

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 23, 2023, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Susan Bailey, Linkside Baymeadows; Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Ryan Colvin, Bayard Community Association; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Carol D'Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Carol Eichling, Village Green Two Condo Association; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Cliff Green, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Joanne Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Blake Hakimian, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Rich Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA, Inc.; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Steven Hutra, East Hampton HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association; Rowena Nagales, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mill Community Association, Inc.; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Dolores Landrum, Campfield Masters Homeowners Association; Andrea Letizia, Williamstown, HOA; John Reed, Linkside of Baymeadows

Visitors: Avis Bolling, Villa San Jose; John Nooney; MJ Beck, MSC; Sharyn Myles, Lake Mandarin HOA; Jacqueline Parenteau, Brierwood Association; Shelley Heaney, Pickwick Park Civic Association; Michael Anderson; Matt Igou; Ann Clapp; 904-631-5782; 904-571-3055; 904-660-4021

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development Department; George Foote, Executive Council Assistant, District 5; Shay Hill, JEA; Captain C.R. Johnson, JFRD; The Honorable Will Lahnen, City Council District 3; Lieutenant J. Napoli, JSO; Paul Soares, DCPS; Eric Soriano, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; John Williams, Municipal Code Compliance

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 September 2023 summary was approved.

Presentation(s): Jacksonville City Council, Legislative Services, Margaret M. Sidman, Council Director and Merrienne Lahmeur, Chief of Legislative Services, informed the CPAC about the Legislative Process and Legislative Gateway.

Two sets of handouts were provided at the meeting and an electronic copy was emailed to all the CPAC members after the meeting. One set of handouts explained the legislative process and the second set of

handouts provided a walk-through of the new Legislative Gateway system. Additionally, Ms. Lahmeur provided an overview tutorial of the Legislative Gateway at the meeting.

The Legislative Gateway is a one-stop shop for all legislative matters of the Jacksonville City Council. Through the Gateway, everyone can find copies of legislation, meeting dates and times, meeting agendas, meeting materials, meeting minutes and meeting videos. There are also links to previously archived materials.

For additional information or questions, please call 904-255-5122.

Elected Officials Report:

The Honorable Michael Boylan, District 6, shared the following updates:

- Ordinance 2023-0671 is the creation of a permanent homeless diversion fund. The initial investment to the fund is \$500,000 from the City Council President's designated contingency account and \$500,000 from Mayor Deegan's designated contingency fund. The purpose of the fund is to assist families who are at risk of becoming homeless. The fund will provide a one-time allocation of \$1,500 to assist the family.
- The City Council JSO Primary Facilities Review Committee is still actively working on their assigned issue. In addition to concerns about the jail, associated facilities/buildings and parking, conversations have launched on the implementation of the recommendations that the committee compiles. Due to the complexity of this issue, there were five working sub-groups established to stay on top of different issues/concerns associated with this large-scale project.
- The project on Orange Picker Road that will reroute underground sewer lines has stalled. Once the proper permits are obtained, the project will resume.
- The Julington Creek Bridge project is nearing an end. At this time pressure washing and painting of the side barriers remains to be completed.
- At the corner of Livingston Road and St. Augustine Road there has been a lot of traffic congestion due to the two charter schools and one private school in the area. Council Member Boylan is working with JTA to identify a centralized drop off location for the students of these schools. From the drop-off site, JTA would shuttle the children to their various schools.

Michael Boylan – 904-255-5206 or MBoylan@coj.net

The Honorable Will Lahnen, District 3, shared the following updates:

- The council member shared his background and the boundaries of his council district.
- It has been identified that there are only three City of Jacksonville parks in Council District 3. To try to improve access to playgrounds in Council District 3, playground equipment will be added to Patton Park.
- City Council District 3 is currently setting up a Facebook page to serve as a communication tool. It was announced that Jamie Crozier is the Executive Council Assistant for District 3. Mr. Crozier can be reached at JCrozier@coj.net

Will Lahnen – 904-255-5203 or WLahnen@coj.net

George Foote, City Council District 5 Executive Council Assistant, shared the following updates:

- Council Member Joe Carlucci is currently working with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services to have deferred maintenance projects completed. Tomahawk Park will be the first park to receive updates.
- Cuba Hunter Park will have a new boardwalk constructed, and the skateboard park will be re-constructed.
- Last week City Council District 5 held a town hall meeting. At this meeting, there was a discussion about a possible development occurring in the Ridgewood/Miramar area. At this time, no paperwork for the project has been filed.
- The next City Council District 5 town hall meeting will be held in the Pine Forest Community on November 16, 2023.

Joe Carlucci – 904-255-5205 or JoeCarlucci@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO – Lieutenant Napoli, shared the following information:

- Crime against person (murder, robbery, aggravated assault) and property crimes are down 23% over the past 30 days.
- There has been an uptick in drive-by shootings and thefts of Kia and Hyundai vehicles.
- Everyone was encouraged to participate in the 9 pm Routine. Please keep your vehicles locked if you are not in them. Never store valuables in your car, especially firearms.

Zone 3 Substation – 904-828-5463

JFRD – Captain Charles Johnson, provided the following report:

- A new fire station opened today near the intersection of Dunn Avenue and Harts Road.
- Fall decorations (dried corn stalks, hay bales, crepe paper, dried flowers) can be very flammable, please take precautions if you have an open flame near them.
- Halloween costumes can be long, flowy, and flammable. Please be mindful when selecting costumes.
- Daylight savings time is upon us, please change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Captain Johnson – JohnsonC@coj.net or 904-255-8560

JPL – Eric Soriano, shared the following information:

- On the last Friday of each month, admission into the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville (MOCA) is free if you show your library card to MOCA staff.
- The next Lit Chat will feature Tim Gilmore, local history author. The event will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at the Main Library Ansbacher Map Room and will be available online via Zoom at 3:00 pm.
- There will be a Halloween Parade for children in costume at the Southeast Regional Library on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 11:30 am.

Eric Soriano – esoriano@coj.net

JEA – Shay Hill, Government Relations, walked the CPAC membership through the JEA website. At JEA.com, JEA customers can report a water or power outage, find rebate programs, see all the career opportunities, access rebates for EV drivers, see ongoing JEA projects, report streetlight outages, and pay your JEA bill online.

Shay Hill – 904-665-6000

Municipal Code Compliance Division – John Williams, Zone 3 Supervisor, stated in the past 30 days, Code Compliance Officers completed 749 inspections. A pro-active inspection was completed at Mandarin Station; this inspection generated 41 new cases. The next proactive inspection will occur on Parental Home Road in December.

If you have an old Code Enforcement concern or complaint that was reported to 630-CITY and you are dissatisfied with how it was handled, please send an email to: codeenforcement@coj.net. Please include the case number/reference number, the address where the concern is located, explain why you do not like how the issue was handled, provide your contact information and a Code Compliance Officer will contact you to discuss the issue.

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 for those who would otherwise be unable to achieve it due to disability or economic disadvantages. 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.

John Williams – 904-255-7000

Planning & Development Department – Kaysie Cox - no report

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

Public Works – Robin Smith, provided updates on the following Public Works projects:

- There is a Hartley Road widening project that is currently in the design phase.
- Julington Creek Bridge Rehabilitation is completed.
- Sidewalks will be added along Loretto Road, this is currently in the design phase.
- The realignment of Orange Picker Road is currently under construction.
- Intersection improvements are underway at the Brady Road and Orange Picker Road intersection.
- If you have any pothole, drainage, or roadway problems, please enter your concern into the MyJax system or call 630-CITY to make a report.

Robin Smith – Rsmith@coj.net

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

LUZ– Craig Shoup – stated the subcommittee reviewed eleven new LUZ applications and no motions or recommendations were made.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – no report

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant – no report

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day stated Sheriff Waters spoke to the TRUE Commission at their September meeting. The Public Works Department spoke at the October meeting. There was much discussion pertaining to how the Public Works Department procurement projects are managed.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – thanked everyone for attending the Neighborhood Awards program and the CPAC 30th Anniversary celebration on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Main Library.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Griffin also recognized and thanked the CPAC members for attending the Neighborhood Award program and the CPAC 30th Anniversary celebration. Chair Griffin thanked the Neighborhood Services Office for their hard work that went into the program.

Chair Griffin informed the CPAC that her neighborhood, Villa San Jose was an award winner this year for their neighborhood chili cookoff event. Everyone was encouraged to submit a nomination on behalf of their community next year when the application is available.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: -

- Member Will Herron comment on the start time of LUZ Subcommittee meetings. It was noted, even though the LUZ Subcommittee has reviewed multiple LUZ applications each month, the meetings are not taking the full hour that is allotted for the subcommittee meetings. Member Herron also noted that many on the subcommittee are rushing from work to attend the 5:30 pm LUZ Subcommittee. It was recommended that the LUZ Subcommittee adjust their start time. After much discussion, there was a motion and a second to change the start time of the SE CPAC LUZ Subcommittee meeting from 5:30 pm to 5:45 pm. The motion passed. Effective November 27, 2023, the SE CPAC LUZ Subcommittee meeting will begin at 5:45 pm.
- Member Scott Koslowski asked the CPAC membership if they had a preference on where they would like to dine after the December 18, 2023, SE CPAC Meeting. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the CPAC will return to Leci's Italian Restaurant and Mr. Koslowski would make the arrangements with the restaurant.

Public Comment –

- John Nooney informed the CPAC that Council Member Carrico accompanied Mr. Nooney on a kayak tour of Pottsburg Creek last week. Mr. Nooney also showed the council member the FEMA house has he has concerns about. Additionally, Mr. Nooney expressed his concern about an LUZ application, 2023-0594 to rezone 39 acres to permit up to 640 multi-family dwelling units. Mr. Nooney stated 17 of the 39 acres are wetlands.

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, November 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.