

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

July 25, 2022, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Brandon Anderson, 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; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Blake Hakimian, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; Ralph Hodges, Council-At-Large Group 4; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc.; Steven Hutra, East Hampton HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Dolores Landrum, Campfield Masters Homeowners Association; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Sherri Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Rowena Nagales, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; John Reed, Linkside at Baymeadows; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Jon Singleton, San Marco; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mill Community Association, Inc.; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA

Visitors: Richard Skule, GENA; John Nooney; MJ Beck, COEA; Ray Evans; Ann Clapp, William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jose Gonzalez; Colvin Ryan; Jim Efstathrom, Bayard Community Association; 904-631-5782; 904-396-0141; James Taylor, Deerwood Improvement Association; Steven King; Cliff Green, The ARC; Mary Reilly; 904-210-2807; Ann Clapp

Staff: The Honorable Danny Becton, City Council District 11; The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Joseph Johnson, Executive Council Aide, City Council District 11; Robin Smith, Public Works; Paul Soares, DCPS; Eric Soriano, JPL; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair Joanne Griffin called the SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:35 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 June 2022 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): Henry C. Lawton, Jr., Professional Registered Parliamentarian, provided an overview of principles of Parliamentary Procedure as stated in Robert’s Rules of Order. Mr. Lawton focused on the procedure of handling a motion or motions made at a meeting. The overview also included

amending a main motion, debate/discussion of a motion and voting on a motion. A handout from the National Association of Parliamentarians was provided to all in attendance and a copy was emailed to all the CPAC members that attended the meetings via Zoom. The CPAC members made a mock motion, amended the motion with discussion as practice lesson.

Elected Officials Report:

The Honorable Danny Becton, City Council District 11 – provided the following updates:

- A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held to commemorate the opening of Fire Station 74, 11010 Meeting Street, 32256, (in the e-Town area) on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 10:00 am.
- Mayor Curry presented the 2022/2023 budget to City Council.
- FDOT stated that they will resurface Southside Boulevard in the near future.
- For additional information about happening in City Council District 11, please visit Council Member Becton’s website: <https://dannybecton.org/>

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

The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6 – provided the following updates:

- The 2022/2023 City Council President is Terrance Freeman and City Council Vice President is Ron Salem.
- Council Member Boylan has been assigned to serve as the Chair of the Rules Committee and will serve on the Neighborhoods Committee for the 2022/2023 year.
- When Mayor Curry presented the 2022/2023 budget last Thursday, a modest reduction of one-eighth of a mill to the current property tax rate was announced.
- City Council will hold budget meetings two days a week throughout the month of August. Please visit www.COJ.net to get a list of the upcoming budget meetings or view the budget meetings online.
- Council Member Nick Howland will lead the City Council Subcommittee on homelessness. Council Member Sam Newby will lead a subcommittee to address healthcare access and Council Member Ju’Coby Pittman will lead a subcommittee to address affordable housing.

Staff Reports:

JEA – Shay Hill, introduced himself to the CPAC. Mr. Hill encouraged everyone to call 665-6000 to update their contact information so JEA can communicate with each customer about power restoration efforts after a hurricane or major storm.

Mr. Hill informed the CPAC about a nationwide supply chain shortage for electrical transformers and electrical wire (power lines). Electric companies across the United States are faced with this problem. If Jacksonville receives a major storm, the supply chain shortage could create challenges in restoring our power. In preparation of hurricane season and as a temporary fix, JEA is having transformers rebuilt for future use or until new transformers can be purchased. Additionally, JEA is working on inter-governmental agreements to share electrical components if needed.

A national committee was formed to address this challenge. JEA's CEO is serving as Chair on this national committee.

Shay Hill – 904-665-6000

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

- The 2022 Summer Learning Program will end in a couple of days. Overall, the program was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the activities, events, and challenges.
- Drop-in Tech Tutoring is offered every Wednesday from 11:00am - 12:00pm at the Mandarin Branch Library. This weekly event offers 1-on-1 tech tutoring where you can learn how to stream and download eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video using digital media services such as Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, and LinkedIn Learning. Please bring your library card and device.
- In August, JPL will offer Back to School Boot Camp at various library branches. The program offers two weeks of back-to-school activities. The programs will offer story time, crafts, and the programs are geared for ages 5-12.

Eric Soriano – esoriano@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance Division –In the past 30 days, 807 inspections were completed in the Southeast District. A systematic inspection was conducted in the Englewood community. This systematic inspection generated 280 new cases.

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

Public Works – Robin Smith provided the following updates:

- Fire Station 74 has been completed.
- Construction for new baseball fields is underway at Fort Family Regional Park. Also at this park, the grass on the soccer fields will be replaced with artificial grass.
- The Gate Parkway Traffic Calming Project is underway. The speed limit has been reduced. Some of the cross walks will be converted to raised crosswalk to provide a safer crossing spot and to act as a speed hump.

- Hartley Road will be widened. The RFP's have been submitted and a consultant will be selected soon.
- Sidewalks will be added on Loretto Road between Mandarin Road and County Dock Road.
- The intersection of Loretto Road and Mandarin Road will receive an intersection improvement to correct the misaligned intersection.
- The City of Jacksonville purchased some land so an intersection project can be conducted to correct the misaligned intersection at Brady Road and Orange Picker Road.
- The portion of Racetrack Road that is in Duval County will be widen at the same time as the upcoming St. John's County Racetrack Road construction project.

Robin Smith – RobinSmith@COJ.net

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

LUZ– Craig Shoup – stated the subcommittee reviewed sixteen LUZ applications and two motions were made. The motions were:

- Denial of Ordinance AD-22-55 at 14665 Plumosa Drive as the deviation is not in the spirit and intent of the zoning code. It was also noted that the property owner was informed during the construction process, that the project was in violation by Municipal Code Compliance. The homeowner continued with the construction and completed the project without making the required changes to be in compliance before completion of the project.
- Denial of Ordinance E-22-48 at 0 Grand Street as the exception would violate the Bayard Community Plan that was adopted in 2009.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Membership – Ramon Day – no meeting held, but it was announced that the Deerwood community is in the process of nominating a new representative. Mr. Day introduced new member Mr. John Reed representing Linkside at Baymeadows and presented him with a new CPAC member packet. All welcomed Mr. Reed to the SE CPAC.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – no report, the NFTPO does not meet in July.

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Committee met and reviewed four months of park safety reports. In the past four months, the Parks Safety Inspector visited 200 parks and 67 of those parks were in the Southeast District. There were 39 parks in the Southeast District with no issues, but 25 parks had some maintenance issues. The five parks in the Southeast District with the lowest scores were Southside Park, Henry T. Jones Park, Fletcher Morgan Park, Greenland Park, and Drew Park. It was noted that the safety issues were corrected at three of the parks.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – no report, but Mr. Day stated that he continued with his personal research on staffing at JSO.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski recognized that CPAC member Linda Gail Rowe was attending the ongoing Neighborhood Services Office CommUniverCity Leadership Training programs and thanked CPAC Chair Joanne Griffin in advance for her upcoming presentation at CommUniverCity.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Griffin informed the CPAC that there is an upcoming CPAC Chairs meeting with the mayor’s staff. Chair Griffin inquired if there were any issues or concerns that she needed to bring to light. Nothing was mentioned

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 8:19 pm

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on **Monday, August 22, 2022**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.