

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **September 26, 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; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Sherri Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Rowena Nagales, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA; Robin Pickle, Briarwood Neighborhood 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; James Taylor, Deerwood Improvement Association; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mill Community Association, Inc.; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

**Excused:** Ryan Colvin, Bayard Community Association; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association

**Visitors:** Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Cliff Green, The ARC; Susan Bailey, Linkside Baymeadows; John Nooney, Pottsburg Creek; Sharyn Myles, Lake Mandarin HOA; MJ Beck, Southwood; Ray Evans, ECOA

**Staff:** The Honorable Danny Becton, City Council District 11; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development Department; Lieutenant Hensley, JSO; Charles Johnson, JFRD; Melissa Long, Neighborhoods Department; Paul Soares, DCPS; Eric Soriano, JPL; 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 August 2022 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

**Presentation(s):** **Dr. Raphael Balbino, MD, Agewell Center for Senior Health** provided an overview of his medical background and of the array of holistic medical services that are provided exclusively for senior citizens at Agewell Center for Senior Health. Dr. Balbino answered many questions regarding medical procedures, medical services and provided facility details so the CPAC members could inform their mature neighbors.

## **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.
- Due to roadwork, Western Way will be closed until October 31, 2022.
- Later this month, a major announcement will be made regarding the Wells Creek community.
- Everyone was encouraged to clear the storm drains on their street to prevent flooding as Hurricane Ian could bring heavy rains later this week.
- 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

## **Staff Reports:**

**JSO – Lieutenant Hensley**, shared that Zone 3 is staffed by 164 officers that rotate shifts to have 24 hour/7 day a week coverage. Citywide, calls for service are up. In Zone 3 violent crime is down and robberies to businesses and residences (mostly multi-housing) is up. Statistics reveal auto theft is down. Traffic accidents citywide are up almost 5 percent.

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 – Eric Soriano, Library Manager**, provided the following updates:

- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month; this is a national effort to sign everyone up to get a library card. JPL is close reaching their 2022 goal of obtaining 2800 new library card holders.
- E-resources; if you need assistance with electronic devices free services are available every Wednesday at 3:00 pm at the Southeast Regional Library in the Electronic Classroom near the lobby.
- The Southeast Regional Library will celebrate 25 years of service with a full week of fun activities for all ages starting on October 22, 2022. Please visit the JPL website for more information about the week-long celebration: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/>

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

**FDOT – Derek Dixon** provided the following updates:

- Buckman Bridge Safety Improvement Project – the improvements on the northbound lanes should be completed by the end of October.
- The Southside Gate Parkway Interchange Improvement project - work continues nightly and will require some lane shifts in the near future.

- Work at the interchange of Southside Boulevard and Beach Boulevard continues nightly.
- The managed southbound lanes of I-295 that connect to I-95 are actively under construction. Crews are finalizing the electrical needs for safety lighting at the location.

Mr. Dixon answered a few questions and address concerns about trash/debris on the Buckman Bridge and other FDOT Roadways.

Derek Dixon – [Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us)

**Neighborhoods Department- Melissa Long, Chief of the Environmental Quality Division** provided a brief overview of the services her division provides. This division regulates and monitors air, noise, odor, water, wastewater, groundwater and hazardous materials solutions.

**Municipal Code Compliance Division –Devron Cody, Zone 3 Supervisor** stated the systematic inspection that was scheduled for the Pine Forest Community was postponed; the team is looking at dates to reschedule. In the past 30 days, 940 inspections and year to date 12,979 inspections were completed in the Southeast District. Seventeen citations were written for snipe signs on the right-of-way. Mr. Cody informed the CPAC that he has been transferred to Zone 2 and introduced his replacement, Mr. Robert Bautochka.

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 – Kaysie Cox** did not have a report but was available for questions.

Kaysie Cox – 904-255-7853 or [KaysieC@coj.net](mailto:KaysieC@coj.net)

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

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

**Membership – Ramon Day** – not present

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

- As an update to the NFTPO report from last month, the study on train traffic in the San Marco area has been moved up to be included in this years’ budget.
- The NFTPO CAC committee held a special election for a new Vice Chair. The current Vice Chair was recently elected to City Council

**Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant** informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Council continues to meet monthly with the staff of the Parks, Recreation and Social Services Department and continues to meet at a separate working session. The Park Safety Council members issued their second report in August. To review the statistics and other data related to the Park Safety Council, please visit:

[www.coj.net/departments/parks-recreation/park-safety-council](http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-recreation/park-safety-council)

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Ramon Day – not present

**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.
- 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** introduced new member James Taylor representing Deerwood Improvement Association. Chair Griffin inquired if anyone had a topic they would like to have presented or a quest speaker for a future meeting. No requests or suggestions were made.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business:** - Member Abby Howard Murphy expressed her concern that the CPAC Districts are geographically too large and much of the information and/or LUZ applications presented to the CPACs are not relevant to every part of the district. Ms. Howard Murphy would like to see the boundaries realigned using census data to create multiple smaller districts versus one large district: thus, creating a stronger voice. Ms. Howard Murphy cited a district resizing recommendation from the Blueprint for Prosperity 2014 report. A motion was made to request resizing of all the CPAC/Planning District and to reach out to the other CPAC Chairs to seek their support on this topic. The motion was made and there was a second. After a significant amount of discussion the CPAC members voted and the motion failed 4 vs. 8.

**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 9:04 pm

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on **Monday, October 24, 2022**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.