

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **August 22, 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; 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; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc.; Steven Hutra, East Hampton HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; 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; 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; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

**Excused:** Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA

**Visitors:** Ann Clapp, Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Colvin Ryan; 904-631-5783; 904-210-2807; James Taylor, Deerwood Improvement Association; Cliff Green, The ARC; Norman Brewer, Greenland Chase; Susan Bailey, Linkside Baymeadows; Cindy Pearson, Keep Jacksonville Beautiful; Sean Jackson, Big Tree Arborist; Carol Harper, Big Tree; Sarah Young, JU Nursing

**Staff:** The Honorable Danny Becton, City Council District 11; The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Lieutenant Hensley, JSO; Charles Johnson, JFRD; Kathleen McGovern, Parks, Recreation and Social Services; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; 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 6:30 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 July 2022 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

**Presentation(s):** Lori Boyer, Chief Executive Officer, Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) provided an overview of the various development/redevelopment projects in Downtown Jacksonville. Various growth projections were discussed regarding residential population, residential units, and commercial office space and their correlation with future development.

It was announced that \$5 billion in major projects are in the pipeline for downtown Jacksonville. Ms. Boyer discussed several of the upcoming projects and developments. They include:

- One Riverside Avenue (Phase 1) – 271 multi-family units, 39,256 square-feet of retail (including a Whole Foods grocer and a riverfront restaurant), adjacent 2.5 acre riverfront park.
- McCoys Creek (Phase 2) – to redevelop McCoys Creek from the St. Johns River west ward to join the Emerald Trail. This project is in the design phase.
- Riverfront Plaza (the former Landing site)- flexible multi-purpose lawn; destination playground; pedestrian ramp from Main Street Bridge, water feature and monumental sculpture. This project is in the design phase.
- Jax River View Plaza (at Riverfront Plaza)- 332 multi-family units, sky garden terrace with retail and park access, restaurant, and parking garage. DIA is negotiation with development team.
- The Hardwick at Ford on Bay- 332 multi-family units, rooftop pool and amenity deck; retail space, two restaurants and marina parking spaces. The term sheet was approved by the DIA Board in May 2022 for this project.
- Four Seasons and Offices – Five-star hotel with 176 rooms and resort amenities, 25 class A residential condominium units, 156,000 SR class A office tower and city-owned marina improvements. This project is expected to be completed in 2025.
- RiversEdge: Life on the St. Johns – This project is on the Southbank and will include 950 residential units, 147 hotel rooms, 200,000 square feet of office space, 134,000 square feet of retail, 125-slip marina and more that four acres of public park space. – Currently, the infrastructure is under construction, working permitting, work on roads and parks to begin in late 2022, vertical construction to begin in 2023.
- Related Multifamily Development – also on the Southbank will include 325 multi-family units; two rooftop lounges for residents, restaurant open to the public, ship store to serve the marina slips and boat launch area.

Ms. Boyer also discussed upcoming events and activities that are ongoing downtown. For more information on DIA and future developments, please visit: [INVESTDTJAX.com](http://INVESTDTJAX.com)

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

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

- Tuesday, August 23, 2022 is Election Day, thus the City Council meeting has been moved to Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 5:00 pm in City Council Chambers.
- The Finance Committee is wrapping up their budget review.
- For additional information about happenings in City Council District 11, please visit Council Member Becton’s website: <https://dannybecton.org/>

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

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

- Council Member Boylan serves on the Canvassing Board, which oversees the entire election process. Council Member Boylan admired the poll workers and staff of the Supervisor of Elections Office for their diligence and the pride they take in assuring a credible election result.
- Council Member Boylan stated his work on the special committee called Critical Quality of Life Issues continues. The focus of this special committee has three components: access to

healthcare, affordable/workforce housing and homelessness. Each group will meet five times before they submit their recommendations to City Council at the December 2022 meeting.

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

**Cindy Pearson, Duval County Public School Board Member, District 4** – spoke to the CPAC about the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission and the upcoming Florida Coastal Clean-up on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Three clean-up site captains are needed for the Mandarin area on that date.

Cindy Pearson – [PearsonC1@duvalschools.org](mailto:PearsonC1@duvalschools.org)

#### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO – Lieutenant Hensley**, introduced himself to the CPAC and shared how the JSO shifts are set up to provide service 24/7. It was announced that JSO has walking beats at the St. John’s Town Center and in the San Marco community. JSO utilizes bicycle units as well. The Mental Health Responder Unit is in place and assist with persons suffering from mental health issues that need treatment options opposed to enforcement options.

JSO calls for service in Zone 3 have increase 5% year to date. Most of the calls are related to property crime. The CPAC was reminded to not leave valuables and keys in unlocked cars. The 9pm Routine was encouraged.

Zone 3 Substation – 904-630-8100

**JFRD – Captain Johnson, Fire Prevention Division**, informed the CPAC about smoke detector and fire extinguisher maintenance/disposal. Everyone was reminded to download the JaxReady app as part of their hurricane preparations.

**JPL – Jackie Spiritas, East Region Manager**, provided the following updates:

- Early voting was held at most libraries and that has ended for this election. On Election Day everyone must vote at their assigned voting precinct.
- The next Lit Chat is with Julie G. Delegal, Tuesday, August 30, at 6:30 pm. This event will take place at the Mandarin Library and will be livestreamed online via Zoom. Preregistration is required.
- An upcoming Lit Chat Interview with #1 New York Times bestselling author Elizabeth Gilbert, on Friday, September 23, from 6:30-7:45pm at the Main Library and online via Zoom. Preregistration is required.

Eric Soriano – [esoriano@coj.net](mailto:esoriano@coj.net)

**JTA- Cheryl Riddick** announced Gameday Xpress has returned. To learn more about the program, visit: <https://www.jtafla.com/ride-jta/bus-schedules-and-services/gameday-xpress/>. My Ride 2 School is back. Middle and high school students in Duval County can ride any JTA bus during the week for free with a school I.D. Visit <http://go.jtafla.com/myride2school> for more information.

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

**Municipal Code Compliance Division** –In the past 30 days, 813 inspections were completed in the Southeast District. Twelve citations were written for snipe signs on the right-of-way. A systematic inspection will be conducted in the Pine Forest Neighborhood; the expected start date is September 26, 2022.

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](mailto:DCody@coj.net)

**Planning & Development Department – Arimus Wells** announced that this would be his last SE CPAC meeting; Mr. Wells has received a promotion in the Planning and Development Department.

Arimus Wells – 904-255-7824 or [ArimusW@coj.net](mailto:ArimusW@coj.net)

**Parks, Recreation and Social Services – Kathleen McGovern** provided the following updates:

- Greenland Road Park will receive new playground equipment and fencing around the football fields.
- Palmetto Leaves Park will receive an expansion to the flex fields.
- 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 and a new playground will be installed.
- The Mandarin Park ADA compliant kayak and boat launch has been completed and is open to the public.
- Lights have been installed at the Walter Anderson Park pickleball courts.

Kathleen McGovern – 255-7900

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

**LUZ– Craig Shoup** – stated the subcommittee reviewed five LUZ applications and no motions were made

**Membership – Ramon Day** – no meeting held.

**North Florida TPO – Jim Hill** – presented a report from the NFTPO, the report included:

- Funding is in place to conduct a study on train traffic in the San Marco area. The goal is to develop a traffic re-route system to improve traffic in the area.
- Discussions about commuter rail between Jacksonville and St. Augustine are occurring again.
- I-95 is slated to be widened starting at the Atlantic Boulevard interchange and ending at the World Golf Village in St. Johns County. The widening will be completed in phases.

**Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant** informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Committee meeting scheduled for today was rescheduled to next week. The Park Safety Council held a working session to prepare their quarterly report last week.

Mr. Bryant provided an update on the Huffman Boulevard Park.

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

- The commission had a presentation on former city staff having access to the City of Jacksonville computer system and the One Cloud system. It was determined that an overall audit of how many systems are utilized by the various department will be completed by the end of the year.
- Mr. Day has reviewed his calculations for JSO Officers needed. The new ratio indicates that there is a larger demand than initially calculated and it may take almost a decade to catch up with the demand.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** shared the following updates:

- It is time to form a Nomination Subcommittee. At least three individuals are needed to volunteer to serve on this temporary subcommittee; please contact Rosemary.
- Thanked Chair Griffin for representing the SE CPAC at the Neighborhood Awards Judging Committee and for presenting at CommUniverCity.
- Recognized CPAC member Linda Gail Rowe for attending CommUniverCity.
- An invitation was extended to all to attend the Neighborhood Awards Program on October 20, 2022, 6:00 pm at the Mary Singleton Center.

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

**Chairs Report – Chair Griffin** recognized participating at CommUniverCity. Chair Griffin stated judging the submitted the Neighborhood Awards applications was eye-opening and encouraged all active neighborhoods to submit an application next year.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business:** - Chair Griffin presented a new member packet to Will Herron, representing the Shiloh Creek Community.

Vice Chair Shoup made a motion to send a support letter regarding Ordinance 2022-574. This bill amends Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ordinance Code to create a new Part 17 (Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety). After considerable discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by the CPAC.

**Public Comment** – None

**Motion to Adjourn** – the meeting ended at 8:09 pm

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on **Monday, September 26, 2022**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.