

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

May 23, 2022, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Brandon Anderson, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; 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; Dolores Landrum, Campfield Masters Homeowners Association; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA; Jon Singleton, San Marco; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mill Community Association, Inc.

Excused: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Carol D’Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Robin Pickle, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Visitors: Richard Skule, GENA; Dolores Landrum; John Nooney; John Reed, Linkside at Baymeadows; MJ Beck, COEA; Steven Hutra, East Hampton HOA; Ray Evans; Ann Clapp, William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Michael Journey; Susan Bailey, Linkside of Baymeadows; Mikey White, Big Creek Timber; MJP Beck, COEA; Ray Evans, Julington Forest; Jenny Stewart; Derrick; Andy Struckhoff; Pia; Mary Reilly; 904-210-2807; Christopher I-phone; John Reed; Denny

Staff: Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Renee Goode, JEA; Charles Johnson, Captain, JFRD; Joseph Johnson, Executive Council Assistant District 11; Thomas Register, Municipal Code Compliance; Robin Smith, Public Works; Paul Soares, DCPS; Eric Soriano, JPL; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Sgt Wiggins, 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 April 2022 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): In lieu of a presentation the SE CPAC worked on their 2022 Capital Improvement Project recommendations. The recommendations included:

1. The addition of pickleball, tennis and basketball courts (preferably with lights) in Alejandro Garces Camp Tomahawk Park, 8419 San Ardo Road Jacksonville, FL 32217. This park currently has beautiful walking paths, playground equipment and covered picnic gazebo/gathering area. The addition of courts will increase the use of the park for multiple

- age groups that make up the surrounding neighborhoods and add to the value of the park within our Southeast CPAC neighborhoods.
2. The addition/inclusion of pickleball, basketball courts, softball/baseball field and gazebo/picnic area to the land on A C Skinner Parkway that was donated to the city. During 2021, after great work and negotiations by Council Member Becton, the City of Jacksonville closed on this property on A C Skinner Parkway. The intent of the approximately 15 acres is to provide an active park concept that will serve residents of Districts 3,4,5 &6. The addition of the ball courts and fields will add to the enjoyment and beauty of this new city park.
 3. A new kayak/canoe launch (like the one presently under construction at the end of Post Street in Riverside) area to be developed at the end of Holmesdale Road or at the Palmer Terrace Park in the St. Nicholas area.
 4. Sidewalks - Addition of sidewalks from the NE corner of St. Augustine Road and Cadiz Avenue. The sidewalk would continue on the north side of Cadiz Avenue, cross San Sebastian Avenue, continue onto Boquette Avenue and connect with the sidewalk at the intersection of Boquette Avenue and Ponce De Leon. There are numerous children walking to DuPont Middle School from the Old Kings Rd/Toledo Rd area. When they cross St. Augustine Road there are no sidewalks and, in the mornings, and afternoon children walk 4-6 wide down Cadiz Avenue and Boquette Avenue, and this is not safe for children walking with cars coming and going.

Elected Officials Report:

Joseph Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 11 – did not have a report but was available to answer questions. Mr. Johnson also encouraged the CPAC to visit Council Member Becton’s website: <https://dannybecton.org/> for any additional information.

Council Member Becton – dbecton@coj.net or 904-255-5211

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office) – Lieutenant Elizabeth Kenny – informed the CPAC that JSO is actively working to stop the recent surge of illegal street racing throughout the city. To date, JSO has arrested 11 individuals and seized 2 cars involved with illegal street racing. This is a problem that JSO is addressing both on a local and state level. If you hear or see any illegal street racing or car clubs gathering in a parking lot, please call 630-0500 to report. If you witness a dangerous situation involving racing, blockage of intersections or car clubs doing donuts in a parking lot, please call 911 to report.

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

JFRD – Captain Smith, Fire Prevention Bureau – stated this month various City of Jacksonville departments and coordinating agencies will hold a summit to focus on hurricane preparedness. Captain Smith encouraged everyone to know their evacuation zone, build a hurricane kit and download the JaxReady app.

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

- The 2022 Summer Learning Program has returned. From June 1 to July 30, students will be able to participate at in-branch programs, numerous interactive virtual events, complete fun activities, participate in challenges, see magicians, and go on scavenger hunts. Participants can win prizes. All the Summer Learning Program events are free and open to everyone. To learn more visit: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/summer-learning>
- Teen Lit Chat with Mackenzi Lee will be held on Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m., Live on Zoom. Meet Mackenzi Lee, author of The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue. Lee will be in conversation with local Kay Huggins, longtime Jacksonville resident and host of The Raindrop Corner Podcast. Pre-registration is required.

Eric Soriano – esoriano@coj.net

JTA – Cheryl Riddick informed the CPAC that JTA is hiring. To apply and to see all the available positions, please visit: <https://www.jtafla.com/work-with-jta/careers/>

A CPAC member informed Ms. Riddick of challenges several of her church members have experienced trying ride JTA buses to/from church. Ms. Riddick will investigate.

Municipal Code Compliance Division –In the past 30 days, 580 inspections were completed. A systematic inspection was completed in the San Marco Community and 72 new cases were identified. Next month (June) a systematic inspection will be conducted in the Pine Forest community.

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 with 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 – stated the subcommittee reviewed thirteen LUZ applications and no motions or actions were recommended.

Membership – Ramon Day informed the CPAC that the Membership Subcommittee meeting was cancelled this month.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – announced that the NFTPO Board members just approved the 2022/23 to 2026/27 Transportation Improvement Program. This program schedules federal and state funding for environmental studies, design of right of way, utilities work and construction for the next five years. There will be a virtual meeting held on May 24, 2022, 4:30 to 5:30 pm to discuss this program. To join the meeting go to <https://northfloridatpo.com>

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Committee met earlier in the day and park safety issues were reviewed. No major issues were identified, but there was a discussion about overcrowding at certain parks and crowd control. JSO will be involved at the various parks that are routinely overcrowded.

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

- City Council Auditor, Kim Taylor attended the May 2022 TRUE Commission meeting, and she informed the commission that the Finance Committee acts at the City Council Audit Committee. The TRUE Commission has concern because there are several meetings that occur between the Finance Committee and the City Council Finance Committee, but agendas or minutes for these meetings are not available to the TRUE Commission or the public.
- The TRUE Commission verified the concern that there are COJ staff that have ended their employment with the city, but still have computer access. It was confirmed that this is a common problem in many local governments, not unique to the City of Jacksonville or to this administration.
- The annual city budget is presented to City Council in July. City Council members review and work on the budget almost daily for the next two months. During this time, the Finance and Administration Department is too busy working on the budget to compile the quarterly finance reports. The TRUE Commission hopes in the future staff will be increased so a quarterly report can be compiled.
- There were two financial audits completed. The audit of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department payroll identified 21 issues, but all of the issues have been resolved. The audit of the Jacksonville Equestrian Center determined that the Northeast Florida Equestrian Society has a contract to run the equestrian center on behalf of the city. It was noted that the contract was not sufficiently monitored by the city, thus proper support of monthly reimbursements has not been made to the city.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC about the City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Department 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 Griffin welcomed and introduced new CPAC member Dolores Landrum representing the Campfield Master Homeowners Association.

Chair Griffin stated she attended the quarterly meeting with the Mayor’s Staff on May 13, 2022. Once again, the topic of hybrid CPAC meeting was discussed. It was announced that there will be no change to CPAC meetings at this time. Zoom meeting attendees can watch, listen, and comment, but cannot make a motion or vote on an issue.

Unfinished Business – Chair Griffin informed the CPAC members that she is working to streamline the meetings to be respectful of time. Chair Griffin reminded everyone that all reports and comments should be limited to three minutes.

New Business: - None

Public Comment – Member Donna Herrin stated that one of the LUZ applications (2022-0337) that was discussed at the LUZ Subcommittee meeting is located on a very large piece of land near her home. Ms. Herrin provided a little background on the parcel of land and stated the master plan for the project was not provided in the LUZ application, so the LUZ Subcommittee could not make an informed decision/recommendation on the property. The CPAC further discussed the LUZ application. There was an inquiry if Paul Harden, the legal representative of the application, could come back next month for some follow up questions. Ms. Herrin made a motion to defer the application until the master plan could be provided and reviewed. There was a second. The motion carried with a 9 to 3 vote.

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 7:54 pm

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on **Monday, June 27, 2022**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.