

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

February 24, 2026

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Laura Backus, San Jose Neighborhood Association; Susan Bailey, Linkside at Baymeadows HOA; Carol D'Onofrio, Edison HOA; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb HOA; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc.; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Shann Mills, San Jose Forest; Karen Moers, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Jacqueline Parenteau, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Catie Wallace, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Gary Wiese, Secret Cove Civic Association.

Excused: Carol Eichling, Village Green Two Condo Associations; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Craig Shoup, Council At Large Group 2 Representative

Visitors: Michael Vizcaya, Kevin Ondarza, John Nooney, Joanne Arnick.

Staff: Kaysi Cox, Planning & Development; Kareena Mehta, Planning and Development; Charles Griggs, Mayor's Office; Tourea Robinson, Senior Services; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Lt. Wes Worbington, JSO; Lt. Jorge Hernandez, JFRD; William Hanks, MCCD; Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Services Office.

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair Koslowski called the SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chair Koslowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – The summary for January and February will be approved at the March meeting.

Presentation(s): None

Elected Officials Report: None

Mayors' Liaison – Charles Griggs: Reported:

- Mayor Deegan will be hosting a new series of town hall meetings. The next meeting will be on February 26, 2026, at Wolfson High School. The next town hall meeting will be hosted at Mandarin High School on March 12th. Citizens are welcome to attend all the town hall meetings. All dates and locations are posted on the COJ website at [Mayor Deegan Town Hall Series](#).

Charles Griggs – 904-255-5000

Staff Reports:

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lieutenant Paul Worbington reported:

- Crime down in this area overall 5%, with a 5% reduction in crimes against people. A 5% reduction in crimes against property. There is an increase in auto burglaries. Reminder to lock your car doors.
- The first Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at Old Navy, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the St. John's Town Center.

Lt. Worbington – 904-630-8100 or JSODistrict3@jaxsheriff.org.

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) – Lieutenant Jorge Hernandez reported:

- Explained the difference between fire blankets and fire extinguishers.

Lieutenant Hernandez – Jhernandez@coj.net.

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Jackie Spiritas- shared the following updates:

- There will be a History Chat on March 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., about Memphis Wood, the First Lady of Art. Tim Gilmore will lead the discussion. More details can be found on the Jacksonville Public Library website www.JaxPublicLibrary.org.
- The 3rd annual Jax PopCon will be on April 4, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Main Library.
- AARP is still helping with tax preparation through April 15, 2026. Information can be found on the JPL website at www.JaxPublicLibrary.org.
- The Mandarin Library Book Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- For a complete list of information, please visit www.JaxPublicLibrary.org.

Jackie Spiritas – Spiritas@coj.net.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services – Tourea Robinson, Chief of Senior Services, reported that the Mandarin Senior Center is scheduled for HVAC replacement and improvements. Reopening scheduled for March 2nd.

- The annual Walk for Wellness will be at 10 a.m. on March 20th at the Riverwalk and Friendship Fountain.
- The annual Fish-A-Thon will be at 10 a.m. on April 3rd, at Hanna Park. Both events are free to attend and open to seniors aged 60+.
- Parks is happy to share its monthly newsletter that highlights happenings in the Senior Service Department. More information can be found on the COJ website.

Tourea Robinson - 904-255-7907

Municipal Code Compliance Division – William Hanks – Invited everyone to attend the Urban Core District 1 Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., at A. Philip Randolph, Heritage Park.

Will Hanks – 904-255-7000

Planning & Development Department - Kareena Mehta - Starting next month, Kareena will be the Southeast CPAC's new City Planner. The Southeast CPAC's Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee reviewed four applications. There was no opposition to any of the applications.

Kaysie Cox – 904-255-7853

Public Works – Scott Carter- Not present.

LUZ– Kareena Mehta – Starting next month, Kareena will be your new city planner. There were four applications. No opposition to any of the applications.

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

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – No present.

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant – Not present.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day – Not present.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Michelle Godwin-Ware informed the Southeast CPAC that they are scheduled to host their District Neighborhood Block Party in June. She advised that they should start thinking about a park in the Southeast Planning District to host the event and share some ideas for a theme.

Michelle Godwin-Ware 904-255-8250 or michellegw@coj.net

Chairs' Report/Selecting a Capital Improvement Project – Chair Koslowski and the CPAC discussed the submission of a Capital Improvement Project from Karen Moers of the San Souci Neighborhood Association. The San Succi community would like to request sidewalk, crosswalk, and other pedestrian safety improvements, along with improvements to Terry Road, Dean Road, and Parental Home Road, to be submitted as a Southeast Planning District 3 Capital Improvement Project. Chair Koslowski also reported that the neighborhood matching grants may reopen in September or October of 2026. The CPAC Chair meeting with the mayor has not been scheduled yet.

CPAC Member Comments- None.

Unfinished Business – Chair Koslowski – None to report.

New Business – None to report

Public Comment:

- John Nooney stated he has inquired about the presence of the Office of General Counsel at the various boards and commission meetings to ensure citizens can speak freely.
- Karen Moers inquired if a member of the CPAC has knowledge of applying to become a 501 (c) (3) and would be willing to assist her in doing so.

Motion to Adjourn: Chair Kosloski adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: Monday, March 23, 2026, 6:30 p.m. Hybrid – **Mandarin Senior Center 3848 Hartley Rd.**, and via Zoom.

Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee Meeting: Monday, March 23, 2026, 5:45 p.m. Hybrid – **Mandarin Senior Center 3848 Hartley Rd.**, and via Zoom.

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A copy of the audio recording of this Southeast CPAC meeting is available through a Public Information Request by calling 630-CITY. Details about Public Records can be found on the City's Website: [COJ Public Records Request](#).