

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **June 23, 2025, Meeting Summary**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

**Members:** 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; Carol D'Onofrio, Edison HOA; Carol Eichling, Village Green Two Condo Association; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Cliff Green, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Rich Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA, Inc.; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Lora Lewis, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Matthew Little, San Marco Preservation Society; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Shann Mills, San Jose Forest; Karen Moers, Sans Souci N.A.; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Jacqueline Parenteau, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; John Reed, Linkside of Baymeadows; Craig Shoup, Council At Large Group 2; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Catie Wallace, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

**Excused:** Andrea Letizia, Williamstown HOA.

**Visitors:** John Nooney; Katay Bennett; Joy Burgess; V Wade C; Gary Weise.

**Staff:** The Honorable Raul Arias, District 11; Evin Herzberg, District 11 Council Assistant; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development; Commander Tillman, JSO; Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Rudy McClain, Municipal Code Compliance; Keli Likins, JPL; Charles Griggs, Mayor's Office; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office, Michelle Godwin, Neighborhood Services Office; Lisa Ransom, 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** – May 2025 meeting summaries will be approved at the June meeting.

**Presentation(s): None at this meeting.**

#### **Elected Officials Report:**

**Jacksonville City Council, District 11 Council Assistant Evin Herzberg** reported no real updates. Any questions or concerns should be directed to their office. District 11 had a Town Hall earlier in the month about E-Town. Council Member Arias is working with FDOT on traffic complaints at Nocatee Parkway and Phillips Highway.

**Jacksonville City Council, District 11 Council member- Raul Arias** reported:

- He addressed various traffic issues at the recent Town Hall meeting.
- The University of Florida and Jacksonville Small and Emerging Business (UF JSEB) program will meet on Monday, June 23, 2025, and will also meet this week to discuss small business development. UF will be building a campus downtown and plans to partner with small businesses to work on the centers and campuses being constructed.
- City Council will meet on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, to vote on the 45-million-dollar allocation of funds found by Council Member Matt Carlucci. Some of those funds will be used for workforce development, affordable housing, and downtown development.
- The Florida State College of Jacksonville's Downtown campus is at capacity. Once funding is available, they are hoping to expand to Cecil Field. Workforce Development funds will help train individuals in high-demand trades.
- He is working with the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department to install a dog park in the Fort Family Regional Park behind the tennis court and update the children's play area.
- The City Council's summer break is scheduled from Monday, June 30, 2025, through Saturday, July 12, 2025.
- Mayor Deegan will propose her budget on Monday, July 14, 2025. The City Council will focus on budgeting for the entire month of August 2025.
- He is actively working on requests for resurfacing Baymeadows Road. Please continue to report issues to his office.
- He voted to increase trash collection fees because the increase will essentially help the families of those who provide this essential service.
- The Avenues Mall has been underused. Simon Malls will utilize the underutilized portion of the parking lot to add multi-use family units. The Avenues Mall will remain open during the construction period.
- He has been in conversation with JTA about micro transit and will mention Planning District 3 for possible use in his subsequent conversation with JTA.

**Council Member Raul Arias** – (904)255-5211 or [AriasR@coj.net](mailto:AriasR@coj.net).

**Staff Reports:**

**Mayors' Liaison – Charles Griggs** reported:

- Lynn Sherman, COJ Director of Health Programs, asked him to remind everyone of Healthlink Jax. A free virtual healthcare service provided by the City of Jacksonville that is designed to help uninsured Duval County residents. You can call (904) 925-2273 (CARE) to be connected with a care team member to start your healthcare.
- Tracye Polson, Director of Federal and State Advocacy and Public-Private Partnerships, is leading initiatives to address issues with homeless individuals in the community. If you have questions about the program, please contact Mrs. Polson at [TPolson@coj.net](mailto:TPolson@coj.net).
- The Jacksonville Journey Forward is a community-driven effort designed to reduce violence, strengthen neighborhoods, and improve the overall quality of life in Jacksonville. They will host city-wide community meetings beginning at the end of the year. More information regarding Jacksonville Journey Forward can be found on the COJ website at <https://www.jacksonville.gov/journeyforward>.

**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 show that crimes are down 94% in crimes against persons and down 19.86% in crimes against property categories.
- Citizens may report homeless camps to JSO by calling the non-emergency number (904)-630-0500 or emailing [district3@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:district3@jaxsheriff.org). You may also contact the District 3 Substation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (904) 630-8100.
- Safety reminders: Remember to be aware of your surroundings. If you see something, say something. Please report anything that looks out of place.
- Sheriff T.K. Waters will host a town hall meeting at University Christian Church, 5520 University Blvd. W., on Tuesday, July 29, 2025. Please call 904-630-8100 for the start time.
- The Safety Fair will be held at the Avenues Mall, Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 9 am to 4 pm.
- Please participate in the 9 p.m. Routine. Remember to lock your doors and to keep your vehicles locked. Never store valuables in your car, especially firearms.

**Commander Tillman** – 904-630-8100 or [JSODistrict3@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSODistrict3@jaxsheriff.org).

**JFRD – Lieutenant Clarence Hodge** reported:

- Smoke detectors are key to saving many lives. The mayor has a program in place for those who need to be supplied with detectors and installation. They can call (904) 630-CITY (2489) to request one. You must be the owner of the home for which you are requesting a smoke detector.
- Smoke detectors should be placed in areas where you sleep and should be tested at least once a month. They should be replaced every 4 years, or if they start to turn a yellowish color.

**Lieutenant Hodge** – [Hodge@coj.net](mailto:Hodge@coj.net).

**JPL – Keli Likins** shared the following updates:

- The Mandarin Branch Library will host a Life Lab featuring Pollinator Plants, which will feature one hour of hands-on fun, Monday, July 21, 2025, at 6 pm.
- This month, the South Mandarin Branch Library will host the Junior Artist and Scientist program for ages 5-8, every Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. They will also feature a Discover Lab, which will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays.
- For a complete list of information, please visit [www.JaxPublicLibrary.org](http://www.JaxPublicLibrary.org).

**Jackie Spiritas** – [Spiritas@coj.net](mailto:Spiritas@coj.net).

**Municipal Code Compliance Division – Rudy McClain:** Had nothing to report but was available for questions.

**Rudy McClain** – 904-255-7000

**Planning & Development Department - Kaysie Cox** facilitated the LUZ Subcommittee and did not have a report. Nine items were discussed for rezoning, but no action was taken on any of them by the Southeast CPAC.

**Kaysie Cox** – 904-255-7853

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

**North Florida TPO – Jim Hill** – There was no meeting, nothing to report.

**Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant** reported that the Park Safety Council (PSC) met on Monday, June 3, 2025, at 11 a.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 4th Floor, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Conference Room; however, there was no quorum. Unfortunately, the PSC has not been able to achieve a quorum in 14 months due to the need for additional members for Planning Districts 1, 5, and 6. His term is up. Anyone interested in representing District 3 on the PSC is invited to contact Rosemary to express their interest. He has been appointed to the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission and would be happy to provide updates from the organization.

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

**Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** – Announced that she will be retiring from the City of Jacksonville effective Friday, June 27, 2025. Rudy McClain will assist with setting up the equipment and the Zoom portion of the meeting. If she is informed of who will replace her before she leaves, she will provide everyone with that person's contact information.

**Rosemary Wesolowski** 904-255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)

**Chairs' Report – Chair Koslowski** reminded the CPAC to bring in all their canned goods for the food drive next month. The food will be donated to Chet's Creek Church – Southside Campus, 6625 Terry Road, where Feeding Northeast Florida hosts mobile food distribution events. The SE CPAC will meet at Dicks Wings after the CPAC meeting on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**CPAC Member Comments:**

- Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood Homeowner Association- asked if someone from Spaceport could speak with the SE CPAC. The Cecil Field Spaceport was approved in 2011, and they tried to land the Falcon here. Obtaining more information regarding the facility would be great.
- Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb Homeowners Association, advised that citizens can keep track of city meetings and minutes by signing up for Citizenportal AI. A research assistant program that lists meetings and helps find clips and summaries from a library of government videos. It is free to register.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Public Comment** –

- Visitor John Nooney- Stated he is seeking a resolution from the SE CPAC in support of the Resiliency Plan for public access on Jacksonville's waterways.

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

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. and will be hybrid. Join us in person at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257, or virtually on a Zoom webinar.