

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **April 25, 2022, Meeting Summary**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

**Members:** Brandon Anderson, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Carol D’Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Blake Hakimian, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners Association; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; Ralph Hodges, Council-At-Large Group 4; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA; Jon Singleton, San Marco; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village

**Excused:** Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc.; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

**Visitors:** Richard Skule, GENA; Dolores Landrum; Joe Carlucci, Miramar; John Nooney; John Reed, Linkside at Baymeadows; MJ Beck, Southwood; Steven Hutra, East Hampton HOA; Carol Eichling, Village Green II; Ray Evans; Andrea Letizia, Williamstown HOA; Ann Clapp, Opal Bryant; 904-651-3698

**Staff:** Danny Becton, City Council Member, District 11; Michael Boylan, City Council Member, District 6; Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Renee Goode, JEA; Charles Johnson, Captain, JFRD; Joseph Johnson, Executive Council Assistant District 11; Thomas Register, Municipal Code Compliance; Robin Smith, Public Works; Paul Soares, DCPS; Eric Soriano, JPL; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Sgt Wiggins, JSO

#### **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:**

Chair Parker Griffin called the SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Mandarin Senior Center and on Zoom. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary** – The March 2022 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

**Presentation(s): Devron Cody, Code Compliance Supervisor, Municipal Code Compliance,** presented on the services that Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) offers to the community.

The Municipal Code Compliance Division is tasked with the enforcement of Chapter 518 – Property Safety and Maintenance Code, Chapter 656 – Zoning Code, Chapter 741 – Zero Tolerance for Litter Law, Chapter 745 – Addressing and Street Naming. These various chapters address housing safety, property maintenance, unsafe structures, nuisance properties, junk and abandoned vehicles and all zoning related violations.

Some of the most common violations that MCCD encounter are junk or abandoned vehicles; accumulation of garbage, rubbish, or debris; and excessive growth of weeds, grass, or noxious vegetation to name a few violations.

Municipal Code Compliance does not enforce: inoperable vehicles on public streets or right-of-way or the Jacksonville Traffic Code; subdivision deed covenants or restrictions; rental or lease agreements between owner and tenant; or blockage of city sidewalks by private vehicles parked in driveways.

Supervisor Cody reminded the CPAC that recreational vehicles should not be parked in the required front yard longer than 24 hours; do not erect any fence taller than 4 feet in height in a front yard in a residential district; do not park commercial vehicles in a residential neighborhood except for normal loading/unloading during normal time required for service at the dwellings and to apply for a business license, ensure you follow up to obtain a certificate of use permit from the Planning and Development Department.

If you are cited do not ignore the notification of violation. It is the property owner's responsibility to correct the violations, including rental or leased properties. If you need clarifications or if you are no longer the owner of the property, call 630-2489 immediately.

If the violation is not corrected by the property owner, the issue can be brought before a Special Magistrate to hear testimony from the Code Compliance Officer and the property owner to determine if the violation exists, set timelines for compliance, and possibly issue \$250 a day fine if the violation(s) is not corrected in the established timeline. Supervisor Cody provided a brief overview of the hearings and appeal process.

Lastly, Supervisor Cody reviewed Florida State Statute 125.69 (4)(b). This states that a code inspector may not initiate an investigation of a potential violation of a duly enacted code or ordinance by way of an anonymous complaint. A person who reports a potential violation of a code or ordinance must provide his or her name and address to the governing body of the respective board of county commissioners before an investigation occurs.

A copy of Supervisor Cody's PowerPoint presentation was shared with the CPAC membership.

Devron Cody – 904-255-7033 or [DCody@coj.net](mailto:DCody@coj.net)

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

**Danny Becton, City Council District 11** – addressed the following issues:

- America's Best Hotel on Dix Ellis Trail (off Baymeadows Road/I-95) has been a crime hotspot for the past couple of years. JSO, various City of Jacksonville staff members and Council Member Becton have tried various approaches to correct the array of problems at this hotel. The calls for service from JSO to this motel remain very high; May 2021 was the highest month with 818 calls for service. An injunction was filed in the court system regarding this property. Since the property is closing and structural repairs are needed, the future of this property is unclear.
- Regarding the street racing and blockage of intersections by car clubs, this is a work in progress and JSO is working to correct this problem and will provide Council Member Becton with updates over the next few days.

- Council Member Becton filed Resolution 2022-276, to encourage Mayor Curry to submit a proposed Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget to the Jacksonville City Council using a Rolled-Back Millage Rate for Ad Valorem Tax Revenues for next year's budget.
- At Fort Family Regional Park, construction has started for a new baseball quadplex. The ball fields will be equipped with AstroTurf. Additionally, new playground equipment and a new splash pad will be installed at Fort Family Regional Park.

Council Member Becton – [dbecton@coj.net](mailto:dbecton@coj.net) or 904-255-5211

**Michael Boylan, City Council District 6** – provided the following updates:

Council Member Boylan held a City Council District 6 Townhall meeting at the Mandarin Senior Center on April 13, 2022. This townhall meeting was a bit different, Council Member Boylan conducted the meeting with a round-robin, small group discussion format. Representatives from the Public Works Department, JSO, Parks, Recreation and Community Services, FDOT, Solid Waste Division, Waste Pro and Council Member Boylan each chair a table for discussion as the attendees rotated from table to table which resulted in a lot of great information sharing and dialogue.

On April 14, 2022, Council Member Boylan held another community meeting at the Mandarin Senior Center to discuss the proposed Great Hearts Charter School after he received a lot of feedback from the community. Sixty community members attended and commented on the proposed school. This LUZ application was heard by the Planning Commission on April 21, 2022, and the Planning Commission did approve the application.

Council Member Boylan shared that he has received a lot of community input regarding illegal street racing and car clubs blocking roads and intersection. Everyone was encouraged to call JSO on their non-emergency line to report such activity; that phone number is 630-0500.

Council Member Boylan – [Mboylan@coj.net](mailto:Mboylan@coj.net) or 904-255-5206

**Staff Reports:**

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Sargent Wiggins** – stated in the last 30 days overall crime in Zone 3 is down. Sargent Wiggins did confirm that JSO can assist communities with junk vehicles that are left in the right of way.

Sargent Wiggins addressed the recent outbreak of illegal street racing that is occurring all over the city. This is a problem that JSO is addressing both on a local and state level. If you hear or see any illegal street racing or car clubs gathering in a parking lot, please call 630-0500 to report. If you witness a dangerous situation involving racing, blockage of intersections or car clubs doing donuts in a parking lot, please call 911 to report.

Sargent Wiggins addressed concerns about dirt bike and/or All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) riding in wooded areas behind subdivisions without permission of the landowner. Everyone was encouraged to call 630-0500 to report the activity and to also go to a JSO Substation to fill out a Trespass Authorization. It was reported that street racing on occurred Shad and Hood Roads.

Zone 3 substation – 8875 Liberty Ridge Drive, Suite 110, 32256 – 904-828-5463

**JFRD – Captain Charles Johnson, Fire Prevention Bureau,** provided the following updates:

- JFRD will replace or install new smoke detectors where needed and assist in replacing the batteries in existing functioning smoke detectors. Everyone was encouraged to test their smoke detectors by pushing the test button on the smoke detector. If your smoke detector is malfunctioning, please call 630-CITY (2489) to request to have a new smoke detector installed by JFRD.
- Everyone was encouraged to purchase and keep a small multi use fire extinguisher at their home. A fire extinguisher can last up to 10 to 12 years.
- It was encouraged that every household create a family evacuation plan and determine a rendezvous spot to reconnect in case of a fire or some other disaster.
- Captain Johnson shared information on a Knox Box Lock is. A Knox Box is a small, wall-mounted safe that holds keys for fire departments, emergency medical services, and police to retrieve in emergency situations. Local first responders hold master keys to all boxes in their response area, so that they can quickly enter a building without having to force entry or find individual keys held in deposit at the station.
- Hurricane season is upon us, and it is time to start preparing for the potential upcoming storms. Downloading the JAXReady app is a good first step.

**JPL – Eric Soriano, South Regional Manager,** provided the following updates:

- Lit Chats are one-hour programs for Jacksonville Public Library cardholders. You can attend in-person or watch online. Upcoming authors include:
  - Craig Pittman is a Florida-based author of nonfiction book that focused on the weird and wild Florida. Pittman is the author of other books including *The State You're In, Cat Tale, and Oh, Florida!* This Lit Chat will be held on May 14, 2022, in-person at the Beaches Library and livestreamed online.
  - Jada Wright-Greene is a Florida-based author of *Florida's Historic African American Homes*, which features homes from Jacksonville's former Sugar Hill neighborhood, among others. Ms. Wright-Greene will participate in the May 21, 2022, event in person at the Dallas Graham Library and livestreamed online.

All participants need to pre-register now for Lit Chats. A library card is required for online viewing.

- The next Great Decisions will be held at the Southeast Regional Library, on Thursday, May 05, 2022, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. The topic will be Quad Alliance. Then on May 11, 2022, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library another Great Decisions event will be held and the topic will be Outer Space. Pre-registration is required for both events; visit [www.coj.net/library](http://www.coj.net/library) for additional information and to pre-register.
- As The Page Turns Book Club returns to the Mandarin Branch Library, 3330 Kori Road, 32257 on Thursday, May 12, 2022, 1:00pm - 2:00pm in the Community Room. The group is reading *The Chancellor - The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel* by Kati Marton. Pre-registration is required to participate, please call 904-255-BOOK (2665).
- At the May CPAC meeting, additional details will be provided about the upcoming summer activities.

Eric Soriano – [esoriano@coj.net](mailto:esoriano@coj.net)

**JEA – Renee Goode** provided the following details:

- JEA held their first Drive Electric event on April 16, 2022, at TIAA Bank Field. This event was to bring awareness to electric vehicles (EV). Local car dealers brought their electric vehicles to the event for rides and test drives. This event was a huge success.
- JEA has received a 2021 Safety Award from the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA). This award is to recognize the utility companies' commitment to employee safety and safe utility operations.
- JEA has also received the Diamond Award; this is the highest level awarded by the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Reliable Public Power Provider program which recognizes utilities that demonstrate high proficiency in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement.
- JEA held a groundbreaking ceremony on March 31, 2022, for the \$150 million Greenland Water Reclamation Facility which is already under construction on 80 acres near the eTown community. The Greenland facility is JEA's first water reclamation facility built since 1977. The Greenland facility will initially process 4 million gallons of wastewater per day, serving 22,800 JEA sewer customers and providing 5,700 customers with water for irrigation. The plant is scheduled to be operational in November 2024.

Renee Goode – 904-665-6000

**Municipal Code Compliance Division** –In the past 30 days, 742 inspections were completed and year to date 7354 inspections were completed. Later this week a systematic inspection will be completed in the San Marco Community.

The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief or JAR program was reviewed. The purpose of the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program is to facilitate a means of compliance to those who would otherwise be unable to achieve it due to disability or economic disadvantages. The program's objective is to provide the abatement services required at no cost to those citizens who qualify, thereby achieving compliance and beautification of the city while not unduly burdening its most vulnerable citizens.

If you cannot comply the violations on your property due to a disability or economic hardship, please feel free to visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>

Devron Cody – 904-255-7033 or [DCody@coj.net](mailto:DCody@coj.net)

**Planning & Development Department – Arimus Wells** did not have a report but was available for questions.

Arimus Wells – 904-255-7824 or [ArimusW@coj.net](mailto:ArimusW@coj.net)

**Public Works – Robin Smith** informed the CPAC that:

- Construction has been completed on the new Senior Citizen Center located on Beach Boulevard (just east of Southside Boulevard) and it has been turned over to the Parks, Recreation and Social Services Department. The building should open for use soon.
- Pedestrian crosswalks will be installed along Gate Parkway; this project is underway and is approximately 25% complete.

- On Grant Road, near Pine Forest Elementary School there is a former health clinic building that will be converted into a Community Center.
- A dredging project will be conducted on Goodby's Creek. The dredge will begin at the John Lowe Boat Ramp and end at the St. Johns River. The dredge will begin this summer and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.
- Additional sidewalks will be added along Loretto Road.
- An intersection realignment will occur at Orange Picker Road and Brady Road; traffic should flow better after the project is completed.

Chief Smith heard comments regarding drainage problems in the South Woods community and took the location information from the meeting attendee. There was also a question regarding lighting along I-295, some of the lights are out. This outage should be reported to FDOT.

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

**LUZ**– On behalf of Craig Shoup, Chair Parker Griffin conducted the LUZ Subcommittee. The subcommittee reviewed eight LUZ applications and no motions or actions were recommended.

**Membership – Ramon Day** informed the CPAC that the Membership Subcommittee meeting was cancelled this month.

**North Florida TPO – Jim Hill** – not in attendance.

**Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant** informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Committee did not have a meeting this month. Mr. Bryant did share the following updates:

- Walter Jones Park is now a Monarch Waystation. A monarch waystation is a place that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and to sustain them on their migration between North America and Mexico.
- The annual Mandarin Garden Club Plant Sale will be held on Friday, April 29, 2022, and Saturday, April 30, 2022, 9 am to 2 pm at 2892 Loretto Road.

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Ramon Day provided the following updates:

- At the April TRUE Commission meeting, the commission reviewed the recent City Council Auditors report and a portion of this report focused on electronic fund transfers. It was identified that there was a disconnect between the Treasury Division and the Accounting Division on how and where to receipt funds. From this finding, the TRUE Commission recommended that the Accounting Division and the Treasury Division should coordinate their functions to properly record fund transfers, complete the transfers in a timely manner and to deactivate financial system access to all former employees.
- Ramon Day will be presenting a final report to the TRUE Commissioners regarding the JSO staffing, the need of mental health co-responders and the Kids Hope Alliance (after school programs). Mr. Day will ask to close the gap in staffing JSO, ask for proper funding for the Mental Health Co-responder Program and will hold off on recommendations for the Kids Hope Alliance.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** reminded the CPAC about the City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Department annual awards competition for 2022. The 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program is designed to recognize the efforts of organized neighborhood and civic groups in Duval County. Groups will be awarded for activities that emphasize volunteerism, leadership and collaborations that benefit their community with programs, events, artwork, or that physically and/or socially improve or beautify Jacksonville neighborhoods. Projects or activities which began and were completed between January and December 2021, are eligible, and applications must be received by June 3rd. Finalists will be notified a few weeks before the October 20th awards ceremony.

The City of Jacksonville is launching a contactless payment option for on-street parking in Downtown Jacksonville via ParkMobile. The ParkMobile system went live today and will be available on metered parking spaces where ParkMobile decals have been deployed. Additional information will be emailed to everyone tomorrow.

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

**Chairs Report – Chair Parker Griffin** welcomed and introduced new CPAC member Linda Gail Rowe representing the Lake Mandarin HOA.

Chair Parker Griffin informed the CPAC that she received a letter from the Finance and Administration Department, Budget Office. This letter was sent to each of the CPAC Chairs and it is an invitation to identify one priority capital improvement project for each neighborhood within our CPAC boundaries.

The projects must meet certain criteria, such as: the project must have a total cost greater than \$100,000 and have a lifespan of more than 10 years; must add to, enhance the value of, or extend the life of the City's physical assets. City's capital assets include land, buildings, parks, streets, utilities, and other items of value from which the community derives benefit.

Some examples include: improvements to an existing park, the purchase of land for a future park, road improvements, sidewalk and bike lane construction, intersection improvements and library enhancements.

Capital improvement projects do not include: routine maintenance (ditch cleaning, mowing, sidewalk repairs, pothole patching, repairing park amenities and other similar maintenance matters).

The SE CPAC will compile our list at the next meeting so we can meet our June 10th deadline.

**Unfinished Business – None**

**New Business: - None**

**Public Comment –** Visitor John Nooney expressed his concern regarding land that was cleared cut from the 3000 block of Parental Home Road to Pottsburg Creek. Mr. Nooney has reached out to several local, state, and federal agencies to express his concern about the land that was cleared as well as the health of Pottsburg Creek.

**Motion to Adjourn –** the meeting ended at 8:22 pm.

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on **Monday, May 23, 2022**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.