborhood and 220 houses were cited. There will be another systematic completed, but the neighborhood has not been identified yet.

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>

Mr. Clayton announced that this will be his last SE CPAC meeting. Mr. Clayton has been reassigned to new duties and Devron Cody will be the new Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor for the SE District. CPAC members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Clayton for the good work he has completed in the district.

Visitor Carla Gangone inquired how Mr. Clayton and his team could assist the condominium community she resides in. Mr. Clayton encouraged her to reach out to him to address her concerns.

Bradley Clayton – [bclayton@coj.net](mailto:bclayton@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](mailto:ArimusW@coj.net)

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

**LUZ– Joanne Parker Griffin** and the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed nine LUZ applications and one motion was presented to the full CPAC. The motion is:

Denial of Planned Unit Development 2022-0019, to rezone 1.35 +/- acres of land from PUD 2016-0283 to PUD 2022-0019 in order to permit for an auto laundry and other commercial uses. Auto laundries are not allowed within the current land uses of the PUD 2016-0283. To add this additional land use would not be compatible with other planned uses of attached and nearby businesses, residential and open parcels of land in the immediate vicinity.

Zoning Code Section 656, Section 656.125 Limitations on Rezoning of Land, Item C-3 states that uses permitted under the proposed rezoning will not be consistent or compatible with the existing and proposed land uses and zoning of adjacent and nearby properties or the general area or will deviate from an established or developing logical and orderly development pattern. The additional land uses of an auto laundry (car wash) do not meet these criteria.

The motion passed by a 9 to 3 vote.

Member Jim Hill informed the CPAC that the Greater Hood Road Community Association is opposed to 2022-0020, 10249 Hood Court (RE# 149200-0200) that seeks to rezone 2.77 +/- acres of land from a PUD 2016-0392 to PUD 2022-0020 in order to permit for additional commercial retail uses. This application was also reviewed tonight by the LUZ Subcommittee. Mr. Hill added the various neighborhood leaders that comprise the Greater Hood Road Community Association have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night with the applicant and his agent to discuss the application and to negotiate some changes/limitations to the application. If an agreement is not met at the meeting, the Greater Hood Road Community Association would like to support of the CPAC to deny this application. Mr. Hill will provide an update on the above-mentioned meeting.

It was announced that Craig Shoup would serve as the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee Chair.

**Membership** – it was announced that Member Ramon Day has volunteered to reactivate and serve as chair of the Southeast CPAC Membership Subcommittee. Each subcommittee is required to have a minimum of three subcommittee members to operate. If you would like to join the membership subcommittee, please contact Ramon Day, Chari Parker Griffin or Rosemary Wesolowski.

**North Florida TPO – Jim Hill** stated the NFTPO does not meet in the month of January. Mr. Hill did share that the Florida Department of Transportation will hold a hybrid public hearing Thursday, January 27 to discuss proposed widening and other improvements along I-295 from J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 202) to the Southside Connector (S.R. 113). The hearing will begin with an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by a formal presentation and public comment period at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the public may attend in person at UNF's Adam W. Herbert University Center, 12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224 or online at [nflroads.com/virtualmeetings](http://nflroads.com/virtualmeetings).

**Park Safety Committee – Walter Bryant** informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Committee met earlier in the day. The meetings are attended by Parks Department staff, Neighborhoods Department staff and a representative from each of the six CPAC's. The primary goal is to ensure parks safety. The committee will look at park safety standards and review safety issues. Currently there are 28 parks closed due to

safety issues. Twenty million dollars has been allocated for this fiscal year for improvements to playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, pickleball courts and restrooms. In fiscal year 2022/2023 an additional \$30 million dollars will be available to make improvements to our local parks. Mr. Bryant encouraged the CPAC members to call 630-CITY to report any safety issues they see in a park.

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

- TRUE Commission meetings are held the first Thursday of each month and typically last an hour and half. The TRUE Commission recently had a presentation on the independent Jacksonville Authorities (JEA, JTA, JAA, JPA) Financial Quarterly reports. The Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA), Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) and the Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA) are under no budgetary stress. JTA is has unique way of handling their budget expenditures and corrections are often made at the end of the year. This could possibly be corrected with a technical amendment to the ordinance.
- The Finance and Administration Department submitted the Comprehensive Financial report to the State of Florida in time.
- Approximately two years ago, the City of Jacksonville implemented a new accounting infrastructure system called One Cloud. Since implementation, there has been many difficulties with the system. The TRUE Commission has requested a presentation from the Finance and Administration Department on the One Cloud system.
- The TRUE Commission continues work on correcting the JSO sworn officer shortage problem. Recently the TRUE Commission submitted a report on this topic. The report focuses on staffing ratios and the current/future number of officers needed. Funding sources are also addressed.
- In December 2021, the TRUE Commission had a presentation from the Kids Hope Alliance (KHA). The TRUE Commission recently reached out to KHA for additional information. KHA is launching a very detailed analysis to determine the true need for the preventative programming and hope to have it finished by March or April 2022.
- In February 2021, the Jacksonville Community Council Inc. was reincorporated the council continues to move forward. The Council is currently in a transition process and a new Chair take the helm soon.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** – announced that the annual CPAC Chair and Vice Chair training will be conducted tomorrow night at the Ed Ball Building at 6:00 pm. Rosemary also inquired if there are any topics or speakers the CPAC would like to hear at future meetings. Please share your ideas and recommendations.

Rosemary Wesolowski 904-255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)

**Chairs Report – Chair Parker Griffin** introduced new member Blake Hakimian to the CPAC. Mr. Hakimian was presented his Mayoral CPAC appointment letter and a new member packet.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business:** - Carol D’Onofrio informed the CPAC that Bill 2021-656 is still in committee.

**Public Comment** – Visitor John Nooney stated he wanted to touch on the FIND (Florida Inland Navigation District) Grants. Mr. Nooney shared that tomorrow night at City Council they will be voting

on Ordinance 2021-0891. This ordinance will create a fund so that any money that does not get spent can be put into this special fund. Another FIND piece of legislation 2022-0024 will also be heard tomorrow night. Mr. Nooney expressed his concern that citizens and CPACs do not have any input on how the FIND funding will be spent.

**Motion to Adjourn** – the meeting ended at 7:38 pm.

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 8:24 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 in person or virtually on Zoom.