

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Date: Monday, August 24, 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; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA Inc; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Club; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb HOA; James Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners 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

Members via Zoom: Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Abby Howard-Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Karen Moers, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association; Jennifer Joiner, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mill Community Association

Zoom Attendees: Cole Gabriel, Drew Spaulding

Excused: Craig Shoup, Council at Large Group 2 Representative; Carol D'Onofrio, Edison HOA; Catie Wallace, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association

Visitors: Edward Lundsford, Alberta Hipps, Kathy Bennett, Randal Smith, Tiffany Morales, Ruben Morales, Richard Reichard, Joy Burgess

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan City Council District 6; Charles Griggs, Mayor's Office; Lieutenant Jorge Hernandez, JFRD; Shay Hill, JEA; Hannah Bedenbaugh, JPL; John Everett, KHA; Rudy McClain, MCCC; Stephen Nagbe, Planning and Development; Sophie Fogg, Planning and Development; Tracy Pierce, DCPS; Tourea Robinson, Senior Services; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; 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 July 27th, 2026, meeting summary was approved.

3. Presentation(s): Dr. Tracy Pierce; Duval County Public Schools Chief of Enrollment

- Provided background on their Audit Advisory Committee; The Audit Advisory Committee oversees the funds to ensure they are used as promised to voters. Encouraged voter registration and shared a QR code and a website that just publicly launched today. www.duvalschools.org/vote
- PowerPoint presentation regarding a ballot issue to continue funding the DCPS teacher supplemental salary initiative including data from the past four years.
- Members asked questions and raised concerns about current infrastructure, facility renovations and upkeep (especially for those really old buildings), HVAC systems, school closures and consolidation of schools across the district, and how they measure true teacher satisfaction.

Dr. Tracy Pierce, Duval County Public Schools, PierceT@duvalschools.org

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

- A budget review will take place on 9/8/2026 with the final vote taking place on 9/22/2026.
- Town Hall meetings continue with the next one at Mandarin High School, 4831 Greenland Rd, Jacksonville, 32258 on Thursday 8/27/2026 at 6:00pm. These dates can be found on the city website: <https://www.jacksonville.gov/mayor/mayor-s-town-halls>
- The Litter League Neighborhood clean-up initiative is underway; Season 4 started on 8/22/2026 and will run through 11/30/2026. Neighborhoods compete, earn points and winning teams may receive prizes, public recognition, and special opportunities celebrating their efforts. <https://www.jacksonville.gov/mayor/initiatives/keep-jax-cute/jax-litter-league>
- Healthlink Jax provides uninsured citizens with non-emergency telehealth treatment: 904-925-CARE (2273)
- 988 Lifeline is a free behavioral health line for support in times of crisis, including suicidal ideations, and substance abuse; Dial 988 to get support.
- FL Pregnant Women Prenatal Screening Effort. Voluntary, state-mandated screening tools. Citizens can be linked to home visiting services regarding health issues, low birth weight, preterm birth and developmental delays. Jax Care Connect <https://jaxcareconnect.org/>
- The Animal Care and Protective Services is overcapacity due to two large impound cases. They are encouraging more adoptions and fostering with fees waived; their hours are 12:00pm – 7:00pm daily.
- Unidos Jax Hispanic Heritage Month celebration dinner is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. For details visit: <https://events.jacksonville.gov/special-events/unidos-jax/>
- New requirements are coming for residents who offer their property for short term or vacation rentals such as Airbnb's. Citizens will receive a flyer in the mail regarding this type of rental. More information will be provided as regulations are finalized.

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5. Elected Officials Report:

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

- Public noticed meetings will be held in the next 1-2 weeks regarding budget bills for:
 - The Free Garden Act bill which will provide a blanket guarantee that farmers around Jacksonville can farm and do what they wish with vegetables in accordance with city rules.
 - A workforce development initiative for electrical contractors.
- Citizens are confused about whether the city or FDOT is responsible for maintenance. Council representatives encouraged them to submit requests through the MyJax ticketing system or contact their office directly for customer service assistance.
- Members expressed concerns about the activity at Woodspring Suites and overgrown grass and neglected landscaping at I-295.

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6. Staff Reports:

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

October is Fire Prevention Month with a heavy focus on the "Get Out, Stay Out, Call 911" campaign. Lt. Hernandez provided the following Safety Tips:

- Individuals aged 65 and older face significantly higher risks in house fires. JFRD recommended creating clear evacuation plans, keeping pathways free of rugs, and avoiding double-sided deadbolt locks that can trap people inside.
- Special warnings were issued against smoking indoors, especially near oxygen tanks.
- Residents were reminded to keep house numbers clearly visible from the street for faster emergency response times.

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

- September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, highlighting how cards open access to lifelong learning and noting that accounts can now be managed more easily online.
- The Main Library will host the Jax Book Fest on Saturday, September 19, 2026, featuring over 120 local bestselling authors, family activities, and workshops.
- The Mandarin and South Mandarin branches highlighted upcoming programs, including Spanish story times and the UF/IFAS Extension Office LifeLab master gardener sessions.

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JTA (Jacksonville Transportation Authority) Cheryl Reddick reported:

- Preseason football is starting, JTA launched its Game Day Express shuttle service to the stadium. Citizens can take the shuttle to avoid heavy traffic. Season passes are available and the service is wheelchair accessible.

- The shuttle service operates from downtown lots (FSCJ Downtown, Kings Avenue) and suburban lots (Armsdale, Beaches). Only downtown lots are available for preseason games.

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KHA (Kids Hope Alliance) John Everett reported:

- The new Chief Executive Officer Penny Zeubert will start in September.
- Their program locator map can be found on their website. Volunteer opportunities may be found as well at www.KHA.ORG.

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MVD (Military Veterans Affairs) Tiffany Morales reported:

- The Jaguars foundation grant cycle is open now through 10/9/2026.
- Applications to participate in the Veterans Day Parade close on September 16, 2026.
- Jacksonville was recognized as a "Great American Defense Community" for initiatives such as the active-duty drive-through food pharmacy, military spouses' night out, and Memorial Day observances.
- Food pharmacy is available four times each month. Military ID is required. Groceries are provided every Thursday at Mayport and NAS Jax locations.

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Parks: Senior Services- Tourea Robinson, Chief of Senior Services reported:

- The Annual Senior Games will run 9/12/2026-9/18/2026. Citizens age 50+ are invited to participate in a variety of athletic competitions such as track and field, table tennis, tennis, powerlifting, golf, football, and swimming. Registration is required with a \$10 entry fee. Seniors may register <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/senior-services/special-events-for-seniors>.
- Nominations for the Council on Elder Affairs Senior Citizen of the Year awards close on September 4, 2026, with winners announced on October 9, 2026.
- The Summer Senior Swim Program and water aerobics classes are wrapping up in early September.

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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 six applications. All were unanimously approved. No motions were made, and no items required action by the full CPAC.

Liaison Reports (3 minutes)

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill reported:

- Ongoing construction delays between Emerson Street and J. Turner Butler Blvd (JTB) are expanding southward. Lane additions and reconstruction are scheduled from JTB back to Baymeadows Road with work continuing through 2030. These improvements will extend as far south as International Golf Parkway.
- The 2026 Annual Mobility Report Release: The report covering the four-county area has been released and will be shared via the Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Necole. It evaluates ride smoothness, bridge conditions, commute comparisons, and a breakdown of 2025 traffic delays, hotspots, and clearance times.
- Traffic Safety and Statistics (2025) Overall Crashes: Total crashes in the four-county area decreased by 2.5% in 2025 compared to 2024.
- There have been fewer total crashes, but fatalities increased from 215 to 243, including 50 pedestrians and 17 cyclists, prompting a safety warning.

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

- Recent review of city operations and spending, noting plans to evaluate the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (focusing on authorized positions and compensation competitiveness) and to assess compliance oversight for public service grants.
- A specific critique was raised regarding the size of the mayor's office staff (23 people) and average salaries. It was noted that the average annual salary is expected to increase in the upcoming fiscal year, accompanied by discussion of compensation structures for top executive and Chief Administrative Officer.

8. Neighborhood Coordinator Report- Necole Jenkins reported:

- A nominations subcommittee must be formed for the Chair and Vice Chair elections which will be held on November 23, 2026. At least three members are needed on the committee and will need to meet outside of the CPAC meeting to hold this meeting. New Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Natasha Johnson, was introduced to the CPAC.

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9. Chairs Report: Scott Koslowski reported-

- CPAC chairs are advocating for clearer neighborhood rights and advance notice of upcoming agenda items to avoid learning about them through rumors such as the soccer property acquisition.
- CPAC chairs are being invited to more city meetings, including finance committee sessions, which require significant time commitment.
- The Chair discussed the possibility of sending the Vice Chair to take notes at daytime meetings when the Chair cannot attend.
- The CPAC suggested inviting newly elected at-large City Council member Mone' Holder to a future meeting to introduce herself and to connect with the community.

- The Chair reminded the members that they will be collecting food donations for the Weaver Donation Center at the next CPAC meeting on September 28, 2026.

10. Unfinished Business-No Report

11. New Business- A question was raised regarding the annual city shredding and hazardous waste drop-off events.

12. Public Comment/Announcements- None

13. Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Chair Scott Koslowski adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 28, 2026, at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257