

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **February 28, 2022, Meeting Summary**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

**Members:** Brandon Andersen, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; 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; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Ralph Hodges, Council-At-Large Group 4; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc.; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association Inc.; Rowena Nagales, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

**Excused:** Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community.

**Visitors:** Jon Singleton, San Marco; Ann Clapp, GENA; Richard Skule, GENA; Dolores Landrum; Sharon H; Michael Journey, Hickory Glen; Joe Carlucci, Miramar; Linda Rowe, Lake Mandarin; Raymond Evans, Julington Forest; Tim V.

**Staff:** Danny Becton, City Council Member, District 11; Michael Boylan, City Council Member, District 6; Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Gloria Crawford, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Craig Fry, JFRD; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Eric Soriano, JPL; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office.

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

Chair Parker Griffin called the SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:34 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 January 2022 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

**Presentation(s):** Davey Davidson, Rescue District Chief, JFRD. Spoke to the CPAC about cardiovascular disease, symptoms of a cardiovascular incident and the importance of time when a heart attack is suspected.

It was stressed multiple times, if you or someone you are with is experiencing any cardiac symptoms, don't ignore them or take time to self-diagnose. Go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 immediately for help. Every minute counts. The sooner you get medical help, the more you reduce the risk of heart damage or death.

Chest pain can occur when the heart is not getting enough blood or oxygen. The amount and type of pain can vary from person to person. The intensity of the pain does not always relate to how severe the problem is. Some people may feel a crushing pain, while others feel only mild discomfort.

Some symptoms relate specifically to women or that can affect women disproportionately include:

- pain or discomfort in the arms, back, neck, jaw, shoulder blades or stomach
- rapid or irregular heartbeat
- severe chest pain
- sweating without activity

The SE CPAC members were encouraged to call 911 to request a call for service for chest pain. During a cardiac event, every moment counts.

Rescue District Chief Davidson explained that once the paramedics arrive, they will immediately set up electrocardiogram (EKG) stickers on your chest. The EKG stickers are placed in specific locations and provide the paramedics with a printout of the heart's current activity and output; a heart attack can be diagnosed within two minutes. This jump-starts the treatment timeline and provides essential information to help give the patient a positive outcome. Additionally, from the information gathered by the EKG, medications can be administered enroute to the hospital and the rescue team can effectively communicate an accurate medical status so the hospital staff will be prepared for the patient. Due to this communication, the patient could possibly be taken straight to the Cardiac Cath Lab upon arrival at the hospital, thus opening and restoring blood flow as expeditiously as possible.

Every minute that the heart doesn't receive a blood supply, the heart muscle starts to die. If you or someone you're with is experiencing symptoms, don't ignore them or take time to self-diagnose. Call 911 immediately for help. Every minute counts. The sooner you get medical help, the more you reduce the risk of heart damage or death.

Rescue District Chief Davidson did answer some questions about CPR and AED devices. The CPAC was encouraged to contact the American Red Cross for CPR training.

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

**Danny Becton, City Council District 11** – informed the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville will resume curbside recycling collection on April 4, 2022. Council Member Becton is excited to resume curbside recycling, but he questions the effectiveness of resuming this service as the staffing issues with all the waste haulers has not been resolved. Council Member Becton has met with Waste-Pro to determine what measures have been implemented to correct or overcome the staffing shortage. Council Member Becton was assured that the collection routes have been re-routed and the waste haulers will be able to meet all of their obligations. Additionally, Waste-Pro states with the newly created yard waste transfer station on Philips Highway, their turn around time will be much shorter as they no longer have to off load yard waste at the Trail Ridge landfill on the westside of town.

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

**Michael Boylan, City Council District 6** – informed the CPAC that Council President Newby formed a special committee to investigate Jacksonville’s solid waste and recycling operations and to make improvement recommendations. The subcommittee is comprised of five city council members and the members are charged with looking at a wide variety of issues and potential solutions for our solid waste and recycling challenges. The special committee will meet every two weeks and the solid waste companies will attend each of the special committee meetings.

Council Member Boylan has been working with FDOT for months to improve the flow of traffic on San Jose Boulevard near Hartley Road and I-295. This portion of San Jose Boulevard (near Hartley Road and the I-295 on ramps) will have two large curbs removed to make room for a second travel lane and a second on-ramp lane to I-295. At this time, a start date for the project has not been announced. Council Member Boylan stated he will continue to work with FDOT to make other roadway improvements in the Mandarin area.

Earlier today, Jacksonville University (JU) announced plans to establish a law school in downtown Jacksonville. The Jacksonville University College of Law will launch classes in the fall of 2022 with an expected inaugural class of 20-30 students and a projected total enrollment of 150 students in Fall 2024. The College of Law will offer a three-year Juris Doctor degree program that is designed to prepare graduates for the Florida Bar exam. Tuition will be around \$36,000 a year. The law school will be based at the VyStar Tower downtown. JU already has several programs in the Vystar Tower, and it was determined this would be a beneficial location as it is within walking distance of City Hall, the public defender’s office, the state attorney’s office as well as the county courthouse.

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

#### **Staff Reports:**

#### **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office) – not present**

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

**JFRD – Lieutenant Craig Fry** introduced himself to the CPAC and provided a brief bio of his 19 years of experience with JFRD. Lieutenant Fry work will now focus on neighborhood and residential fire prevention. Lieutenant Fry has completed several community walks to share fire prevention recommendations and to promote the smoke detector program. If you need a smoke detector installed or batteries changed in your smoke detector, please call 630-CITY (630-2489) or MyJax to make the request.

**JPL – Eric Soriano, South Regional Manager**, introduced himself and informed the CPAC he will serve as the JPL Liaison in lieu of Keli Likins. Mr. Soriano provided the following updates:

- March is Women’s History month. JPL has many books, movies, and other educational materials for all ages to help celebrate Black history and culture.
- The Jacksonville Public Library is proud to partner with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) TaxAide again this year during the tax season to provide free tax preparation. Taxes will be prepared by appointment only. To schedule an appointment visit: [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide)

- The annual Best of Elementary Art Show will begin on Friday, March 11. One or more pieces of artwork from every elementary school will be put on display for the public at most of library locations throughout the city.
- JPL will be open for Art Walk on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. The Main Library will be open until 8:45 p.m. for the festivities. The Main Library is across the street from James Weldon Johnson Park, one of Art Walk's three major hubs.

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

**JTA – Cheryl Riddick** provided the schedule for the Acosta Bridge Light scheme. The colors will vary throughout the month of March from Acosta blue, green for St. Patrick's Day, purple for Women's History month and orange for kidney cancer awareness.

Ms. Riddick reminded everyone that JTA is hiring and has numerous positions to fill. Please visit [JTAFLA.com](http://JTAFLA.com) to see all of the employment opportunities JTA has to offer.

Cheryl Riddick – [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)

**Military and Veterans Affairs** – not present

**Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Devron Cody introduced himself as the Southeast District Code Compliance Supervisor and shared a brief bio of his 17-year career with the City of Jacksonville.

Supervisor Cody informed the CPAC that a systematic inspection is scheduled for the Tiger Hole/Secret Woods community during the week of March 4, 2022. With a systematic inspection, code compliance officers visualize each house in the community to ensure they are following local municipal code regulations. If a violation is observed, the homeowner is cited, and they are given a certain amount of time to correct the violation. Most systematic inspection locations are determined by the number of complaints received through the 630-CITY/MyJax system in a specific area.

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

**Parks, Recreation and Social Services** – Gloria Crawford, Chief, Senior Services provided the following updates:

- The Fort Family Regional Park baseball construction project began last week; at the back of the park there will be three new baseball fields.
- The ADA compliant Mandarin Park kayak launch will be completed by the end of the month.
- The Walter Jones Museum expansion will be completed by the end of March 2022.

- New playground equipment for Greenland, Rogers and Fort Family parks will be installed.

**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)

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

**LUZ– Craig Shoup** and the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed eight LUZ applications and no motions or actions were taken.

**Membership – Ramon Day** informed the CPAC that the newly reformed Membership Subcommittee held their first meeting today at 5:00 pm, prior to the CPAC meeting. Mr. Day shared some statistics that reflected the number of communities that are recognized within the SE CPAC district and the amount of active CPAC members. Mr. Day and the subcommittee will actively reach out the communities in the area and encourage their involvement.

**North Florida TPO – Jim Hill** stated the NFTPO staff and NFTPO CPAC liaison representatives worked on their biennial by-laws at their February meeting and changes made at this meeting will directly impact CPAC membership on the NFTPO. If a CPAC does not nominate a member/representative to serve on the NFTPO, the NFTPO can/will take that spot and nominate a representative to serve in an At-Large position.

**Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant** informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Committee met earlier in the day. The meetings are attended by Parks Department staff, Neighborhoods Department staff and a representative from each of the six CPAC's. In the Southeast District there are 121 parks. Seven of the parks are located in City Council District 11; there are 57 parks in City Council District 5 and 17 parks located in City Council District 6.

Citywide there are over 400 parks. Recently, 113 parks were inspected for safety concerns and 41 of those parks are located in the Southeast District. Most of the safety violations are minor; but safety standards must be monitored and maintained. Parks, Recreation and Community Services is currently working on a work order system. If you have a concern or see a violation in a park, please report that issue to 630-CITY or MyJax.

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

- The TRUE Commission continues work on correcting the JSO sworn officer shortage problem. Recently the TRUE Commission submitted a report on this topic. The report focuses on staffing ratios and the current/future number of officers needed. Funding sources are also addressed.
- The TRUE Commission discovered that of the \$10 million in funds from the Mental Health Offender Grant, only \$250,000 of the funds will go to the Sheriff's Office over a two-year period. The bulk of the funds will go to a nonprofit organization that will work in conjunction with the Mental Health Resource Center. Once all the funding is in place, there will be a mental health co-responder in each of the six JSO zones and one staff member on each of the watch shifts.

- In December 2021, the TRUE Commission had a presentation from the Kids Hope Alliance (KHA). The TRUE Commission recently reached out to KHA for additional information. KHA is launching a very detailed analysis to determine the true need for the preventative programming and hope to have it finished by March or April 2022.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** – informed the CPAC that the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Johns River Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Last year Carol D’Onofrio and Rosemary served as site captains for Walter Jones Historical Park and County Dock Boat Ramp. If any CPAC member would like to serve as site captains, please let Rosemary know. Also, please share the information about the clean-up with our community, this is an excellent opportunity for community service hours.

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

**Chairs Report – Chair Parker Griffin** informed the CPAC earlier in the month she attended the quarterly meeting with the Mayor’s Staff. Hybrid meetings were a topic of discussion and at this time, CPAC meeting will continue to be conducted in a hybrid manner.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business:** - None

**Public Comment** – None

**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, March 28, 2022, at 8:24 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 in person or virtually on Zoom.