

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

December 20, 2021, 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; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; 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; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Ralph Hodges, Council-At-Large Group 4; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc.; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; 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: Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association

Visitors: Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin; Blake Hakimian, Northeast Quadrant Equity Owners Association; Ann Clapp, GENA; Richard Skule, GENA; Michael Beck, MSC Site Council; Lanelle Phillman

Staff: Danny Becton, City Council District 11; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Lieutenant Randi Glossman, JSO; Keli Likins, JPL; 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 D’Onofrio called the SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:32 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 November 2021 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): No presentation

Elected Officials Report:

Danny Becton, City Council District 11 –Informed the CPAC that he introduced legislation to establish the Baymeadows Community Improvement District. This district was created to address infrastructure needs and maintenance of roadways, storm water, drainage and other common assets in residential and business communities that surround or located in the former Baymeadows Golf Course.

The legislation that Council Member Becton introduced is Ordinance 2021-838, thus establishing a Dependent Special District per Florida Statutes 189.02, the district provides the Baymeadows residential communities and businesses communities a tool to manage their privately owned infrastructure.

As a result of these conditions, the State of Florida, thru Florida Statutes 189.02 provides a tool for local governments to set up “Dependent Special Districts” (DSD) to solve such issues. The DSD will create the Baymeadows Community Improvement District (BCID), a neighborhood government body with the purpose, powers, functions and duties to create an elected leadership and governance Board of Commissioners to assume the control, obligations, and financial responsibilities of these infrastructure assets.

As a DSD, the Board of Commissioners (BOC) will be neighborhood “public officials”, elected, with oversight and transparency requirements of such, including Florida Sunshine Laws. The BOC will be required to construct annual budgets and to have those budgets approved by the Jacksonville City Council, each year as an additional oversight elected body.

Council Member Becton answered questions about the return of curbside recycling. It was confirmed that curbside recycling will remain temporarily suspended.

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

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office) – Lieutenant Randi Glossman, educated the CPAC on how to avoid being a soft target and what one can do to become a hard target: especially during the holidays. A soft target is a person, thing, or location that is easily accessible to the general public and relatively unprotected, making it vulnerable to crime. A soft target includes leaving garage doors open and unattended, leaving valuables in unlocked cars, etc. A hard target is a person who, due to their actions and/or appropriate protective measures, is able to minimize existing risks and is unattractive target. This includes locking your cars, putting holidays presents in the trunk when out shopping and securing/locking valuables.

In the past 30 day in Zone 3, violent crime is down 1.5% and property crime is down 12.5%.

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

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)– Paul Soares announced there is a school bus driver shortage in Duval County; DCPS is down 200 drivers. There is a major recruitment campaign in place. Meanwhile, in effort to get students to school DCPS and JTA will offer a new pilot program called “My Ride 2 School” on January 4, 2022. Eligible students can ride JTA buses, as well as the First Coast Flyer, for free Monday through Friday (when school is open), from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Students allowed to participate in the My Ride 2 School program are middle and high school students that attend a Duval County Public Schools, private schools, or charter school in Duval County. To board the JTA bus, students will need to show a valid school I.D. or one issued to them through the JTA. This program will end at the end of the 2021/2022 school year.

JPL – Keli Likins, South Regional Manager, announced that the Main Library reopened last Monday. The Main Library is located at 303 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; the library is closed on Sundays.

The Regeneron Antibody Treatment was relocated from the Main Library to the Joseph Lee Center (5120 Perry St. – 32208). The hours of operation are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Keli Likins – Klikins@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance Division – Bradley Clayton informed the CPAC that 1175 cases were inspected in the past 30 days. Due to the high volume of violations cited in the Windy Hills community after a systematic inspection, Code Compliance Officers have returned to the Windy Hills community to privately meet with those that were cited and to inform the community how to correct their violations and to educate them on the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief program.

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 reminded the CPAC about State Bill 60 (SB 60). SB 60 amends the county and municipal code enforcement statutes to prohibit county and municipal code inspectors and code enforcement officers from initiating an investigation into violations of city or county codes or ordinances based upon an anonymous complaint. It also requires that an individual making a complaint of a potential violation provide his or her name and address to the local government body before an investigation may occur.

The prohibition does not apply if the code inspector or code enforcement officer has reason to believe the alleged violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources. The Bill went into effect July 1, 2021.

Bradley Clayton – 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

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

LUZ– Joanne Parker Griffin and the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed seven LUZ applications and no motions or recommendations were made.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill at the December 2021 North Florida TPO CAC meeting a new Chair and Vice Chair was elected for 2022. Mr. John Stack (Nassau County) will serve as Chair and Ms. Tyrone Clark-Murray (Duval County) will serve as Vice Chair. The NFTPO CAC will not have a January 2022 meeting.

Park Safety Committee – Walter Bryant informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Committee did not have a meeting in December but will have a meeting in January.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day reviewed the report titled *Staffing the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office: An Assessment of the Future* created by the TRUE

Commission. The report focuses on the current JSO staffing ratio and the amount of JSO officers needed to keep up with the population growth in Jacksonville and how/where the additional funds will come from to pay for the additional JSO staff. Grant funds (\$10 million) will be available in April 2022, these funds will permit and can be used for the *Co-responder Program* which will provide mental health specialist to respond when needed for JSO calls for service. An electronic copy of the report will be shared with Rosemary to be distributed with the CPAC membership.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski –On behalf of the Neighborhood Services Office, Rosemary presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chair Carol D’Onofrio for serving the past three years as the SE CPAC Chair. Rosemary expressed her appreciation and thanked Chair D’Onofrio and the CPAC members for their commitment to their communities and the SE CPAC. Holiday wishes were extended.

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

Chairs Report – Chair D’Onofrio presented Certificate of Appreciation to all the SE CPAC Subcommittee Chairs and Liaisons. Chair D’Onofrio thanked the membership for their support and attendance for the past three years. Chair D’Onofrio plans to remain active in the SE CPAC and looks forward to 2022.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: - None

Public Comment – None

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, January 24, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 in person or virtually on Zoom.