

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Date: Monday, September 28, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Carol D'Onofrio-Edison HOA; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Club; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb HOA; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Douglas Klippel-Deercreek Country Club HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Karen Moers, Sans Souci Neighborhood 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 Bailey, Linkside at Baymeadows; Cate Wallace, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association

Members via Zoom: Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Abby Howard-Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association; Joyce Brown (via Drew Spaulding), Pine Forest Community Action Corp.

Zoom Attendees: Chrysta Bowman (visitor), Paige DeBold-FDOT

Excused: Kevin Ondarza, The Gates of Olde Mandarin; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association

Visitors: John Nooney, Kathey Bennet, Fiaz Jaleel

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; Charles Griggs, Mayor's Office; Lieutenant Jorge Hernandez, JFRD; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Rudy McClain, MCCD; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Sophie Fogg, Planning and Development; Petena Tillman, JSO; Necole Jenkins, Neighborhood Services Office; Natasha Johnson, 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 – The August 24th, 2026, meeting summary was approved.

3. Presentation(s): None

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

- A final budget review vote took place on 9/22/2026. The new city budget will take effect on 10/1/2026. A Financial Fitness Day event will be held on Saturday, 10/3/2026, from 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. The event is open to citizens who are 13 up to adulthood. The event will be held at the Jacksonville Main Public Library, Main Street entrance. Free parking will be available at the Duval Street Parking Garage (entrance at 33 W Duval Street). Financial Wellness Workshops on Growing, Managing, and Protecting Your Money, will feature VyStar Experts and Patrina Dixon, author of 'It's My Money'. Additional event features will include:
 - Interactive Reality Fair for Teens Ages 13-18
 - Financial wellness sessions for adults
 - Community Resource Fair and Networking Opportunities
 - Free Lunch and Refreshments
 - Giveaways and Prizes, including a chance to Win Up to \$1,500 toward your rent or mortgage Payment** More information can be found on this website.

<https://vystarcu.org/personal/resources/events/financial-fitness-day-2026>

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5. Elected Officials Report:

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

- The city budget was voted on last week on, 9/22/2026. The overall budget is largely flat compared to last year (slightly higher by a couple million dollars), though the city's total budget has doubled to around \$2 billion over the past decade. Public safety accounts for 62–63% of the operating budget.
- The city's funding priorities saw significant increases for public safety and public works, specifically street resurfacing, alongside Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) increases for downtown projects. The millage rate held flat this year following a modest reduction last year. The proposed \$4.95 million allocation for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for down payment and utility tap-in support was not supported by Councilman Boylan and did not pass. Private and non-profit sectors are stepping up to lead these initiatives.
- Councilman Boylan discussed the potential impact of the passing of Amendment 3's passage. If passed, the Council Auditor projects a potential \$200 million revenue loss in the next budget cycle (2025–2026). The city services that could be impacted include public safety and debt that must remain funded. Funding for the non-profit sector, including PSGs, CSGs, KHA, and Jax Memorial would be cut, and major municipal services such as public works, parks & recreation, and libraries would face projected cuts of around 30%. The city placed \$18 million into operating reserves, but Councilman Boylan warned that this is insufficient to cover the projected \$200 million shortfall.
- Councilman Boylan shared information about the E-Bike Safety Ordinance which includes the passing of an ordinance limiting e-bike speeds on sidewalks and shared pathways to 15 mph. It requires E-Bike riders to wear helmets and Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) will implement educational outreach to ensure the ordinance is followed. Retailers who sell these will be required to post safety

guidelines in their stores. To support enforcement, a bill will be introduced to re-appropriate roughly \$45,000 per council member to purchase speed-limit indicator lights to assist JSO enforcement.

- Community & Grant Initiatives were discussed, specifically the Public Service Grant (PSG) Micro-Grant available to local non-profit organizations. They have re-established the process for the PSG Council to award \$10,000–\$15,000 micro-grants, making up ~3% of PSG funding to local non-profit programs.
- Councilman Boylan shared the website for the Mandarin Area Preservation Project (MAPP) on the Jacksonville.gov website. The purpose was to create a central resource page on the City Council website for community updates, workshops, and meeting reports. The main goal is to build a unified community voice and, eventually, transition MAPP into a self-sustaining entity with an executive director. <https://www.jacksonville.gov/city-council/city-council-members/d06/mandarin-area-preservation-project>
- Meeting attendees asked questions about the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA). Councilman Boylan addressed a \$30 million deficit linked to lower-than-expected revenue and internal mismanagement. He noted that new leadership is working to restructure the finances.
- Meeting attendees asked questions about the city's budget growth & accountability. Councilman Boylan addressed concerns about the city's budget growth from \$1 billion (2016) to \$2 billion today, attributing much of the rise to inflation, city growth, and restored defined-benefit pensions to recruit and retain police and fire personnel.

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

6. Staff Reports:

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

- The Police Memorial Building is now located at the Florida Blue Building, 450 Magnolia Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204. District 1 has moved to this building as well. District 3 will move to the Cypress Blue Parkway Plaza located off Phillips Highway: 8301 Cypress Plaza Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32256. At this time, they do not have an exact move-in date, but it will be posted on their website www.jaxsheriff.org. Their main help line phone number is (904)630-8100 and their email is www.jsodistrict3@jaxsheriff.org. There will be a community event, "Coffee with a Cop", on Wednesday, 10/7/2026, 9:00am-11:00am at The Coffee Grinder, 9834 Baymeadows Rd; where citizens can meet officers in a neutral, friendly atmosphere. There will be no Sheriff's Watch Meeting in November due to the annual dinner on November 19, 2026.
- Concerns raised by residents included issues at Woodspring Suites, passing bicycles in no-passing zones, abandoned vehicles, and excessive motorcycle and racing noise from I-295. Officer Tillman provided guidance on reporting abandoned vehicles, road-sharing rules for bicycles, and ongoing traffic enforcement efforts to address noise and speeding.

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

JFRD (Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Dept.) Lieutenant Jorge Hernandez reported:

- The American Red Cross has donated smoke detectors and citizens can call 630-CITY (2489) to receive them. Approximately 40 installations are currently pending, with an estimated wait time of 2–3 weeks. Lt. Hernandez reminded attendees that the city is experiencing a drought and open burning is not permitted at this time. Open burning must be at least 50 feet away and clear of any vegetation to prevent fire hazards. Lt. Hernandez stated that there is a burn ban where citizens can get a permit, one per location; the vessel must be at least four feet in diameter. There is a \$250 fine for burning during the ban season. Citizens may call (904) 266-5001 or (904) 630-0529 after hours to report anything that they see regarding the burn ban.

Lieutenant Jorge Hernandez- (904) 630-0434 or jhernandez@coj.net

JPL (Jacksonville Public Library) – Jackie Spiritas, reported:

- Jackie shared several upcoming Jacksonville Public Library events. The Mandarin Branch Library will host a book sale on October 2 and 3, 2026, featuring nonfiction books and puzzles. The Main Library will present History Chat: Jacksonville's Gullah Geechee Heritage on October 3, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., with speakers Ennis Davis and Adrienne Burke. Registration is required due to limited seating. Willow Branch Library will host a screening of Secrets of the Forest on October 6, 2026, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., followed by a presentation and Q&A with mycologist Shannon Sharpe.
- Jackie also announced that 13 to 14 library locations will serve as Early Voting sites from October 20 through November 1, 2026. She encouraged anyone interested in voting early to check the library website for location-specific hours, as times may vary by branch. A complete list of Early Voting locations is available at: <https://www.duvalelections.gov/236/Early-Voting>.

Jackie Spiritas -JSpiritas@coj.net

KHA (Kids Hope Alliance) John Everett: Was not in attendance

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MCCD (Municipal Code Compliance Division) Rudy McClain reported:

- The Southeast District officers are working through a backlog of reports. They currently have nearly 600 inspections, and at least 200 have not yet been completed. Rudy explained that multiple reports on the same issues are not helpful and will not expedite inspections. The department's top priorities are reports involving life threatening and health related issues, i.e., infrastructure and safety in homes and buildings.
- Meeting attendees asked questions about election signs posted on trees and light poles. Rudy answered, stating that they can submit a complaint, and officers will remove them or remove them as they are seen.

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

FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) Paige Debold reported:

- The ITS Wrong Way Safety (WWS) Initiative will run from December 2026 through August 2027. The department will send updates when it begins. Prior to the meeting, members submitted questions to be answered during the meeting. Paige stated that FDOT is aware that the lights on I-295 are out and that it will take several weeks to correct the issues. A previous concern was raised about the sign for the Atlantic Blvd exit on I-295 North not specifying that the ramp allows people to travel East or West on Atlantic Blvd. FDOT completed a study and agreed with the concern. A work order has been sent to FDOT Maintenance. Estimated completion date for the signs to be put up is 11/18/2026. Additional questions and concerns provided to Paige, along with the department responses are as follows:

1. Recently, the off-ramps at Baymeadows and I-295 were marked with survey flags. Can you share what is being done there?

FDOT's response was that the flags placed at the off-ramps at Baymeadows and I-295 are for the wrong-way driving project. The flags mark existing buried utilities before the wrong signage is installed.

2. The grass at the Baymeadows and I-295 intersection was mowed in the past week as well as ramps and sides of 295 from Baymeadows to James Turner Butler. However, there was a 4-month gap between mowings. Should we anticipate, we will be back on the 6–8-week schedule?

FDOT's response was that mowing and litter pickup are scheduled every 6–8 weeks, except for the lane delineators, which are addressed twice a month. Paige has informed maintenance of all the concerns raised. The locations mentioned were I-295 from Baymeadows to James Turner Butler Highway and the ponds on the side of I-295. The department requested the specific intersection so that FDOT Maintenance can address them.

3. The pylons need replacing, or better yet, is FDOT considering a different method for lane separation?

FDOT's response was that, regarding the lane delineators and cars running over/into them, I am working on having that addressed.

Paige also reported that the projects that were recently completed or are about to be completed are as follows:

- The ITS WWD Safety Initiatives around Jacksonville started early this month and should finish in June. The resurfacing of SR13 (Hendricks Ave) from San Marco Blvd to Prudential Dr will start at the beginning of December and finish in August. A question was raised about when the Southside Blvd project will be completed. Paige stated that it is projected to be done by December 2027. A concern was also raised about construction debris and ensuring that it is cleaned up, noting that it can be hazardous for motorists if it is not removed.

Paige DeBold- (904) 360-5681 or paige.debold@dot.state.fl.us

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

LUZ Subcommittee (Land Use and Zoning)

- Joanne Griffin presided over the LUZ Subcommittee meeting, and the subcommittee reviewed nine applications. No motions were made and no letters were submitted for any of the applications. Kaysie Cox with the Planning and Development explained that the zoning code sets required separation distances between alcohol-serving establishments (including package stores, bars, restaurants, and adult entertainment venues) and nearby churches or schools. Applicants for alcohol permits must submit a liquor-distance survey identifying all churches and schools within 1,500 feet, measured in a straight line. When evaluating requests for distance waivers, decisionmakers consider factors such as direct line of sight, physical buffers, and whether the establishment is located on a different street.

Kaysie Cox- (904)255-7823 or KaysieC@coj.net

Liaison Reports (3 minutes)

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill reported: Was not in attendance

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commissioner Ramon Day reported: Was not in attendance

8. Neighborhood Coordinator Report- Necole Jenkins reported:

- The CPAC Chair and Vice-Chair nominations subcommittee meeting was held on Monday 9/21/2026, with nominations made for Scott Koslowski and Jose Gonzalez to be voted in as Chair and Vice-Chair of the CPAC. Necole reminded members that those who need to complete Ethics Training for 2026 have one more opportunity to complete their training in November. Handouts with the information for the Ethics training were provided for all on the information table with the sign-in sheets.
- The Northwest District Block Party scheduled for Saturday 10/10/2026 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Lonnie C. Miller Park, 7689 Price Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32209, was promoted and fliers provided.
- Information was shared about the University of Florida IFAS Extension office's Peanut Butter Challenge running October 1-October 31st, 2026. Members and guests may leave their donations at the following locations: City Hall, 117 West Duval St., Employee Services-Mezzanine Floor; Main Library, 303 N. Laura, provided to Nicole Burton; Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St.; Public Works-10th Floor, provided to Rose Nettles; Duval County Extension, 1010 N. McDuff Ave, Front Desk; Standard Feed and Seed, 1236 Kings Rd, provided to the check-out counter.
- A Save the Date handout was provided for the Universal Application Mandatory Technical Assistance and Budget Workshops for those interested in applying for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG). The meeting attendees were informed that the dates for the workshops are set for Wednesday December 2, 2026, at 2:00pm and Thursday December 3,

2026, at 9:00am. The workshop will be located at The Jacksonville Main Library, Conference Center-Hicks Auditorium, 303 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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Natasha Johnson, njohnson@coj.net 904-255-7096

9. Chairs Report: Scott Koslowski reported:

- The Chair expressed appreciation for everyone who donated food to the Weaver Center. He informed meeting attendees that the food drive remains open for additional donations. The Chair will not be present for the October meeting but is willing to pick up and deliver more donations if needed. They can also visit neighborhoods and collect items using his truck. They currently have 7 or 8 totes of food and are on track to meet last year's donation total, with hopes of surpassing it.

10. Unfinished Business- None

11. New Business- None

12. Public Comment/Announcements-

- Visitor Dr. Fiaz Jaleel presented information about his medical practice: Personalized Medicine Consultants. The practice focuses on Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine, Physical medicine and rehabilitation, and pain management medicine. Dr. Jaleel also mentioned that his wife is a school psychologist who conducts testing for ADHD and autism and contributes to the practice by providing evaluations and interventions for children with behavioral issues. The office in Jacksonville is located at 13500 Sutton Park Drive South, Suite 202, Jacksonville, FL 32224. He can be reached at (904) 744-7474 and via email at pmcjax@yahoo.com.
- Visitor John Nooney introduced himself, provided his address, and noted his representation in City Council District 4, attendance to CPAC 3, and School Board District 3. He discussed Amendment 3, referring to handouts and materials from the Greater Arlington Beaches group and the Northeast Florida Regional Council. He highlighted potential impacts related to property taxes and recent discussions held on September 17, 2026. Mr. Nooney mentioned outreach to the Board of County Commissioners in St. Johns County and referenced information from the Florida Inland Navigation District. He noted opportunities in public-private partnerships and stated he is donating to the Podge Trust Fund (Fund 20260004). He referenced school board representatives, educational initiatives, and forthcoming involvement with a culinary institute. Mr. Nooney reviewed downtown Jacksonville maps for 2025 and 2026 and observed that the Chelsea Street kayak launch was not included. He described the waterway connections in his CPAC area, including Pottsberg Creek, the Arlington River, and the St. Johns River. He mentioned an upcoming meeting with Dr. Christopher Burning and referenced Oak Ramp Billet in St. Johns County. Mr. Nooney concluded by noting the relevance of these issues to his district and invited questions.

13. Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Chair Scott Koslowski adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 26, 2026, at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257