

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

July 26, 2021, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; K. LuCi Bennett, Mandarin Community Club; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Ramon Day, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners, 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; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; 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.; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic 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: Manny Gonzales Akers, Pickwick Park Civic Association

Visitors: Kuldeep Naik, Greenland Chase; Brandon Anders, Villa San Jose; Robert Klecak, Timberland Ridge; Rowena Nagales; Gary Monahan; Lawrence Lablin; Karen Corcuo; John Nooney; Kaitlyn; Ann Clapp; Jon Singleton; Richard Skule; Temisha Hill; Robin Kaupas

Staff: Danny Becton, City Council District 11; Bradley Clayton, MCCD; Nikki Evans, City Council At-Large Group 2, Executive Council Assistant; Renee Goode, JEA; Gene Klingbeil, JFRD; Keli Likins, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Paul Soares, Duval County Public Schools; Sargent Viner, 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 6:35 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 2021 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC with the request to get clarification from FDOT on funding for the intersection improvement project at Southside Boulevard and Gate Parkway.

Presentation(s): Jeff Sheffield, Executive Director, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) provided a brief overview of the NFTPO. The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the independent regional transportation planning agency for Duval, Clay, Nassau, and St. Johns counties. This area encompasses over 3,000 square miles and a population of nearly 1.4 million. The federal government requires areas developed around cities with 50,000 or more people to have a “metropolitan planning organization” like the TPO to coordinate planning and funding. Local elected officials and transportation agency representatives serve on the TPO Board and receive input

from the TPO Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees. Under board direction, the TPO is led by an executive director with professional staff in transportation planning, modeling, communications, and finance.

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is the blueprint to maintain and enhance our regional transportation system. Based on needs identified and forecasted future growth, the LRTP is a list of multi-modal transportation projects that can be funded over a 20+year horizon beyond the currently scheduled projects in the five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Plan is updated every three to five years considering new growth trends, developments, and technologies; the plan is currently being updated.

Clean Fuels Coalition is a non-profit organization, staffed and supported by the North Florida TPO that serves Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns counties. The Coalition has official designation from the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program and is charged with tracking and reporting energy impacts annually. The Coalition advocates using alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies to reduce petroleum consumption, improve air quality and develop regional economic opportunities. The Coalition is "fuel neutral," meaning that it doesn't promote one type of alternative fuel over another. It recognizes that a variety of alternative fuels are required to meet the needs of consumers, businesses, and government organizations. The Clean Fuels Coalition is often used by the public to find alternative fuel stations including EV, CNG, LNG, LPG, biodiesel and E85.

The North Florida TPO offices are in the same building as the Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC). The RTMC is the hub of our region's intelligent transportation systems. Staff from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and other agencies work together to provide safe, efficient travel throughout our region from this location.

The North Florida Smart Region Coalition partners are working together now to bring the idea of a smart city to life, right here in Jacksonville. The current "smart city" project is called the BayJax Innovation Corridor; this is a three-mile business, residential and entertainment segment of Bay Street in the heart of downtown Jacksonville, Florida. From the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center to TIAA Bank Field, the BayJax will serve as a test bed for selected North Florida Smart Region strategies and technologies. Projects that are/or will be tested include:

- Integrated Data Exchange (IDE) is the foundation for information-sharing for all Internet of Things (IoT) devices and stakeholders. The IDE will allow members to share data that can be used across multiple platforms to increase value for members and the public.
- Autonomous Shuttles is a JTA project where they are developing the U2C (Ultimate Urban Circulator) to replace the existing Skyway, expand the service area and increase mobility options in the corridor.
- Smart and Connected Signals will focus on connected vehicles and signal technologies to improve travel times, reliability and safety for vehicles and pedestrians in the corridor. These technologies include connected vehicle communications, video surveillance, transit signal priority and Bluetooth data collection.
- Pedestrian Sensors will have multiple sensors installed into the streets and sidewalks to reduce pedestrian and bicycle crashes. Sensors will notify drivers using time-activated warning signs

and signal preemption. Other sensors will identify pedestrians crossing mid-block and increase lighting intensity when a pedestrian is present after dark.

- Street Flood Notification System will use outflow sensors, the system will identify locations where street flooding is eminent or occurring to route travelers around the safety hazard.
- Smart Lighting will convert streetlights into LED lights with enhanced sensors and communications technologies. Sensors will provide data to improve efficiency and save resources.
- Wayfinding and Event Management will be a series of roadside kiosks and smart phone applications that will provide information for residents and visitors to optimize their route and minimize congestion. The kiosks will also provide Wi-Fi, charging stations, emergency call buttons and event information.
- Solar Paths will be solar panels embedded in the sidewalk will generate the power for signals, sensors, and other smart technologies in the corridor. Embedded LED lighting for flexible lanes and notifications will also be explored.
- Public Broadband Network will be along the corridor that will enable Internet-based features such as wayfinding kiosks and provide information to visitors and residents about the businesses and services along the corridor.
- Public Safety and Surveillance will be enhanced by sensors that detect gunshots, gases or chemicals that will be installed with lighting. These sensors notify law enforcement and facilitate coordination with first responders and traffic management. Pan-tilt-zoom cameras may also be installed to identify and verify incidents.
- Smart trash cans at intersections and transit stops will optimize resources for waste removal and improve the corridor's appearance.

Mr. Sheffield answered several questions and extended an invitation to the CPAC members to tour the Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) as a group.

Jeff Sheffield - jsheffield@northfloridatpo.com

Elected Officials Report:

Nikki Evans, City Council At-Large Group 2, Executive Council Assistant provided the following updates on behalf of Council Member Salem:

- Council Member Salem has received his council assignments for 2021-2022. The assignments are:
 - Standing Committees
 - Finance Committee – Chair
 - Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health & Safety Committee
 - Special Assignments
 - City Council Executive Committee
 - Jacksonville Port Authority – Liaison
 - Opioid Epidemic, Vaping & Mental Health Resources Special Committee – Chair
 - Opioid Abuse Prevention Committee - Liaison
 - Parks and Quality Life Special Committee
 - Personnel Committee

- Police & Fire Pension Board of Trustees - Liaison
 - Tree Commission
- The Mental Health Offender Pilot Program (MHOP) launched in January of this year has become a huge success and will become a permanent program. The goal of this pilot program is to divert misdemeanor offenders with mental health issues out of the jail and provide them with the correct care that they need. By helping these people become stabilized and active members of our community, we can not only reduce our jail population significantly, but we can also save taxpayer money by combating recidivism. The Sulzbacher Center provides monthly updates to the Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic, Vaping and Mental Health Resources.

Council Member Salem – 904-255-5216 or rsalem@coj.net

Danny Becton, City Council District 11 –informed the CPAC members and attendees that:

- Council Member Becton recently meet with James Knight, P.E., Urban Planning and Modal Administrator for the Florida Department of Transportation District 2, and he received updates of transportation projects current and future in the Southside. For details on the updates Council Member Becton obtained please visit: <https://www.dannybecton.org/roadways/>
- Bill 2021-222, approved by City Council, modifies the application process to make clear that issuance of a permit does not supersede deed restrictions or Homeowner’s or Neighborhood Associations Covenants, Bylaws or Regulations. In order to enforce that fact, the permitting process was simply changed to have the application now require the applicant to attest whether their property is located within a Deed Restricted Neighborhood and/or has a Homeowner’s, Neighborhood or Master Association. As a result of that certification in the affirmative, the application now requires an additional certification form be signed by a corporate officer of that Homeowner or Neighborhood Association attesting to the same.
- American Best Hotel located at 8220 Dix Ellis Trail, Jacksonville, FL 32256 was served an injunction on June 2, 2021 that requires the property to be cleaned up.
- Council Member Becton addressed missed garbage, recycling, and yard waste collections. It was stated that the waste haulers are having staffing issues and are working to get caught up. Currently, the City of Jacksonville is utilizing employees from different departments to assist with collecting the yard waste.
- Council Member Becton has received his City Council Assignments for 2021-2022. The assignments are:
 - Standing Committees
 - Vice-Chair, Finance Committee
 - Member, Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee
 - Special / Other Assignments
 - Non-Voting Member, Library Board of Trustees
 - Vice Chair, Redistricting Special Committee
- Council Member Becton has a new Executive Council Assistant; his name is Joe Johnson. Mr. Johnson can be reached at: 255-5174 or Joel@coj.net

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

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Sargent Viner provided Zone 3 (Southeast) crime statistic for the past 30 days. Overall, all crime is down; except there was a 5% increase in violent crime and a 1% increase in property crime. The amount of auto burglaries that occurred are the biggest component of property crime.

Everyone was encouraged to participate in the 9 pm Routine; remember to remove valuables and firearms from your unattended vehicles. Remember to lock your car doors when you are not in the vehicle.

Sargent Viner stated that JSO is working very hard to clean up the motels on Dix Ellis Trail, 32256 (off Baymeadows Road, just west of I-95).

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

JFRD – Captain Gene Klingbeil reminded the CPAC that hurricane season is upon us and encouraged everyone to download the JaxReady app. The app will help you monitor weather threats and plan for evacuation in the event of a natural disaster. JaxReady provides access to current threat levels, weather reports, and wildfire updates, as well as up-to-the-minute news feeds for emergency preparedness and evacuation. Additional JaxReady app features include:

- GPS functionality for locating your Evacuation Zone
- Current Emergency (EOC) Activation Level, Weather Threat Level, and Fire Danger Index based upon your geolocation
- Links to special needs registration for those with special medical needs during an evacuation

Captain Klingbeil shared that JFRD has just completed their ISO rating and JFRD still has a “1” rating.

DCPS – Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent, Operations – no report

JPL – Keli Likins, South Regional Manager, announced that the Mandarin Branch Library, 3330 Kori Road, 32257 has started a book club on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. Please call (904) 255-BOOK (2665) for additional information about the book club.

Keli Likins – Klikins@coj.net

JEA- Renee Goode announced JEA is actively working to be prepared for hurricane season. Once the height of the storm passes and weather reports indicate it is safe, JEA immediately enters the restoration phase of our emergency operations. Our “Restoration 1-2-3” process is designed to assess and repair JEA facilities and restore power across the 900-square-mile service territory as quickly and safely as possible.

Phase 1: Public Safety

As soon as weather conditions permit, JEA will begin assessing their facilities, making critical repairs to power plants, transmission lines, substations, and water and sewer facilities. Then restore power to local hospitals, shelters, police, and fire stations, and make repairs to the electric grid that will bring the majority of customers back into power as quickly as possible.

Phase 2: Individual Customers

With public safety repairs complete, JEA will announce when Phase 2 will begin. At this time, JEA is ready to accept outage reports from individual customers. Utility crews now begin making repairs by electric “circuits” – repairing an entire circuit of approximately 2,500 homes before moving on to another circuit. Priority is given to making repairs that will restore power to the most customers. To report your outage: Call (904) 665-6000. You can also report your power outage online. If you’ve already registered for JEA alerts, you can also text “OUT” to MyJEA (69532) to report your outage.

Phase 3: Final Repairs

Phase 3 will target the few remaining isolated outages. If you still don’t have power, sometimes, major storms can cause damage to your home that will prevent your power from coming back on even though JEA has made all necessary repairs to your circuit. If everyone else in your neighborhood has power and you don’t, please call (904) 665-6000 so JEA can help you determine the cause of your continued outage.

The new JEA Headquarters, located at 225 Pearl Street will be a seven-story office building with a seven-story parking garage that can accommodate 630 parking spaces. Construction started in July of 2020 and is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2022.

The septic tank phase out is underway and JEA is looking for additional funds to expand to the next phase of the program.

Several CPAC members informed Ms. Goode that their communities have been experiencing frequent, short-term power and water outages. Ms. Goode asked the CPAC members to email their community’s name and contact information to Rosemary to share with JEA. JEA will then research the reported outages.

Renee Goode – goodrr@jea.com

JTA – Cheryl Riddick informed the CPAC that JTA is hiring for a variety of positions. Visit www.JTAFLA.com click on careers to see the employment opportunities available at JTA. At this time there is a dire need for bus drivers, this position is called “Operator”. There are two types of Operator positions, Operator Trainee (no CDL) and Operator (CDL Req.). If hired for the Operator Trainee position, JTA will provide the CDL training, and the individual will receive a \$10,000 sign on bonus. Or if you have a CDL, please apply under Operator (CDL Req.) and you will receive a \$15,000 sign on bonus.

Cheryl Riddick -904-632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com

Municipal Code Compliance Division – Bradley Clayton stated throughout the SE District this month 1000 inspections were completed.

The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief or JAR program was discussed. 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>

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 23 LUZ applications and one motion was made. The motion made was:

Approval with conditions for Land Use Amendment 2021-0405 and PUD 2021-0406 at the intersection of Alumni Way and St. Johns Bluff Way. The CPAC voted to approve with conditions on both items contingent upon the addition of a traffic signal with the appropriate traffic study conducted to meet the need of a signalized intersection. To support their request, Zoning Codes 656-125 and 656-340 were cited. After much discussion and clarification, the motion was passed unanimously.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – no July meeting, no report.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day – no July meeting, no report.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – no report, but thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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

Chairs Report – Chair D’Onofrio did not have a report but informed the CPAC that the CPAC Chairs will meet with the Mayor’s Staff on August 13, 2021. If anyone has any concerns or issues that should be brought up to the Mayor’s Office, please share them prior to August 13th.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: - Member Abby Howard Murphy expressed her displeasure with the change of the start time for the LUZ Subcommittee meeting and expressed there is a dire need to re-size the planning district as the Southeast CPAC district is too large. Concerns in one part of the district are not the same concerns in other parts of the district.

Member Ramon Day wanted the CPAC membership to know that he signed a Conflict-of-Interest form and abstained from voting on the LUZ motion that was made tonight.

Public Comment – Visitor John Nooney stated he wanted to inform the CPAC about an environmental issue that is occurring the Greater Arlington Beaches District. Mr. Nooney stated silt is currently being pumped into wetlands along Pottsburg Creek. Developers working on a project for a Wawa gas station

on Baymeadows Road needed fresh dirt and a place to dump the soil from the build site. The land behind several homes on Grove Park Boulevard was purchased to swap the soil. Council Member Carrico will host a Town Hall meeting to address the concern of the neighbors and those concerned about the environment.

Motion to Adjourn –

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Join us at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 in person or virtually on Zoom.