

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 25, 2024, 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; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Carol D'Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Carol Eichling, Village Green Two Condo Association; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc.; Clifton Green, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Joanne Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Rich Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA, Inc.; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Andrea Letizia, Williamstown, HOA Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Owners Association; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association; Rowena Nagales, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA; Jacqueline Partenteau, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; John Reed, Linkside of Baymeadows; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; James Taylor, Deerwood Improvement Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Dick Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association

Visitors: Fred Atwell; Jarvis Fears; Thaisha Correias; Donnie Oulton, Glynlea Park; Margie Cummins, Los Lagos Condo Association; John Nooney; Avis Bolling; Bob Chamberlain, Edgewater at Sunbeam; Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; Kaysie Cox, Planning & Development Department; Jim Culbreth, DCPS; George Foote, Executive Council Assistant, District 5; Lt. Kenny, JSO; Ben Kodatt, JFRD; Ernest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance; 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 February 2024 meeting summary was approved.

Presentation(s): Marci Larson, Public Affairs Manager, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) and Wiley Page, Senior Transportation Planner, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO).

Ms. Larson provided an overview of the function of the NFTPO. The NFTPO is an independent regional transportation planning agency for Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. John's Counties. They are tasked with leading this region's efforts in planning, funding, and mobilizing resources to develop and maintain our transportation systems. This encompasses over 3,000 square miles of

roads and a population of nearly 1.4 million. The NFTPO also partners with the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, the Jacksonville Port Authority and the Ocean Highway and Port Authority (St. John's County).

Mr. Page shared information about the NFTPO Long Range Transportation Plan. Every five years, NFTPO updates the region's Twenty-year Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); this is also known as the 2025 LRTP. The purpose of the updates is to address road, transit, freight, bike, and pedestrian needs. All transportation projects must be included in the LRTP to receive federal funding. So far, nearly 500 projects have been identified for the 2025 LRTP. Mr. Page reviewed the handout provided to the meeting attendees prior to the presentation that listed numerous projects that were adopted in the 2019 Long Range Transportation Plan for our area.

For more information about the NFTPO and/or the 2025 LRTP, please visit www.pathforward2045.com

Elected Officials Report:

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

- Council Member Boylan will host a community meeting on April 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Mandarin Senior Center to discuss the Sunbeam Road improvement project.
- JSO staff that work at the Police Memorial Building will be relocated to the Florida Blue building in Riverside/Brooklyn area. Some JSO staff have already completed the move. Once the Police Memorial Building is empty, the building will be repurposed to help fulfill unmet needs of corrections staff and inmates at the detention center.
- The contractor for the Orange Picker Road Realignment Project is J.B. Coxwell. The project is currently on track to begin Phase 2 of construction, which will involve a shutdown of Orange Picker Road. It was stated that the closure may take two months.

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

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

- The Homeless Initiatives Commission is in the process of being formed. Please contact Mr. George Foote at GFoote@coj.net, if you are interested in serving on this commission.
- Mr. Foote informed the group that JSEB (Jacksonville Small & Emerging Business) Façade Renovation Grant Program provide commercial or retail façade renovations funding assistance for existing businesses in targeted areas. Council Member Carlucci is working with others to remove the financial matching component of the grant to help more businesses interested qualify for the grant.
- Fifty-five trees will be planted this week in the medians along Baymeadows Road: starting at San Jose Boulevard and ending at Old Kings Road S. The project should be completed in two or three weeks.

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

Staff Reports:

JSO – Lieutenant Kenny, was attending on behalf of Assistant Chief Glossman and she did not have an official report. As a follow up to a previous report, Lieutenant Kenny announced JSO has a special unit that is assigned to work with homeless camps. If a homeless camp is near your home or business, please call 904-630-0500 for assistance.

District 3 Substation – 904-630-8100 or JSODistrict3@jaxsheriff.org

JFRD – Captain Ben Kodatt, introduced himself to the CPAC and provided the following updates:

- If you need assistance to check and/or change the batteries in your smoke detectors or need a smoke detector, please call 630-CITY or enter your request online using the MyJax system.
- The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Marine Fire Station (Station 68) will take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Station 68 is located on Scott Mills Road, just north of I-295.
- It was confirmed that JEA has a crew that paints approximately 5000 fire hydrants each year. JFRD does not know how it is determined which fire hydrants will be painted each year.

Captain Kodatt – BDKodatt@coj.net

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) – Jim Culbert, informed the CPAC that:

- A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in a couple of weeks at Mandarin High School. A new wing will be constructed, thus allowing the portable classrooms to be removed.
- Mandarin Middle School and Loretto Elementary School will receive new audio-visual equipment and lighting upgrades in their auditoriums.
- Safety and security upgrades are underway at Loretto Elementary school.
- DCPS has free laptops available for DCPS students. If your student has not received one, please visit the DCPS website, log on to your parent account and submit your request. A laptop will be shipped to your student's school.
- DCPS is working on an electronic bus tracking system. The goal is to have the tracking system alert parents 15 minutes prior to student pick up at their assigned bus stop.

Jim Culbert – 904-309-2000

FDOT – Derek Dixon, from questions and concerns that were submitted to Mr. Dixon prior to the CPAC meeting, the following updates/answers were provided:

- At the foot of the exit ramp at SR 9B onto Philips Highway, there are three ramp lanes that have been intentionally painted with signal arrows mandating a left turn only. It is illegal to go straight at the foot of the exit ramp to get on Grand Bay Parkway. There is a dedicated exit off SR 9B onto Grand Bay Parkway located one exit past the Philips Highway exit.
- St. Johns Bluff Road and Alumni Way are City of Jacksonville roads, not FDOT roads.
- SR 9B will be redesignated as I-295 in the near future. FDOT is in the process of completing the formal application that will be submitted to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; this is standard procedure.
- At this time there is not any type of roadway projects planned/scheduled for Beach Boulevard between Kernan and Hodges Boulevards.
- Potholes and concrete separations on I-295 between Baymeadows Road and Gate Parkway were reported to the FDOT Maintenance Division and corrective actions will be taken.

- An I-295 landscape project is underway starting at SR 9B and ending at SR 202 (J. Turner Butler Boulevard).
- The delineators along the express lanes unfortunately are knocked down by vehicles on a regular basis. The FDOT maintenance department continually replaces them.
- Construction at the I-95 / I-295 (near the airport) interchange is expected to be completed in Spring 2024. For any questions or comments about this project, please contact Daryl Goss at 1-386-984-5392
- There were additional comments concerning I-295 and I-95 near the airport. It was mentioned that there is a lack of FDOT directional signs directing drivers to the proper lane to enter I-295 from southbound I-95 after leaving the airport. There was also a concern expressed about lanes ending without signage/warning at and around the I-95/I-295 interchange.

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

JPL – Eric Soriano, shared the following information:

- On March 26, 2024, the JPL, and the U of F Extension Office will hold a workshop on low maintenance landscaping at the Southeast Regional Library, at 7:00 pm. The workshop is open to the public.
- The Library Foundation and Tenikka Hughes share their gratitude for all the books that were donated for the Jacksonville Public Library's Summer Reading Program.
- Mayor Deegan's River City Readers program has been huge success for students of all ages. The reading program encourages students of all ages to read at least 20 minutes a day through the Beanstack app. The goal originally was to have 300,000 reading minutes logged on to the Beanstack app by the end of the year. So far, this reading program has logged 500,000 minutes, which exceeds the original goal.
- There are two more weeks to take advantage of the partnership between JPL and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) for free tax preparations. Appointments are mandatory. Please contact your local library branch for more details and/or an appointment.
- On Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm, JPL will host a Lit Chat with author James Patterson at the Main Library. Due to the popularity of this author, there is a waiting list to attend in-person and to attend via Zoom. Please call 904-255-BOOK to get on the waiting list.

Eric Soriano – esoriano@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance Division – Ernest Murphy, attended the meeting on behalf of the Zone 3 Supervisor. Mr. Murphy did not have a report but was available for questions. There was a question about Split Pad rentals and if they are allowed in Jacksonville. Mr. Murphy stated he was not aware of Split Pad rentals but is familiar with Crash Pad rentals. Mr. Murphy provided his contact information and offered to have a one-on-one discussion with anyone that had concerns.

Ernest Murphy - 904-255-7096 or EMurphy@coj.net

Planning & Development Department – Kaysie Cox - no report

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

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

Land Development Regulation Stakeholder Advisory Committee – Jose’ Gonzalez announced the third of the committees bi-monthly meetings was held today. All the subcommittees presented their monthly discussions. Due to the complexity of the topic, it appears the committee will need to continue past their initial one-year time frame.

LUZ– Craig Shoup – informed the CPAC that the subcommittee reviewed thirteen new LUZ applications and revisited an application from last month. After some discussion about 2024-0097 a motion was made. The motion is:

Deny 2024-0097 – 2512 Dean Road to rezone 6.41 acres of land from RLD-60 to PUD. The denial was based on the following:

- Spot-Zoning – Townhomes do not fit into the character of this well-established neighborhood. This change appears to be spot zoning.
- The development is not conforming to the surrounding area. This plan would wildly deviate from the consistent and established single family home stock in the community.
- Affecting traffic on Dean Road. A traffic study was not included in the application. The only ingress, egress for the proposed development would be onto Dean Road, very close to an intersection (Dean Road and Terry Road) that already has speed humps installed to calm the traffic. The additional traffic from such a densely populated project will significantly impact this already busy intersection.

The motion was approved.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – stated the NFTPO covered everything, and he did not have a report.

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant – informed the group that the council did meet today, but they did not have a quorum. Their focus today was to monitor the Parks Department inspections. January 1, 2024, through March 14, 2024, fifty-three parks citywide had some degree of maintenance or safety issues. To date, twenty-five of those parks have had all or some of their issues corrected. In the Southeast District there were seven parks that had maintenance issues noted. So far, two of those parks have had all the corrections completed.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day – prior to Mr. Day’s report, the Southeast CPAC voted unanimously to nominate Mr. Day to represent the SE CPAC for another term on the TRUE Commission.

Mr. Day informed the CPAC at the February TRUE Commission meeting JSO shared an analysis of compensation for local law enforcement and correction officers. The analysis revealed that local law enforcement officers are paid 14% below the State average. Additionally, the local FOP pension plan for law enforcement is the lowest in the state. It was noted that the Jacksonville Association of Professional Firefighters are in a similar financial situation.

At the March meeting, the commission reviewed the contracts for ASM Global. ASM Global is an event and venue management company that manages seven sports, entertainment, and convention venues on behalf of the City of Jacksonville. After reviewing the ASM Global contract, the TRUE Commission is not happy with some of the conditions in the contract.

Mr. Day noted that at the March commission meeting, SE CPAC member Andrea Letizia was appointed to the TRUE Commission by City Council President Ronald B. Salem.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – announced that the Neighborhood Services Office annual CommUniverCity Neighborhood Leadership Training program will begin on April 2, 2024.

Copies of the Neighborhood Awards Application are available on the back table. The deadline to apply is May 23, 2024. Applications can be submitted electronically, hand delivered and through the US Postal Service.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Griffin shared her experience about submitting and winning one of the Neighborhood Awards for her communities (Villa San Jose Civic Association) annual Chili Cookoff. The funds the association raises at the cook off are donated to the Mandarin Food Bank and have increased steadily over the last three years. Everyone was encouraged to submit an application on behalf of their organization's activities.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment – Mr. John Nooney expressed his concerns about the limited amount of access the public has to local waterways. Additionally, Mr. Nooney shared his concerns about failing septic tanks throughout the city and the environmental impact associated with the failing septic tanks.

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 22, 2024**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.