

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Date: Monday, June 22, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Laura Backus, San Jose Neighborhood Association; Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Carol D'Onofrio, Edison HOA; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Club; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; James Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc; Doug Klippel, Deercreek Country Club HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Shann Mills, San Jose Forest; 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; Jennifer Joiner, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Kevin Ondarza Sr., Gates of Olde Mandarin HOA; Catie Wallace, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condominium Association.

Members via Zoom: Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Joe Luczak, Bartrum Springs HOA;

Zoom Attendees: Paul Andry, Drew Spaulding, Marcie Turner, MJB.

Excused: Craig Shoup; John Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association.

Visitors: Katay Bennett, MJ Beck, Randall Smith, Joanne Arnick, John J Nooney.

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan City Council District 6; Charles Griggs, Mayor's Office; Commander Petena Tillman, JSO; Lieutenant Kwasi Dingle, JFRD; Paige DeBold, FDOT; Hannah Bedenbaugh, JPL; Erin Abney, Planning and Development; William Hanks, Municipal Code Compliance; 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** – May 18, 2026, meeting summary was approved.

3. **Presentation(s):** None

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

- Residents were thanked for continuing to submit questions and concerns following CPAC meetings and through email. The representative explained that when concerns are received, Mr. Griggs first identifies the appropriate City department or agency responsible for the issue before forwarding the request for review.
- Once the appropriate department has been identified, the concern is discussed with staff to determine whether they prefer to respond directly to the resident or have the staff provide the response. In many cases, the department responsible already has knowledge of the issue and communicates directly with the resident due to its familiarity with the matter.
- An update was provided on the City's Keep Jax Cute campaign. Businesses that have completed the program are now receiving official membership certificates and window decals recognizing their commitment to maintaining clean and attractive business corridors. The campaign continues to encourage businesses to take an active role in beautifying Jacksonville neighborhoods and commercial areas.
- Residents were also reminded of the City's 250th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for July 3, 2026, and July 4, 2026. Festivities will be held on both the Northbank and Southbank of Downtown Jacksonville and will feature live entertainment, family activities, and fireworks. Attendees were encouraged to visit the City's website, jacksonville.gov for a complete schedule of events and to arrive early due to anticipated attendance.

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5. **Elected Officials Report: The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council, District 6** reported:

- Council Member Boylan reported that the current City Council legislative year would conclude the following evening before the Council's summer recess. Committee meetings are scheduled to resume later in July 2026, under the leadership of the incoming Council President.
- An update was provided on proposed legislation addressing invasive plant species. Council Member Boylan explained that the legislation would provide the City with additional authority to address invasive plants identified by the State of Florida, particularly in existing neighborhoods where local enforcement tools are currently limited. He noted that the proposal was initiated in response to concerns raised by a constituent and is intended to promote environmental stewardship while protecting native vegetation.
- Council Member Boylan also discussed proposed e-bike legislation, explaining that it complements recently adopted state legislation. The proposal would

strengthen local awareness, accountability, and reporting requirements regarding e-bike-related incidents while supporting public safety efforts throughout Jacksonville.

- Residents were informed that Albert's Field Dog Park is now open to the public. Additional amenities, including a water station, benches, and other park improvements, are expected to be installed in the coming months.
- An update was provided regarding planned traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Brady Road, Loretto Road, and Mandarin Road. Public Works will install a curb modification and additional signage to better define the right-turn movement and encourage motorists to reduce speeds while navigating the intersection. Council Member Boylan explained that the improvements are intended to improve safety without significantly changing the existing roadway design.
- Council Member Boylan announced that work is underway to establish a District 6 community organization dedicated to neighborhood beautification, zoning issues, and community advocacy. The organization would serve the entire district and encourage residents to become more involved in addressing local issues. An informational meeting is anticipated to be held in late July.
- A resident asked whether the proposed invasive plant legislation would address plants not currently listed by the State of Florida. Council Member Boylan explained that while the ordinance would initially apply to state-recognized invasive species, additional efforts may be pursued to encourage the State to add other problematic species to its official list.
- A representative from the St. Nicholas Area Preservation organization and the Florida Native Plant Society expressed appreciation for the proposed invasive plant legislation and offered support for the initiative. The resident noted the importance of protecting native landscapes and educating property owners about Florida-friendly landscaping practices.
- Mr. John Nooney inquired about the status of a potential public boat ramp near Scott Mill Road, continued efforts to dredge Deep Bottom Creek, and ongoing improvements to public water access. Council Member Boylan reported that discussions continue regarding future recreational opportunities and maintenance projects within the district.
- Additional discussion focused on the creation of the proposed District 6 community organization. Council Member Boylan explained that the initiative is intended to be community-driven and modeled after successful neighborhood organizations throughout Jacksonville, while serving a broader geographic area.

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6. Staff Reports:

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

- Commander Tillman reported that District 3 continues to experience positive crime trends. Residential burglaries are down 21%, and auto thefts are down 34% compared to the previous year. Although auto burglaries remain up 38% due to a significant increase earlier in the year, the district has experienced a 15-incident reduction over the past seven days compared to the same period in 2025. Crimes against person are down 3%, while overall crime in the district has decreased by 1.2%.
- Commander Tillman credited these improvements to the proactive efforts of patrol officers, detectives, and specialized investigative units, noting that several theft rings have been identified and arrests have been made.
- Residents were invited to attend the District 3 Sheriff's Town Hall on July 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Church of Eleven22 – Mandarin Campus, 4911 Losco Road, Jacksonville, FL. 32257. Sheriff T.K. Waters will provide updates on public safety initiatives, discuss issues specific to District 3, and answer questions from residents. Representatives from several specialized JSO units will also be available to provide information and resources.
- Commander Tillman encouraged residents to utilize the JSO Transparency Portal on JaxSheriff.org to access crime statistics, locate their police district, submit traffic complaints, report suspicious activity, register security cameras through Connect Duval- connectduval.org and view information on missing persons and unsolved crimes.
- Residents were reminded that registering cameras through Connect Duval does not provide JSO with direct access to private security cameras. Registration simply allows investigators to identify nearby cameras and request footage if an incident occurs in the area.
- A resident expressed concerns about excessive speeding and motorcycle racing along Interstate 295 between the 9B Connector and Phillips Highway. Commander Tillman encouraged residents to continue reporting concerns through the JSO website or directly to the District 3 Substation. She explained that JSO works closely with the Florida Highway Patrol to address speeding concerns on state highways and shares citizen complaints with partner agencies.
- Another resident asked whether JSO is issuing enough citations for excessively loud motorcycles and modified vehicle exhaust systems. Commander Tillman stated that she would request citation data from the Traffic Unit and provide an update at a future meeting.
- Residents raised concerns regarding speeding along Beach Boulevard, particularly near neighborhood entrances where vehicles frequently exceed the posted speed limit. Commander Tillman explained that Beach Boulevard remains one of the department's priority traffic enforcement corridors and continues to receive targeted enforcement from both patrol officers and the Traffic Unit.
- A resident asked how Jacksonville's traffic fatality rate compares to other cities of similar size. Commander Tillman stated that she did not have comparative statistics available but would research the information and provide an update.
- Residents also asked about homeless encampments and litter beneath the Interstate 95 overpass at University Boulevard. Commander Tillman explained that JSO has partnered with FDOT and other City departments to address the area through coordinated clean-up efforts, enforcement, and outreach.

Individuals encountered are offered services through the JFRD PATH Team, which connects people experiencing homelessness with available community resources before enforcement action is considered.

- Additional questions focused on teen takeovers and the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. Commander Tillman reported that JSO actively monitors social media for planned gatherings, coordinates with neighboring law enforcement agencies, and deploys resources as needed to prevent illegal activity. Residents were encouraged to report suspicious gatherings or social media posts advertising unauthorized events.
- A resident requested additional information regarding e-bike crashes and enforcement activity. Commander Tillman explained that District 3 has experienced relatively few e-bike incidents compared to other traffic-related crashes but agreed to continue providing updates as information becomes available.

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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 by attending a professionally managed event.
- As residents spend more time outdoors during the summer, JFRD reminded the public to practice safe grilling habits. Charcoal and gas grills should always be positioned at least 10 feet away from homes, garages, decks, and other combustible structures. Residents were also reminded to properly dispose of charcoal ashes and never leave grills unattended while in use.
- Because portions of Jacksonville continue to experience drought conditions, residents were urged to exercise caution when using outdoor cooking equipment and to remain aware of local burn restrictions.
- Hurricane season officially began on June 1, and residents were encouraged to begin preparing emergency plans and disaster supply kits before a storm threatens the area.
- Generator safety was strongly emphasized. Residents were reminded never to operate generators inside homes, garages, or other enclosed spaces because of the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. Generators should always be operated outdoors in well-ventilated areas and positioned away from doors, windows, and air intake vents.
- JFRD also reminded residents that Florida is the lightning capital of the United States and encouraged everyone to seek shelter immediately whenever thunderstorms approach. Outdoor activities should be postponed until at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder is heard.

- Lieutenant Dingle concluded by thanking the community for its continued support throughout his career and announced that he plans to retire within the next six months after many years of service with the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department.

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FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)-Paige DeBold provided updates and reported:

- Follow-up maintenance concerns regarding Interstate 295 and Baymeadows Road have been forwarded to FDOT Maintenance staff. Maintenance personnel contacted the resident directly to obtain additional information and address the reported concerns.
- FDOT confirmed that maintenance crews and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office coordinated efforts to address litter and debris beneath the Interstate 95 overpass at University Boulevard. The area was cleaned by FDOT's maintenance contractor on June 18, 2026, and will continue to be monitored.
- An update was provided on the I-95 Widening Project from south of Emerson Street to Atlantic Boulevard. Construction began in late 2023 and is currently scheduled for completion in November 2027.
- A second widening project extending from Butler Boulevard to south of Emerson Street is expected to begin during the summer of 2026 and is projected for completion in March 2030.
- Residents asked whether the Southside Boulevard resurfacing project between Philips Highway and Butler Boulevard would include landscaping improvements. FDOT advised that the current project includes roadway resurfacing only and does not include median landscaping enhancements.
- FDOT announced that the Buckman Bridge Finger Joint Replacement Project remains on schedule and is anticipated to be completed in late September 2026.
- Residents expressed concerns regarding the prolonged closure of a turn lane at Deerwood Park Boulevard and Southside Boulevard. FDOT explained that work associated with the nearby project is expected to continue until project completion and will remain under review.
- Questions were raised regarding damaged and missing flexible delineator posts (traffic pylons) along Interstate 295. FDOT agreed to consult with the Maintenance Office regarding replacement schedules and inspection procedures.
- Residents participating through Zoom requested improved maintenance of litter, construction debris, damaged barricades, and hard-surface areas surrounding toll lanes, flyovers, and interchange ramps. FDOT agreed to forward the concerns to Maintenance staff for additional review and consideration.
- A resident also requested improved directional signage along Interstate 95 approaching Atlantic Boulevard, specifically recommending that eastbound and westbound destinations be more clearly identified to assist motorists navigating the construction zone.
- A question was asked regarding Hartley Road. FDOT explained that Hartley Road is not a state-maintained roadway and therefore falls outside FDOT's maintenance responsibility.
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- FDOT agreed to continue coordinating with Maintenance staff regarding the concerns presented and to provide follow-up information as appropriate.

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

- The Jacksonville Public Library announced that applications are being accepted for local authors interested in participating in the 2026 Jacksonville Book Fest. Applications are due June 30, 2026, with selected authors to be notified by July 10, 2026. Book Fest is scheduled to take place in September 2026 and will feature both local and nationally recognized authors.
- Residents were reminded that all Jacksonville Public Library locations would be closed July 3–4, 2026, in observance of Independence Day and would reopen on Monday, July 6, 2026.
- Summer programming continues throughout July at library locations across Jacksonville. Youth activities include story times, Junior Scientist and Junior Artist programs, STEM and STEAM activities, live animal presentations from the Jacksonville Zoo, magician performances, and additional educational programs.
- Adult programming includes book clubs, gardening workshops presented by Master Gardeners, Life Lab educational classes, craft programs, and hobby groups, including crochet instruction at the Mandarin Branch, 3330 Kori Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257.
- Teens were encouraged to participate in the Teen Advisory Board and volunteer opportunities available through the library. Volunteer hours may be used to satisfy school and community service requirements.

Hannah Bedenbaugh - HBedenbaugh@coj.net

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

- Residents were invited to attend the Community Block Party on Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Cuba Hunter Park, 4380 Emerson Street. The event will feature numerous City departments, community organizations, and family-friendly activities, including: The Mayor's Bookmobile, City resource information booths, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department apparatus, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol, Food trucks, Community vendors, Live entertainment, DJ karaoke and Children's activities. Residents were encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and take advantage of the opportunity to interact directly with City departments, community organizations, and elected officials. Mr. Hanks also announced that Mayor Donna Deegan was expected to attend the event.

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

LUZ Subcommittee (Land Use and Zoning) Joanne Griffin conducted the LUZ Subcommittee meeting – the subcommittee reviewed two applications involving the former Kings Trail Elementary School property. Both applications were opposed and the CPAC voted to issue a letter.

Liaison Reports (3 minutes)

- The Subcommittee reviewed Ordinance 2026-0477 and Ordinance 2026-0478, which involves the proposed redevelopment of the former Kings Trail Elementary School site. During the LUZ Subcommittee meeting, members discussed both ordinances and determined that additional review time was necessary due to the upcoming transition in both the City Council representative and Land Use & Zoning Committee membership. Members expressed concern that proceeding with the scheduled public hearing would not provide the incoming Council Member or newly appointed LUZ Committee sufficient time to become familiar with the applications or gather meaningful input from the surrounding neighborhoods. As a result, the LUZ Subcommittee recommended that the Southeast CPAC submit a formal letter requesting that both ordinances be deferred until the incoming committee and Council Member have had an opportunity to thoroughly review the applications and engage with the affected community. A motion was made and seconded authorizing the Southeast CPAC to submit a formal letter requesting the deferral of Ordinance 2026-0477 and Ordinance 2026-0478, which involve the redevelopment of the former Kings Trail Elementary School property, to allow the incoming Land Use & Zoning Committee and newly assigned City Council representative additional time to review the applications and receive community input before the public hearing.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 18-0. A formal letter requesting that both ordinances be deferred until the incoming committee and Council Member have had sufficient time to review the applications and receive additional community input before the proposals are considered by the City Council.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill-

- TPO Board recently reviewed and recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 through Fiscal Year 2030–2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Transportation Improvement Program identifies federally, and state-funded transportation projects scheduled for implementation over the next five years and serves as the region's capital improvement plan for transportation infrastructure.

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day-
No Report**

8. Neighborhood Coordinator Report- Necole Jenkins reported: No Report

9. Chairs Report – The Chair announced that the District 3 Block Party will be held on June 27, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Cuba Hunter Park, 4380 Emerson Street . Members were informed that the Southeast CPAC will host an informational booth during the event to educate residents about the Community Problem Advisory Committee (CPAC), encourage neighborhood involvement, and recruit new members.

- Volunteers were asked to assist with staffing the CPAC table, answering questions from residents, distributing information, and promoting community engagement throughout the event. The Chair reported that invitations had been extended to all City Council Members representing the Southeast CPAC area, as well as the At-Large Council Members. It was also confirmed that Mayor Donna Deegan plans to attend the event.
- Residents were reminded that the event will feature representatives from numerous City departments and community organizations, including the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, JEA, the Mayor's Bookmobile, food vendors, live entertainment, children's activities, and other family-friendly attractions.
- Members were encouraged to attend the event, invite neighbors, and help increase community awareness of CPAC and City services.
- The Chair discussed plans for the July CPAC meeting, noting that it would follow the committee's traditional summer format, with a shortened business meeting followed by a group dinner.
- Members discussed several restaurant options, including Miller's Ale House and One Night Taco Stand. The Chair advised that additional recommendations would be accepted by email before a final location is selected. Once the restaurant is confirmed, members will receive an email with the meeting details and dinner location.
- CPAC members were asked to volunteer for the Community Block Party

10. Unfinished Business-No Report

11. New Business- The Chair welcomed Doug Klippel as the newest representative of the Deer Creek Homeowners Association and officially recognized him as a member of the Southeast Community Problem Advisory Committee.

- Mr. Klippel introduced himself to the committee and shared that he has been a Jacksonville resident for more than 30 years and has served as President of the Deer Creek Homeowners Association. He explained that he has attended CPAC meetings for several years as a guest and accepted the appointment after the departure of the previous Deer Creek representative. Mr. Klippel also shared that he is an Industrial Psychologist and Human Resource Management Consultant and has operated his own consulting practice for approximately 20 years. The Chair welcomed Mr. Klippel and thanked him for volunteering to represent the Deer Creek community.
 - Mr. Doug Klippel was officially recognized as the new Southeast CPAC representative for the Deer Creek Homeowners Association.
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12. Public Comment/Announcements-

- John Nooney addressed the committee regarding public access to Jacksonville waterways and regional funding opportunities. Mr. Nooney discussed the

importance of maintaining and expanding public access to waterways throughout Jacksonville and expressed concerns regarding regional coordination among local government agencies. He encouraged continued collaboration between community organizations, advisory councils, and governmental agencies to preserve public access while pursuing future funding opportunities for parks, waterways, and recreational improvements.

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, July 27, 2026, at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257