

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

February 24, 2025, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Susan Bailey, Linkside at Baymeadows HOA; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo 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; 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; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Jennifer Joiner, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Owners Association; Shann Mills, San Jose Forest; Karen Moers, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Jacqueline Partenteau, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Catie Wallace, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Joanne Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2;

Visitors: John Nooney; Brian Pall, Cross Creek HOA; Chrissy Bott, San Jose NA; Lora Lewis, BNA; Marion Scott; Laura Backus, San Jose NA; Randall Smith, Summer Grove Condos; Matthew Little, San Marco Preservation Society; Joy Burgess; Ann Clapp; Richard Skule

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan, District 6; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development; George Foote, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 5; Commander Glossman; Jackie Gregson, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Charles Griggs, Mayor's Office; Evin Herzberg, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 11; Rudy McClain, Municipal Code Compliance; Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs Veterans Department; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair Koslowski called the SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Mandarin Senior Center. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – The January 2025 meeting summary will be presented for approval at the March 2025 meeting.

Presentation(s): Noah Ray, Emergency Preparedness Supervisor, JFRD and Adrien Chambers, Emergency Preparedness Planner presented on Local Mitigation Strategy Update.

Every county in Florida has a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) in place. The purpose of the LMS is to identify threats, hazards, hazard vulnerabilities, hazard risks, identify gaps and areas for improvement.

The natural hazards that are reviewed and evaluated for the LMS include tropical cyclones, severe weather, storm surge, extreme heat, sea level rise, flooding, infectious disease, drought, coastal erosion, saltwater intrusion, wildfire, winter storms and extreme cold.

In addition to natural disasters, LMS also looks at man-made hazards and technological hazards including the threat of critical infrastructure. These hazards include hazardous materials (HAZMAT), improvised explosive devices, active shooter incidents, biological attacks, chemical attacks and terrorism and targeted violence. Indirect actions of the LMS will address zoning requirements, construction requirements, adequate insurance, planning and coordination.

The current LMS Plan expires on August 18, 2025. There is a draft version of the updated plan for public comment at: www.jaxready.com/mitigation

If you review the 2025 updates, the updates include the hazard summary table with numerical risk scores, an added map section, all the tables, figures and maps contain current data. Additionally, the LMS project list has been updated too.

Everyone was encouraged to download the JAXREADY app and copies of the 2024/2025 City of Jacksonville Preparedness and Response Guide were available.

Noah Ray – 904-255-3117

Elected Officials Report:

The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6, provided the following report:

- Council member Boylan provided an update on the Arpen House (3737 Linjohn Road) in Mandarin. The historic structure was deemed to be demolished. Due to the vast amount of public outcry to save the home, Council Member Boylan is going to ask for a postponement. There are buyers interested in acquiring and moving the house, the postponement will give the prospective buyers an opportunity to do their due diligence.
- Council member Boylan introduced Ord 2025-0139; this is an appropriation of \$152,000 in funds to engage a consultant to bring together the various community members/leader in City Council District 6 in effort to create a consensus and vision for the district.
- Due to an increase in coyote attacks to both pets and people, Council member Boylan is working with Animal Care and Protective Services and Madeline Rubin (a coyote expert) to bring greater attention to the community on how to protect themselves and their pets.

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

Evin Herzberg, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 11, announced the City Council District 11 newsletter will be available soon. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please sign up at District11Jax.com

The Honorable Raul Arias – 904-255-5211 or AriasR@coj.net

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

- Council member Joe Carlucci is working on legislation to modify the tree fund. The modification would include addressing how it is funded, how the funds are spent and the dimension of trees that are planted.

- In addition, Council member Joe Carlucci is working with FEMA and Noah Ray (JFRD) on behalf of the South Shores Community to address grants and funds available for mitigation.
- Work is underway with Code Compliance regarding typical neighborhood issues and ways to help clean these issues up.

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

Staff Reports:

Mayor's Liaison – Charles Griggs, Director of Community Initiatives, informed the CPAC that his office is responsible for promoting public safety, and they will be utilizing the Journey Forward Initiative, which is a reboot of the Jacksonville Journey. The first meeting of this brand-new board will be held on February 27, 2025. Once the board has solidified, emphasis will be on community engagement and implementing programs. The programs would include after school programs, juvenile justice intervention and working alongside JSO.

Mr. Griggs encouraged the CPAC to participate in Mayor Deegan's upcoming Town Hall meetings.

Charles Griggs – Cgriggs@coj.net

JSO – Commander Glossman provided the following report:

- In the past 30 days, the Zone 3 crime statistics reflect that crimes against persons were up 25 incidents and crimes against property are down 4 incidents.
- Commander Glossman addressed concerns pertaining to an RV parked on Aladdin Road. The CPAC was reminded not to approach the RV and give JSO time to work on the case properly.
- JSO is working to correct the speeding complaints on Bartram Road and Beach Boulevard; both areas are heavily staffed with officers.
- Multiple CPAC members shared concerns regarding the resurgence of panhandling and littering; various locations were noted by Commander Glossman.

Commander Glossman – 904-630-8100 or JSODistrict3@jaxsheriff.org

JFRD – Lieutenant Clarence Hodge stressed the importance of electrical safety. Everyone was encouraged to inspect all electrical wiring for frays or exposed wires before using them. It was stated that extension cords are made for temporary use only. Extension cords can heat up and can start a fire. The CPAC was instructed not to run extension cords through ceilings or to run them under rugs. If power is needed regularly in an area where there are no outlets, please call an electrician to add additional electrical outlets installed.

Lieutenant Hodge – Hodge@coj.net

JPL – Jackie Spiritas shared the following updates:

- JPL will partner again with AARP to provide free tax preparations. Taxes will be prepared by appointment only. Please use the following web links to find the information to pre-register: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/blog/free-tax-preparation-available-aarp>

- March 2 – 8, 2025 JPL will celebrate Reading Week with a series of events to support literacy. The theme for the week is *Bananas About Books*. Reading Week will culminate at the Main Library on March 8, 2025, with a celebration from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Children will get a free book and lunch while supplies last.
- The San Marco Branch Library and the University of Florida Extension Office will offer a free gardening program on Monday, March 3, 2025, 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
- There will be a history chat on March 8, 2025, 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Main Library. The program is called *Rethinking James Weldon Johnson* and will be facilitated by Dr. Felicia Bevel.

Jackie Spiritas – Spiritas@coj.net

JTA – Cheryl Roddick – announced:

- The Skyway will be out of service for planned maintenance through March 7, 2025. During the down time, shuttles will be offered from each of the skyway stations to different skyway stops. The shuttles will run every 20 minutes.
- JTA has a future sidewalk project on Mandarin Road. Those impacted by the project we mailed surveys pertaining to the project requesting feedback. The start date for the project has not been identified. Please contact JTA if you have any questions.

Cheryl Riddick – 904-630-3100

Military and Veterans Affairs – Tiffany Morales provided the following information:

- Military and Veterans Affairs (MVA) can assist veterans file a wide variety of claims, upgrades and file appeals, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. For this type of assistance, you do not need an appointment, but you must bring your DD214 and identification.
- MVA has eviction and utility assistance programs available.
- Reintegration and Career programs are offered as well.
- MVA is offering free tax preparation for active military and veterans alike and appointments are required, please call 904-255-5550 to schedule your appointment.
- On March 8, 2025, in partnership with The Players Championship, a military job fair will be held. Visit <https://www.jacksonville.gov/welcome/news/the-players-championship-hosts-13th-annual-militar> for more information.
- Our local Memorial Day event will be held at the Veterans Memorial Wall, 1145 E. Adams Street, 32202. The event begins at 8:30 am.
- Military Spouses Night Out will be held on June 5, 2025, 5-8 pm. Pre-registration is required, please call Tiffany Morales - 904-255-5524 - to register.

Tiffany Morales – 904-255-5524

Municipal Code Compliance Division – Rudy McClain made the following announcements:

- Municipal Code Compliance inspected 750 new cases and 690 were completed/resolved in the past 30 days.
- Every Friday morning, the Zone 3 MCCD team collects snipe signs along a different corridor and tries to identify who put out the illegal signs. Over 160 snipe signs were collected on University Boulevard (between San Jose Boulevard and Beach Boulevard) last week. The next corridor that MCCD will focus on is the Philips Highway corridor, starting at Emerson Street and ending at the Avenues Mall.
- MCCD is working with JSO on the RV that is parked on Aladdin Road; this was mentioned earlier by Commander Glossman and is a work in progress. Again, the CPAC members were instructed not to approach the RV or the occupants.

- There has been a significant uptick in homes where the homeowner is deceased, and one or more people that have not assumed ownership are living in the house without power or water. Unfortunately, this is occurring more frequently in every part of Jacksonville.
- Florida Senate Bill 60 prohibits code compliance officers from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes that were submitted via anonymous complaints; anonymous tickets will be closed.

Rudy McClain – 904-255-7000

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services – Jackie Gregson provided the following report:

- JaxParks is hiring lifeguards for the summer season. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit www.JaxParks.com
- A.C. Skinner Park is in the design phase; a new park will be created along A.C. Skinner Parkway (between Southside Boulevard and Belfort Road).
- Alberts Field Park will receive additional parking; this project will begin in Spring 2025.
- Earl Johnson Park is in the proposal phase for repairs to the entry, park roads and parking lots.
- Fort Family Regional Park – the new paved walking trail will open to the public in the next few weeks after it passes inspection. Quotes for the existing soccer and adjacent fields are being assembled right now.
- Julington-Durbin Creek Preserve – a new parking lot and sidewalk connecting to the trailhead, new restrooms and other improvements will be completed in summer 2025.
- Balis Community Center upgrades are in progress and should be completed by summer 2025.
- Drew Park is in the process of having a new playground installed, this project should be completed by summer 2025.
- Tommy Hazouri Sr. Park modifications to the restrooms and pavilion are underway. A new playground will be installed. These projects should be completed by the summer of 2025.

Jackie Gregson- 904-255-7907

Planning & Development Department – On behalf of Kaysie Cox, Connor Corrigan facilitated the LUZ Subcommittee - no report.

Kaysie Cox – 904-255-7853 or

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

Land Development Regulation Stakeholder Advisory Committee – Jose' Gonzalez – stated the meeting with the Land Development Regulation Board was postponed because they did not have a court reporter. The meeting has been rescheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, February 24, 2025, at 3:00 pm.

LUZ– On behalf of JoAnne Griffin, Jim Hill conducted the LUZ Subcommittee meeting – the subcommittee reviewed four new LUZ applications, no motion or actions were taken. Pulte Homes staff were in attendance and presented on their project off Aladdin Road.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill — no report.

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant – no report.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day – There was a presentation by Mr. Freeman, City of Jacksonville Procurement Division and he reviewed the new procurement process. Mr. Day stated there were good reforms and believes the changes will improve the process. Mr. Day explained how the TRUE Commission positions are filled and shared an overview of their duties. To answer a question about government efficiency, Mr. Day stated that the city remains severely understaffed due to a variety of reasons; this is especially true for JSO.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – reminded the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville will host the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) conference May 20-23, 2025. Registration for the conference began on February 12, 2025. To register, visit <https://www.nusa.org/>. The City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Awards winners will be presented with their awards at this conference on May 20, 2025.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Koslowski – no report

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment –

- Visitor Kat Wright introduced herself as the Public Art Director for the Cultural Council. Earlier, your Neighborhood Coordinator, Rosemary, shared an electronic survey pertaining to public art options to be added to the Southeast District. Please visit the online survey and select the art piece /location that you prefer.
- Jose Gonzalez informed the CPAC that the Mandarin Community Club will hold the Mandarin Art Festival Easter weekend again this year.
- John Nooney announced at the City Council meeting tomorrow night, there will be a discussion pertaining to Ord 2025-0067 to appropriate \$10.2 million from the general fund for three projects. Mr. Nooney expressed his disappointment that none of these funds will be used to increase public access to our local waterways. Mr. Nooney identified a location on Pottsburg Creek that would make a good potential kayak launch. Mr. Nooney shared all the various commissions and public meetings he attends to champion the need of public waterways access.

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 and will be held on **Monday, March 24, 2025**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom webinar.