

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 28, 2025, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Laura Backus, San Jose Neighborhood Association; Susan Bailey, Linkside at Baymeadows HOA; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Joanne Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Rich Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA, Inc.; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Jennifer Joiner, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Owners Association; Shann Mills, San Jose Forest; Jacqueline Parenteau, John Reed, Linkside of Baymeadows; Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; James Taylor, Deerwood Improvement Association; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Catie Wallace, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Carol Eichling, Village Green Two Condo Association; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association

Visitors: John Nooney; Chrissy Bott, San Jose NA; Stephen Smith, Emerson Office Complex II; Matthew Little, San Marco Preservation Society; Joanne Arnick, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condominium; Ann Clapp; Carol D'Onofrio, Edison HOA; Vincent Tiea; Michael Hoffman; Ernest Smith; Chris Hagan; Richard Skule; TLCT432W

Staff: Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Commander Tillman; Charles Griggs, Mayor's Office; Shay Hill, JEA; Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Rudy McClain, Municipal Code Compliance; Kareena Menta, Planning and Development Department; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

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. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – The March 2025 meeting summaries will be approved at the May meeting.

Presentation(s): Valerie Feinberg, AICP, Office of Resilience, City of Jacksonville, spoke on the Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP). The Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) provides a framework for long-term management of trees, forests in urban, suburban, and rural areas. The UFMP ensures a healthy, diverse and safe forest, maximizing its environmental and aesthetic benefits for all communities.

The City of Jacksonville has an Urban Forestry Program which maintains a healthy urban forest by managing single trees, tree populations, and all associated vegetation making up the crucial portion of a city's green infrastructure.

Ms. Feinberg educated the CPAC on the three different types of forests included in the UFMP are:

- The Inner Forest is trees/vegetation in and around a city. Cities benefit because an Inner Forest helps clean the air, provides shade, supports wildlife and elevates recreation.
- Nearby Forest (just outside of a city) helps reduce flooding, improves soil and enhances parks.
- The Faraway Forest helps with carbon storage, helps with rainfall, buffers winds, and sustains biodiversity.

The purpose of the Urban Forestry Management Plan was also discussed. The UFMP is to:

- Define goals and objectives
- Establish budgets and administrative structure.
- Delineates rules for planting and removing trees.
- Guides best planting and pruning practices.
- Identifies tree types suitable for the setting, meaning the "Right Tree in the Right Place".
- Develop educational programs for all community members.
- Implement strategies identified in Resilient Jacksonville (Heat Island Effect).
- Supports Tree Fund programs dedicated to planting Trees.
- Aligns with current City initiatives to plant more trees.

Ms. Feinberg provided a QR code on the screen and on handouts for the CPAC members to take to help update the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

Valerie Feinberg – Vfeinberg@coj

Elected Officials Report: None

Staff Reports:

Mayors Liaison – Charles Griggs reported that Mayor Deegan has concluded all her Budget Town Hall Meetings. The annual budget process is about to begin. The administration is preparing to revitalize the Jacksonville Journey Program. The Jacksonville Journey Program has received some updates and is now called the Journey Forward; more information will be provided about the Journey Forward in the near future.

Charles Griggs – 904-255-5000

JSO – Commander Tillman introduced herself to the CPAC and provided the following report:

- In the past 30 days, the Zone 3 crime statistics reflect that crimes are down 11% in crimes against persons and down 16% in crimes against property categories.
- JSO will host a virtual career fair on April 29, 2025. Visit www.joinjso.org to get more information and participate in the career fair.
- The next District 3 Sheriff's Watch meeting will be held on May 20, 2025, at the District 3 Substation.
- There will be a Sheriff's Walk on June 21, 2025; please meet at the Church of Eleven 22 on Losco Road. Please call 904-630-8100 for the start time.

- The Sheriff will host a town hall meeting at University Christian Church on July 29, 2025. Please call 904-630-8100 for the start time.
- Everyone was encouraged to participate in the 9 pm Routine. Please keep your vehicles locked if you are not in them. Never store valuables in your car, especially firearms.

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

JFRD – Lieutenant Clarence Hodge demonstrated how to perform CPR on an infant on a training device.

Lieutenant Hodge – Hodge@coj.net

JPL – Jackie Spiritas shared the following updates:

- On May 3, 2025, the Beaches Branch Library will host the 10th Annual Comic-Fest, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Friends of the South Mandarin Library will hold a book sale May 1-3, 2025 from 10:00 to 5:00 pm.
- Preschool Palooza will take place on May 3, 2025 at Lonnie Miller Park and the book mobile will make a special appearance at the event. The event will be held 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- The Main Library will host a Lit Chat featuring Cynthia Barnett in conjunction with the St. Johns Riverkeeper.
- For complete information please visit www.JaxPublicLibrary.org

Jackie Spiritas – Spiritas@coj.net

JEA- Shay Hill encouraged anyone that is interested in installing solar panels at their home to please contact the JEA Solar Concierge (904-665-6000) to learn about solar panel systems before they sign a contract to purchase a solar panel system.

Shay Hill – 904-665-6000

Municipal Code Compliance Division – Rudy McClain made the following announcements:

- Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) collected 123 snipe signs and conducted 325 inspections.
- Florida Senate Bill 60 prohibits code compliance officers from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes that were submitted via anonymous complaints; anonymous tickets will be closed.

Rudy McClain – 904-255-7000

Planning & Development Department - Kaysie Cox facilitated the LUZ Subcommittee and did not have a report.

Kaysie Cox – 904-255-7853

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

Land Development Regulation Stakeholder Advisory Committee – Jose' Gonzalez – announced this committee held their final meeting on March 25, 2025. The committee reviewed their final report and submitted the final edition.

LUZ– JoAnne Griffin conducted the LUZ Subcommittee meeting – the subcommittee reviewed eleven applications; no motions or actions were taken.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill — A company has devised a program to alert local drivers about trains in the area that may be blocking local roads. The program will be used on the Google Maps and Ways platforms. Currently, roadway infrastructure needs to be installed before the program can go live in Jacksonville.

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant – no report.

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

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – reminded the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville will host the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) conference May 20-23, 2025. To register, visit <https://www.nusa.org/>

The City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Awards winners will be announced and presented with their awards at this conference on May 20, 2025, 6-9 pm at the Prime Osborn Convention Center.

There was a reminder that the May CPAC meeting will be held one week earlier on May 19, 2025 due to observation of Memorial Day on May 26, 2025.

Rosemary Wesolowski 904-255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net

Chairs Report – Chair Koslowski reminded the CPAC that at the March meeting there was some discussion about the SE CPAC conducting a charitable event to give back to the SE District. It was determined that a food drive will be conducted at the July meeting. The food will be donated to the Chet's Creek Church – Southside Campus (6625 Terry Road) where Feeding Northeast Florida host mobile food distribution events.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment –

- Visitor John Nooney asked the SE CPAC to consider sending a resolution of support to increase the amount of public waterway access throughout Duval County and to acquire his land/property to create another launch area for kayaks, canoes and paddleboards. Mr. Nooney has attended a variety of meetings to raise awareness of the need to increase public access to local waterways.

Motion to Adjourn – there was a motion to adjourn and a second.

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting and will be held on **Monday, May 19, 2025**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom webinar.