

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Date: Monday, July 27, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Laura Backus, San Jose Neighborhood Association; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA Inc; Carol D'Onofrio, Edison HOA; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Club; James Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Doug Klippel, Deercreek Country Club HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Jacqueline Parenteau, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen Homeowners Association; Eddie Vizcaya, Gates of Olde Mandarin HOA; Susan Baiey, Linkside at Baymeadows HOA; Kevin Ondarza Sr., Gates of Olde Mandarin HOA;

Members via Zoom: Jennifer Joiner, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Zoom Attendees: Drew Spaulding

Excused: Catie Wallace, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condominium Association; Shannon Mills, San Jose Forest Neighborhood Association

Visitors: Katay Bennett; Adam Brandon; George Carroll; Randall Smith; Joy Burgess

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan City Council District 6; Charles Griggs, Mayor's Office; Commander Petena Tillman, JSO; Lieutenant Jorge Hernande, JFRD; Shay Hill, JEA; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Dana Kriznar, KHA; Rudy McClain, MCCD; Scott Carter, PW; Stephen Nagbe, Planning and Development; Cindy Pearson, DCPS; Necole Jenkins, Neighborhood Services Office

1. 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. Necole Jenkins verified that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – June 22, 2026, meeting summary was approved.

3. Presentation(s): None

4. Mayor's Representative: Charles Griggs, Director of Community Initiatives reported:

Mayor Donna Deegan scheduled eight neighborhood town halls in August and September 2026 to discuss the proposed FY 2026–27 City budget of approximately \$2.03 billion. The meetings are open to the public and will focus on community priorities, such as housing affordability, healthcare access, underserved communities, and infrastructure improvements. The town hall schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 6:00–7:30 p.m. – Jean Ribault High School, 3701 Winton Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32208
- Thursday, August 13, 2026, 6:00–7:30 p.m. – Julia Landon College Preparatory & Leadership Development School, 1819 Thacker Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32207

- Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 6:00–7:30 p.m. – Duncan U. Fletcher High School, 700 Seagate Ave., Neptune Beach, FL 32266
- Thursday, August 27, 2026, 6:00–7:30 p.m. – Mandarin High School, 4831 Greenland Road, Jacksonville, FL 32258
- Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 6:00–7:30 p.m. – Ortega Elementary School, 4010 Baltic St., Jacksonville, FL 32210
- Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 6:00–7:30 p.m. – Terry Parker High School, 7301 Parker School Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211
- Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 6:00–7:30 p.m. – First Coast High School, 590 Duval Station Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218
- Monday, September 21, 2026, 6:00–7:30 p.m. – Edward H. White High School, 1700 Old Middleburg Road North, Jacksonville, FL 32210

Mr. Griggs also mentioned Healthlink JAX which is a free, 24/7 virtual healthcare service designed to provide healthcare access for the uninsured. Eligible residents can call 904-255-CARE (2273) to connect with the care team and receive on-demand virtual visits with board certified doctors, or visit jaxcareconnect.org.

Mr. Griggs also provided information about Stay Cool Jax, the City of Jacksonville's Cooling Center Contingency Plan designed to protect residents and visitors during extreme heat. The plan may be activated during a Heat Advisory lasting three or more consecutive days with a maximum heat index of 108–112°F, or during extreme heat watch or warning with a maximum heat index of 113°F or higher. Cooling locations include libraries, community centers, swimming pools, and splash pads. Residents were encouraged to visit jaxready.com for information and maps of available cooling locations.

Charles Griggs- (904)255-5014 or CGriggs@coj.net

5. **Elected Officials Report: DCPS –(Duval County Public Schools)-** Cindy Pearson reported:

- The 2026–2027 school year begins on August 10, 2026. Neighborhood high schools will operate from 7:10 a.m.–2:05 p.m., elementary schools from 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.; and neighborhood middle schools from 9:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m.; Magnet school schedules vary. Residents were asked to use caution and expect additional traffic around schools during the first few weeks.
- DCPS implemented the School Bus Stop Arm Camera Violation Program on May 1. The penalty for illegally passing a stopped school bus is \$225 per occurrence. DCPS Police accepted 77% of potential violations, representing approximately 5,500 violations. Of 45 challenged violations, only one was dismissed.
- The Be Safe, Be Seen pedestrian and bicycle safety initiative was discussed. During the 2024–25 school year, 43 students were struck by vehicles, including 3 fatalities. In 2025–26, the number decreased to 26 students, including 2 fatalities.
- Early voting for the School Board election is August 7–16, with Election Day on August 18.
- The One Mill renewal will appear on the November 3 ballot. Approximately 87.5% of the funding has been used for supplements for teachers, school police and staff, while 12.5% has supported arts and athletic enhancements. Approximately 80% goes to DCPS and 20% to charter schools.
- Teacher vacancies decreased from approximately 450 to 270, and teachers receive an average supplement of approximately \$8,600 annually.
- DCPS received \$5 million in mental health grants, \$1 million in school violence prevention grants, \$830,000 for bullying prevention, and \$12 million in Career and Technical Education capitalization grants.
- A Mobile Career and Technical Education Unit will begin visiting elementary schools in September to introduce students to STEM and to career opportunities.
- During questions, members asked about projected One Mill revenue and an independent audit of DCPS finances. The presenter stated that DCPS has an internal auditor, is audited

by the State of Florida, and hires an outside firm to audit the district.

Honorable Cindy Pearson- pearsonc1@duvalschools.org

The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council, District 6 reported:

- Legislation concerning e-bike safety was being introduced following the Governor's veto of related State legislation.
- Approximately \$750,000 in funding was proposed for dredging Deep Bottom Creek. A previously established special taxing district will allow benefiting property owners to maintain the basin afterward.
- Council Member Boylan discussed the Mandarin Area Preservation Project and recent kickoff meetings. The initiative aims to establish a community organization focused on issues such as rezoning and the appearance and maintenance of major Mandarin-area corridors.
- Applications are being accepted for a steering committee that will develop an organizational and strategic plan and to consider matters such as staffing and whether a 501(c)(3) organization is needed.
- A member asked about the proposed Neighborhood Bill of Rights. Council Member Boylan stated that he had not heard much regarding its current status and that it had not yet been introduced as legislation.

Michael Boylan, City Councilman District 6 - (904) 255-5206 or MBoylan@coj.net

Evin Herzberg- Executive Assistant for City Councilman, Rual Arias, District 11, reported:

- An update was provided on a previously discussed park project, which Parks and Recreation indicated remains ongoing.
- Additional park projects, including Deerwood Rotary Park and Fort Family Regional Park, continue to move forward.

Evin Herzberg - (904)255-5174 or EHerzberg@coj.net

6. Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) - Commander Petena Tillman reported:

- Commander Tillman reported that District 3 recorded approximately 47,000 dispatched calls for service, 23,000 officer-initiated calls, and 6,500 traffic stops year-to-date.
- District 3 had 18 traffic fatalities year-to-date.
- During July, officers conducted 39 deployments, including 18 traffic deployments.
- Officers addressed 8 unhoused/transient, panhandling and camping complaints. Approximately 7 contacts and arrests occurred in the St. Johns Town Center area during the previous week.
- The Traffic Unit had 8 District 3 traffic complaints in queue for follow-up.
- Citywide traffic fatalities included 52 involving motor vehicles, 26 pedestrians, 13 motorcycles, 5 e-bikes, and 3 bicycles.
- A Safety Fair will be held at The Avenues Mall, 10300 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256.
- National Night Out takes place on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at Main Event, 525 Bigham Knoll Drive, Jacksonville, FL at 6: 00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Commander Tillman – (904) 630-8100 or JSODistrict3@jaxsheriff.org

JFRD (Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Dept.) Lieutenant Kwasi Dingle reported:

- Residents were encouraged to attend one of the City's professionally coordinated Fourth of July fireworks displays rather than using consumer fireworks at home. JFRD partnered with Baptist Health to produce a public service announcement emphasizing that the safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a professionally managed event.

- As residents spend more time outdoors during the summer, JFRD discussed heat-related illnesses, particularly the increased risk for young children, older adults, and individuals with medical conditions. Early signs can include irritability, nausea and flushed skin. Residents were advised to move affected individuals out of the heat, remove excess clothing and begin cooling measures. Certain medications, including antihistamines, blood pressure medications and some diabetes medications, may increase heat-related risks.
- JFRD also reminded residents to properly dispose of unused or expired medications. The Poison Control number is 1-800-222-1222 and is staffed 24 hours a day.

Lieutenant Kwasi Dingle- (904) 255-3284 or KDingle@coj.net

JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority)-Shay Hill provided updates and reported:

- Residents were encouraged to review JEA's energy, water, and irrigation-saving resources.
- JEA offers water conservation kits and efficiency rebates.
- JEA's budget had been finalized by its Board and was moving forward to City Council.
- A question was asked regarding an upcoming rate increase. JEA explained that rates support operation and maintenance expenses and discussed costs associated with Plant Vogtle.
- A question was also asked about the timeframe for a power-line project. The representative advised that JEA's construction website allows residents to search for projects by district or address.
- A concern regarding a grease trap/FOG program was raised, and the representative agreed to address the matter offline.

Shay Hill- Hillcs2@jea.com

JPL (Jacksonville Public Library) – Hannah Bedenbaugh, reported:

- The Jacksonville Public Library announced that early voting will be available at 13 library locations from August 7–16, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- On Election Day, August 18, voters should report to their assigned precinct rather than to an early-voting library unless the library is their designated precinct.
- Writers' Day will be held at the Main Library- 303 N Laura St, Jacksonville, FL 32202, on August 22 at 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and will include workshops with local authors, publishers, agents and educators.
- A question regarding voter-roll removals was referred to the Supervisor of Elections.

Jackie Spiritas - (904)255-6525 or Spiritas@coj.net

KHA (Kids Hope Alliance) Dr. Dana Kriznar reported:

- A total of 11,616 young people participated in KHA-funded summer camps.
- During the previous school year, KHA served 6,433 students in school-based programs, 3,002 in community centers, 1,802 in private and charter schools, and 759 students with special needs, totaling nearly 12,000 students. Most KHA-funded after-school programs will begin August 17.
- KHA representatives will attend the Mayor's budget meetings to answer questions regarding the agency's budget.
- KHA also funds early-learning vouchers distributed through the Early Learning Coalition.
- A Back-to-School Giveaway was announced for August 8, 2026, from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Dr. Dana Kriznar- DKriznar@coj.net

MCCD (Municipal Code Compliance Dept.)- William Hanks reported:

- Zone 3 had approximately 600 backlogged inspections. The department's current priority is safety and endangerment issues, particularly hazardous trees and branches, collapsing roofs and storm-related concerns. Members raised concerns about illegal yard and advertising signs along roadways and at intersections. Code Compliance stated that signs remain an issue, but safety-related cases are currently receiving priority. Residents were advised they may remove illegally placed signs when it is safe to do so. Concerns were also raised regarding landscaping crews mowing around illegal signs rather than removing them.

Rudy McClain- (904)903-0003 or MRudy@coj.net

Public Works (PW) Scott Carter provided updated on:

- The Deep Bottom Creek dredging project. The project is ready for advertisement if City Council approves the proposed funding. Construction could begin around February or March 2027.
- The Hartley Road project has been delayed due to numerous utility conflicts associated with planned drainage improvements. Construction is no longer expected to begin in December 2026 and is now anticipated for approximately late summer 2027.

Scott Carter- (904)255-8710 or SCarter1@coj.net

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minutes per application presented to CPAC):

LUZ Subcommittee (Land Use and Zoning) Joanne Griffin conducted the LUZ Subcommittee meeting, and the subcommittee reviewed four applications. No motions were made, and no items required action by the full CPAC.

Liaison Reports (3 minutes)

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill- Had no report because TPO did not meet in July.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission
Ramon Day reported:

- The TRUE Commission did not meet in July.
- The Commission continues to review fiscal matters related to City spending and independent authorities.
- A recommendation is expected to be presented for a more detailed review of JEA.
- Concerns were also discussed regarding JTA, the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, and the governance of independent authorities.
- Mr. Day stated that JSO remains underfunded and referenced a 2021 study indicating a shortage of approximately 843 positions, noting that the current shortage could be closer to 1,000.

8. Neighborhood Coordinator Report- Necole Jenkins reported:

- A CPAC informational bookmark featuring a QR code was introduced to help residents access CPAC information about CPAC and encourage community participation.
- A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Southeast CPAC in recognition of members' hard work, positive attitudes and contributions to the Southeast District 4 Neighborhood Block Party held on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at the Cuba Hunter Park, 4380 Emerson Street.

9. Chairs Report:

- The Chair thanked everyone who participated in the recent Neighborhood Block Party.
- Approximately 200 people attended the event.
- The Chair stated that lessons were learned from the first event and recommendations were made for future block parties, including consideration of holding events during cooler months.
- Members were again encouraged to volunteer for the Nominating Subcommittee.
- CPAC Chairs were invited to attend the Finance Committee Meeting on August 4 at 1:00 p.m. Members were asked to submit questions they would like presented to the committee through the Neighborhood Services Coordinator.

10. Unfinished Business-No Report

11. New Business-

- A member proposed that the Southeast CPAC host a City Council candidate forum during its February 2027 meeting. Members and Service Coordinator determined that the CPAC cannot sponsor a candidate forum or allow campaigning during an official CPAC meeting or after.
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12. Public Comment/Announcements-

13. Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Scott Koslowski adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 24, 2026, at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257