

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 27, 2023, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Brandon Andersen, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Susan Bailey, Linkside Baymeadows; Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Ryan Colvin, Bayard Community Association; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Carol D'Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Joanne Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Dolores Landrum, Campfield Masters Homeowners Association; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; John Reed, Linkside at Baymeadows; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA; 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: Cliff Green, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association.

Visitors: Jonathan Cagle; John Nooney; Carol Eichling, Village Green II Condos; Ann Clapp; 904-631-5782; Shannon Casebaer, UNF Nursing; Melinda Carter, UNF Nursing; Megan Smith, UNF Nursing; Sharyn Myles, LMHOA; Andrea Letizia, Williamstown HOA; Richard Skule; 904-210-2807

Staff: Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Tom Daly, Neighborhoods Department; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Lieutenant Charles Johnson, JFRD; Joseph Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, Council District 11; Ernest Murphy, MCCD; Michael Pearson, MCCD; Eric Soriano, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Lieutenant Paul W. Worbington, JSO; Cory Wright, DCPS

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 February 2023 summary was approved.

Presentation(s): Detective April Cobb, JSO, informed the CPAC about identity theft and various types of scams.

Detective Cobb reviewed the most common scams occurring locally. The scams include skimmers at gas pumps or ATM machines, online romance scams, fake calls regarding family emergencies (usual fake grandchildren), fake calls from local utilities and phishing through emails. All of these types of scams should be reported to the police.

Detective Cobb provided a brief overview of how and who to report fraud to and how to start repairing the damage created from an identity theft and/or scam. Materials from the Federal Trade Commission were provided to serve as a guideline to recover from identity theft and scams. This information can

also be obtained online at www.IdentityTheft.gov. This information covers personal account recovery, child identity theft, tax identity theft, and medical identity theft.

Elected Officials Report:

Joe Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, District 11 – on behalf of Council Member Becton, Mr. Johnson informed the CPAC about small cell sites and the construction of one near the Belle Rive community. Under state law, a small cell site (20-to-30-foot tower) can be installed in an area by pulling a permit if the small cell sites are on public right of way or between property lines if the tower does not fluctuate 5 feet in any direction. The City of Jacksonville tried to stop the installation in the Belle Rive area, but the State of Florida stepped in, overruled local authorities and the small cell site was allowed to be constructed. Councilmember Becton is investigating how to prevent this from happening in other communities. One option that Councilmember Becton is exploring is putting restrictions in HOA, Townhome and Condo association covenants and restrictions and/or their by-laws. Currently, the councilman is waiting for legal clarification on this option.

Danny Becton – 904-255-5211 or dbecton@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO – Lieutenant Paul W. Worlington, JSO; shared in the past 30 days in Zone 3, crime is down in every category that JSO tracks. There are two crime categories that JSO is watching closely in Zone 3. They are vehicular burglaries and theft from homes under construction.

Zone 3 Substation – 904-828-5463

JFRD – Lieutenant Charles Johnson, provided the following updates:

- The City of Jacksonville and JFRD offer 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 with how to use their home fire extinguisher prior to an emergency at their home.
- The community can request an annual fire safety inspection to be completed at their home. Please call 630-CITY to request your fire safety inspection.

Captain Charles Johnson – JohnsonC@coj.net

DCPS – Corey Wright announced that the high school graduation/commencement ceremonies for the class of 2023 will begin on May 19th and the last graduation ceremony will be held on June 2nd. The DCPS Master Facility Plan will add a new wing to Mandarin High School; construction on the new wing is expected to be completed in 2025. Loretto Elementary is scheduled for a complete rebuild; the rebuild is expected to be completed in 2025.

FDOT – Derek Dixon shared the following updates on FDOT roadwork projects in the Southeast District:

- Beach Boulevard (Southside Boulevard to Eve Drive) will be milled, resurfaced with new overhead signage; the project will be completed in summer 2023.

- Beach Boulevard (San Mateo Road to Schumacher Avenue) is scheduled for intersection improvements, mid-block pedestrian crossing, new mast arms, new sidewalks, and new signage; this project should be completed in summer 2023.
- I-295 at the Buckman Bridge will receive new programable overhead electrical signage and CCTV cameras; the project is expected to be completed in late spring of 2023.
- Philips Highway (University Boulevard to Baymeadows Road) will be resurfaced, receive drainage improvements, traffic signal upgrades and some utility work; project completion is expected in the summer of 2024.
- San Jose Boulevard (I-295 to Julington Creek) will be re-landscaped; estimated project completion is spring 2023.
- S.R. 202 (J. Turner Butler Boulevard) and the Kernan Boulevard interchange improvements. The current exit will be redesigned, and a partial clover leaf will be added along with new signage, pedestrian/bicycle lanes, storm water run-off pond and overhead lighting; to be completed late 2024.
- State Road 9B (I-295 to I-95) will be landscaped; the project is expected to be completed in late spring 2023.
- Southside Boulevard and Gate Parkway intersection is currently in the middle of an intersection improvement project. Additional auxiliary lanes will be added; this project will be completed in summer of 2023.

Derek Dixon – Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us

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

- JPL is happy to partner again with Tenikka Hughes in collecting new and very gently used books for local children from birth to 18 years old. The book drive began today, March 27, 2023 and will end on April 8, 2023. All the books collected during Tenikka’s Books for Kids book drive, are given to kids who meet their reading goals during the Jacksonville Public Library’s Summer Reading Program. The books come at no cost to the children or their families.
- The Jacksonville Public Library will partner with American Association of Retired People (AARP) to provide free tax preparation. Pre-registration is required. You can schedule an appointment at: www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations or call (904) 701-3462.
- Great Decisions returns to the Southeast Regional Library on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm. The topic will be Elections in Latin America. The facilitator will be Dr. Jesse Hingson, Professor of History, Jacksonville University. Pre-registration is required.
- April 23 to 29, 2023 JPL will be celebrating national library week.

Eric Soriano – esoriano@coj.net

Neighborhood Department – Tom Daly, Chief of Housing and Community Development Division stated that he did not have a formal report, but his team is working on processing universal applications for the Community Development Block Grant programs. Mr. Daly was available for questions and there were none.

Tom Daly – 904-255-7800

Municipal Code Compliance Division –Michael Pearson, Senior Officer, stated in the past 30 days, Code Compliance Officers completed 783 inspections/violations in Zone 3.

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>

Florida Senate Bill 60 prohibits code inspectors from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints. The tickets will be closed if they are submitted anonymously.

Michael Pearson – 904-255-7011

Planning & Development Department – Kaysie Cox - no report

Kaysie Cox – 904-255-7853 or KaysieC@coj.net

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

LUZ– Craig Shoup – stated the subcommittee reviewed six new LUZ applications and no motions or actions were taken.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – introduced Victoria Pennington, Marketing Consultant for the NFTPO. Ms. Pennington informed the CPAC about the Sunbeam Road Corridor Study that is underway and encouraged the CPAC to participate on the online study at www.publicinput.com/sunbeam

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Council did not meet this month, nor will they meet next month. Mr. Bryant reminded everyone if they see a safety issue in a park, please call 630-City to report it.

To review the statistics and other data related to the Park Safety Council, please visit: www.coj.net/departments/parks-recreation/park-safety-council

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day stated at the March True Commission meeting there was a presentation from the City of Jacksonville Finance Director on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). It was stated there will be approximately \$500 million in capital improvement spending. The TRUE Commission Chair stated there will be additional conversation about the capital improvements at the April TRUE Commission meeting. Audits were also covered, JSO payroll issues were cleared up and a problem with city employees on the defined contribution program was identified. These employees are not paying for their health insurance because there is not a way to deduct payments from the current process.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC about upcoming Neighborhood Services Office events:

- The Neighborhood Services Office will offer the annual CommUniverCity leadership training. The first class will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Applications for CommUniverCity are available. The class size is limited to 30 participants. Deadline to apply is April 27, 2023.
- The Neighborhood Awards Program will also occur in October this year. Once the award nomination forms are available, they will be shared.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Griffin informed the CPAC that the each CPAC was invited to make recommendations again for the proposed FY 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Project plan. The criteria for making a CIP recommendation(s) were reviewed. The recommendations will be submitted at the April 24, 2023, SE CPAC meeting. Deadline to submit recommendations is May 1, 2023.

Chair Griffin inquired if the CPAC members would like to skip a presentation at the July 2023 CPAC to create a shorter meeting to be followed by dinner out as a CPAC. After a brief discussion, the CPAC membership opted to have a shorter meeting followed by dinner out in July at Leci's Italian Restaurant.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: - None

Public Comment – Visitor John Nooney read the public comments from the February SE CPAC meeting summary and the TRUE Commission meeting summary. Mr. Nooney also shared his concern about living next to a FEMA home, his concerns regarding the environmental status of Pottsburg Creek and private investors coming into Pottsburg Creek to inappropriately redevelop the creek.

Member Jose Gonzalez announced the Mandarin Community Club will host their 52nd Mandarin Arts Festival on the Mandarin Community Club property on April 8 and 9, 2023. Shuttles for the event will be available from Alberts Field Park.

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, April 24, 2023**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.