

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **January 23, 2023, 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; Ryan Colvin, Bayard Community Association; Carol D’Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Cliff Green, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Joanne Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Dolores Landrum, Campfield masters Homeowners Association; Sherri Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; John Reed, Linkside at Baymeadows; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; 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:** Susan Bailey, Linkside Baymeadows; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA.

**Visitors:** Iyla Soroka; William Michaelis; John Nooney; Carol Eichling, Village Green II Condos; Paul Soares, DCPS

**Staff:** Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Shay Hill, JEA; Lieutenant Charles Johnson, JFRD; Joseph Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, Council District 11; Eric Soriano, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

#### **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:**

Chair 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 December 2022 summary was approved.

**Presentation(s): Age – Friendly Jacksonville, Carrence Bass, Executive Director** informed the CPAC about Age-Friendly Jacksonville and the Council on Elder Affairs.

The Jacksonville/Duval County Council on Elder Affairs (COEA) is a countywide body representative of citizens that are over the age of 60.

In 2019, Florida was designated as an Age-Friendly State and in 2021 Mayor Lenny Curry proclaimed Jacksonville an Age-Friendly City. With the distinction of being an Age Friendly City, it is the intent of the City of Jacksonville (through COEA) to implement a five-year process to reach their goals.

The process of developing an Age-Friendly Community includes:

- Year 1: Conduct a survey and listening session(s)
- Year 2: Create an action plan
- Year 3-5: Implementation
- Year 5: Progress/ status update

To determine the baseline assessment of an Age-Friendly Community, COEA will use the '8 Domains of Livability' established by AARP. The eight areas of focus or domains are: housing, transportation, outdoor spaces and buildings, community support/health services, communication and information, civic participation and employment, respect/social inclusion, and social participation.

Soon, an official announcement by the Mayor's office about the baseline assessment will be made and volunteer opportunities will be shared with the community. The survey will be shared with the community.

For more information on Age-Friendly Cities, please visit: [www.aarp.org/livable](http://www.aarp.org/livable)

For more information about COEA, please visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/boards-and-commissions/council-on-elder-affairs> or contact Carrence Bass, COEA Executive Director at [cbass@coj.net](mailto:cbass@coj.net)

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

**Joe Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, District 11** – on behalf of Council Member Becton, Mr. Johnson provided the following updates:

- In the next City Council District 11 newsletter, there will be additional information for small businesses to assist with their start-up process. You can also view the newsletter at: <https://dannybecton.org/>
- Three baseball/softball fields and one flex field at Fort Family Regional Park at Baymeadows have been under construction, but the projects are nearing completion. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the fields upon completion.
- Groundbreaking on the new A.C. Skinner Parkway Park should begin in the summer of 2023. This will be a 15.2-acre park that is scheduled to have multi-flex fields, a playground area, pavilion(s), grills and restrooms.
- The Julington Creek Park will receive new restrooms and the trailhead will be improved.
- The City of Jacksonville has assumed management of Greenland Park. The park will be evaluated to determine what upgrades and improvements may be needed.
- Council Member Becton has been working with FDOT in effort to have a traffic signal installed for the Wells Creek community. The project is in the permitting phase. Once the permit(s) are in place, the project will go out to bid.

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

## **Staff Reports:**

**JSO – Lieutenant Wes Worbington** introduced himself to the CPAC and provided the following information:

- In Zone 3, property crimes were up 20% and auto burglaries were up 28% in the past 30 days.
- Auto thefts were also up. In particular, the Ford F-350 were the autos frequently targeted. JSO has arrested three individuals associated with these thefts and are looking for another suspect.
- JSO has given a lot of attention to street racing. JSO appreciates your reports of racing and large gathering of cars in parking lots. If you hear or see racing or large groups of cars gathering, please call JSO at 630-0500.
- The CPAC members shared their concerns about panhandling and identified several problematic areas where panhandling has become dangerous. The litter that is often associated with panhandling was also discussed.

Zone 3 Substation – 904-828-5463

**JFRD – Lieutenant Charles Johnson**, provided the following updates:

- The City of Jacksonville and JFRD offers Small Business Help Sessions bi-monthly for individuals that want to start a new business. If you have zoning, building, or fire code questions, please visit: <https://www.coj.net/smallbusinesshelp> to register for a half-hour consultation.
- Everyone was encouraged to familiarize themselves on how to use their home fire extinguisher prior to an emergency at their home.

Captain Charles Johnson – [JohnsonC@coj.net](mailto:JohnsonC@coj.net)

**JPL – Eric Soriano, Library Manager**, shared the following information:

- 1-on-1 Basic Tech Tutoring is offered by JPL to learn how to stream and download eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video using digital media services for free at most libraries. Tech Tutoring is available every Tuesday at the Mandarin Library from 5:00 to 6:00 pm and every Wednesday at the Southeast Regional Library from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Friends of the South Mandarin Library Book Sale will be held on January 27 and 28, 2023 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Mandarin Library.
- Jax Stacks is a Jacksonville Public Library's year-round reading challenge for adults. Visit [jplprograms@coj.net](mailto:jplprograms@coj.net) to learn more about the challenge.
- The next Lit Chat Interview will be with Michael Wiley, Monday, January 30, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Mandarin Branch Library and on Zoom. The Lit Chat will feature Mr. Wiley's new novel *The Long Way Out* which is based in Northeast Florida. Pre-registration is required.
- The Jacksonville Public Library will partner with American Association of Retired People (AARP) to provide free tax preparation. Pre-registration is required. Beginning Tuesday, January 17, 2023, you can schedule an appointment at: [www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations) or call (904) 701-3462.

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

**JEA – Shay Hill** provided the following updates:

- JEA is actively following Federal and State legislation to learn of any changes to regulations or guidelines that JEA must follow.
- Everyone was reminded that JEA scams are still occurring. It was emphasized that JEA will never ask you to pay a bill with gift cards. It was confirmed JEA will never turn off your power or water without contacting the customer multiple times. If you ever have a question regarding a possible scam, please call JEA at 904-665-6000 to verify.
- In September 2022, JEA removed the fees associated with paying with a credit card. Accounts can now be setup to be paid automatically with your credit card.
- JEA is offering rebates on certain energy efficient upgrades homeowners can make. To learn more about the rebates, please visit: [www.JEA.com/rebates](http://www.JEA.com/rebates)
- There are several projects that JEA has that may impact neighborhoods. If you have any questions or concerns about JEA projects or a JEA contractor, please call 904-665-6000.
- There was a request that JEA give communities advance notice if JEA needs to stop service (water or electric) to work on the system or a local project.

Shay Hill – 904-665-6000

**Municipal Code Compliance Division –Robert Bautochka Zone 3 Supervisor**, stated in the past 30 days, 707 inspections were completed and year to date 2904 inspections were completed in the Southeast District.

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>

Robert Bautochka – 904-255-7055 or [rbautochka@coj.net](mailto:rbautochka@coj.net)

**Planning & Development Department – Erin Abney on behalf of Kaysie Cox** - no report

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 new LUZ applications and presented one motion to the SE CPAC. The motion is:

Denial of Ordinance 2023-0038 at 11651 Davis Creek Road East, RE# 168068 1100, which seeks to rezone 18.77 acres of land from AGR, IBP, PUD to PUD to permit for wood and concrete recycling.

The CPAC voted to send this letter to request a denial based on Sec. 656.131 (c) (1) (iii) Zoning exceptions. There is a concern that this proposed concrete and wood recycling will have an environmental impact inconsistent with the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Specifically, there is a health concern associated with the recycling of concrete.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Membership – Ramon Day** – no report

**North Florida TPO – Jim Hill** – stated that the NFTPO did not meet in January, the next meeting will be held in February.

**Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant** informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Council met earlier today, and they reviewed the safety inspection reports for September – December. During this time, 175 parks were inspected throughout the city. Of the parks inspected, 101 of the parks had no findings and 74 parks had various minor issues cited; none of the issues were life threatening.

As part of the Park Safety Council Executive Order, the council was tasked to create a set of Safety Standards. A draft of the Safety Standards is currently circulating among the Council and the Parks, Recreation and Social Services Department.

If you visit a park and see a safety issue, please report the issues by calling 630-CITY or reporting the issues online at <https://myjax.custhelp.com/>

Mr. Bryant mentioned that the Riverside Avondale neighborhood has 30 parks in their area and every park has a Park Steward. The Park Steward program was established as a volunteer group to patrol, monitor and clean up the parks. According to Mr. Bryant, this may be a model to be adopted in other areas in Jacksonville.

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** informed the group that in October, CPAC's will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To commemorate this milestone, there was a request for any CPAC memorabilia, especially items, pictures, or appointment letters from the 1990's.

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

**Chairs Report – Chair Griffin** informed the CPAC that she and Vice Chair Shoup attended the annual CPAC Chair and Vice Chair training in December 2022. Chair Griffin stated she will attend the quarterly CPAC Chair's meeting with the Mayor's Staff in early February.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business:** - Member Abby Howard Murphy requested information on the amount and types of calls that 630-CITY receives from the Southeast District.

**Public Comment** – Visitor John Nooney shared his concerns for our local waterway, the Manatee Protection Plan and the Artificial Reef Trust Fund.

Member Donna Herrin announced that a City Council District 11 Candidate Forum will be held at the Southeast Regional Branch Library on Monday, February 6, 2023, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The forum is open to the public.

**Motion to Adjourn** – there was a motion to adjourn and a second.

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on **Monday, February 27, 2023**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.