

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 28, 2019 Meeting Summary

NEFAR Office, 7801 Deercreek Club Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256

Meeting Attendance

Members: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Ernst Cornehl, Deerwood Improvement Association; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Donna Herrin, City Council District 11 Representative; Will Herron, Shiloh Creek Neighborhood Association; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Ralph Hodges, City Council At-Large Group 4; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Henry Rogers, Rose Creek Condo Association; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Carol D'Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Robin Pickle, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp; Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Pam Fraser, Blackwood Forest HOA; Peter Gentry, Deercreek Owners Association; Manny Gonzales Akers; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Marj Rothstein, Villa San Jose Civic Association;; Steve Clark, Blackwood Forest HOA; Betty Wolfe, Mandarin Community Club;

Visitors: Dale Lewis, Secret Cove Civic Association; Arthur Mills, City Council At-Large Group 4; Anne Davis, Riverbrook; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook; Nelson Caparas; Ramon Day, NWQuadrant Equity Owners; Corey Wright, DCPS; Nekinia Wright; Richard Skule, GENA; Dolores Landrum, Campfield

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; The Honorable Lori Hershey, DCPS; Robert Crawford, Municipal Code Compliance; Lt. Frederick Dash, JSO; Suzanne Goss, JEA; Carisia Rooney, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair D'Onofrio called the October 2019 SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:

The September 2019 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s):

The Honorable Scott Wilson, City Council President, Council District 4 introduced himself and provided the CPAC his personal and professional history. As City Council President, one of his first tasks was to work on the 2019/2020 City of Jacksonville Budget. Some of the items included in the budget are \$400 million for JSO and \$240 million for JFRD. Council President Wilson shared two new capital improvement projects in the SE district.

A new 6000 square foot Senior Citizen Center will be constructed on Beach Boulevard, just east of Southside Boulevard. The design for the center has been completed; construction should begin in 2020. A master plan has been created for the new Ivey Road Park; this park is located at 9000 Ivey Road, 32216. Phase I amenities of the Ivey Road Park will include multi-use fields, walking trails, a dog park, skate spot and a large assortment of play equipment. The park will be built on a former sand dune off Southside Boulevard near Southside Estates Elementary School.

City Council President Wilson informed the CPAC that he served as a mentor to high school students at Take Stock in Children for 9 years. He currently serves as a mentor at the Florida

Youth Challenge Academy as well as serving as the Vice-President of Walk-Off Charities, which provides instructional free baseball clinics to elementary school students in the form of student field trips. The years of mentoring has brought about his involvement with the Boots and Badges Mentoring Program. This program will pair Jacksonville's youth with members of the FOP and IAFF in effort to make a positive impact on the children's lives. At this time Boots and Badges has 30 to 35 volunteers that focus on children in low income communities. Currently, the mentees are emphasizing education and organized sports. Through the Boots and Badges program, Council President Wilson plans to grow youth sports activities/opportunities throughout Jacksonville.

Council President Wilson – 904-255-5204 or SWilson@coj.net

Elected Officials Report:

Michael Boylan, City Council District 6– informed the CPAC that as he started researching information in regard to the sale of JEA, it became apparent he needed additional information to make an informed decision. In effort to have a better understanding of the process and potential outcomes, a series of workshops called JEA Fact Finding Workshops have been created.

Council Member Boylan provided a schedule of the JEA Fact Finding Workshops to all in attendance. The first workshop will be held on November 6, 2019, at 11:00 am in City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, 32202, in the Lynwood Roberts Room on the first floor. The topic of the first workshop will define the role of the independent authorities in Jacksonville. The public has the opportunity to attend, learn and listen in person or online. The meetings are scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes and the dates were scheduled to be held the day before a City Council meeting. Due to time limitations at the meeting there is not time for public comment, but Council Member Boylan encouraged all to attend City Council meeting the next night to share, comment or communicate with City Council on this subject.

Council Member Boylan confirmed that City Council is the final authority if the sale of JEA will proceed and/or if the sale will make it to a ballot. He encouraged everyone to get informed on the subject matter so they can better express their thoughts, ideas and concerns to City Council. Council Member Boylan – 904-255-5206 or MBoylan@coj.net

Lori Hershey, Duval County School Board President stated Duval County Public Schools used the same engineering firm that the City of Jacksonville uses to complete an in-depth Facilities Index Report which included all 165 schools. Based on the age and condition of the schools, this information from the report was used to determine the priority order of repairs. The report also addresses schools that are under-utilized. Due to under-utilized schools, 47 local schools will be consolidated into 25 schools.

School safety and security is taken very seriously. Today there was a bomb threat at Mandarin High School. Superintendent Green and the Duval County School Board plan to hold a community meeting for those that attend Mandarin High School; no details about the upcoming community meeting have been determined yet.

Good news, Mandarin Oaks Elementary is the only school in Northeast Florida to have Project Lead the Way distinction. Project Lead the Way is a STEM hands on program offered at this K-5 school. Project Lead the Way was expanded in DuPont Middle and Mandarin Middle Schools. Students that follow that Project Lead the Way track can continue all the way to Atlantic Coast High School.in this learning path.

Atlantic Coast High School has started an Engineering Program and partnered with JEA. Mr. Wright from DCPS who was also in attendance was available for any additional questions about the engineering program. Mr. Wright is working very hard to strengthen the technical career education offered at DCPS.

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Dash announced overall crime in Zone 3 is down except robbery to individuals and robbery to businesses. As the holidays get closer, these types of crimes tend to increase most often due to shop lifting. Another crime JSO would like us to be aware of is credit card skimmers. Credit card skimming involves thieves attaching devices on gas pumps, ATMs and other machines that read and gather your card information. The skimmers read the magnetic strip on the card, which gives fraudsters the full name on the card, the credit card number and the expiration date. Thieves can either sell your information on the dark web or use it to steal your identity, charge up your credit card or even get access to the money in your bank account. Skimmers are designed to fit snugly over the scanner, making it nearly impossible to tell something is not right. If you have the time to walk in to the station to pay for your gas with cash, it is recommended.

Lieutenant Dash stressed the 9:00 pm Routine; everyone was encouraged to not leave money, valuables, car keys, wallets/purses and guns in their vehicles unattended.

Chair D'Onofrio informed the CPAC that Lieutenant Dash and two other officers were recognized for their bravery after responding to a 911 call that someone had driven a car into St. Johns River near the Museum of Science and History in August 2019. The CPAC expressed their respect and support with a round of applause.

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

Jacksonville Public Library – Carisia Rooney informed the CPAC that free English classes for non-native speakers are available through Jacksonville Public Library. Four levels of conversation classes are offered as well as drop-in conversation groups. Traditional classes are offered at the following libraries: Main Library; Pablo Creek Regional Library; Southeast Regional Library and University Park Branch Library. An evaluation is needed to begin classes. Call (904) 630-2426 to schedule an appointment for the evaluation.

Carisia Rooney - crooney@coj.net

JEA – Suzanne Goss stated that she did not have a report, but announced that this is her last CPAC meeting. Ms. Goss is retiring on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 after 29 years of service. Ms. Goss expressed how much she has enjoyed working with JEA and will miss attending the CPAC meetings.

JTA – Cheryl Riddick reminded the CPAC to use Gameday Xpress for their transportation needs to and from Jaguar games; Gameday Xpress handouts were provided for everyone. Ms. Riddick announced bus fares will be increased. JTA will host several public meetings to get input and feedback from JTA riders. The dates and locations for the public meetings will be announced in the near future.

Cheryl Riddick – 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com

Neighborhoods Municipal Code Compliance – Robert Crawford shared in past 30 days the Zone 3 team has completed over 1100 cases and collected 160 snipe signs. The next systematic inspection will be conducted in the Pickwick Park neighborhood and will begin on November 4, 2019.

Robert Crawford – RobertC@coj.net

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

Arimus Wells - ArimusW@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – On behalf of LUZ Subcommittee Chair Pete Gentry, Arimus Wells informed the CPAC the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed 9 LUZ applications tonight, but no motions or actions were made.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill educated the CPAC about the draft 2045 Coast Feasible Plan and shared the proposed projects in the Southeast District that are on the draft plan. This is a long term draft proposal. Mr. Hill will keep us updated on the status of the draft. Proposed projects in the Southeast District are:

Southside Boulevard at Deerwood Park Boulevard – modify the intersection - \$9,525,000 – 2019-2025 timeline

Southside Boulevard at Gate Parkway – modify the intersection - \$93,322,000 – 2019-2025 timeline

Beach Boulevard at Southside Boulevard – modify the intersection - \$5,606,000 – 2019-2025 timeline

J. Turner Butler Boulevard at San Pablo – modify the intersection - \$13,125,000 – 2019-2025 timeline

Baymeadows Road at I-95 – turn lane improvement - \$1,805,000 - 2019-2025 timeline

Southside Boulevard from J. Turner Butler to Beach Boulevard – widen to six lanes - \$19,656,000 – 2031 – 2035 timeline

Southside Boulevard at Baymeadows Road – modify interchange - \$7,500,000 – 2031-2035 timeline

Southside Boulevard at J. Turner Butler Boulevard – modify interchange - \$29,400,000 – 2036-2045 timeline

Philips Highway at I-95 Avenues Mall to J. Turner Butler Boulevard – widen to six lanes and add trail - \$47,551,000 – 2031-2035 timeline

Philips Highway at SR 9B to I-295 – widen to six lanes and add a trail - \$15,007,000 – 2036-2045 timeline

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – James Daniel – not present.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that:

The SE CPAC has formed the Nomination Subcommittee. The election for the 2020 CPAC Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the November 25, 2019 CPAC meeting. Please send Rosemary your nominations and she will pass them on to the subcommittee.

The December SE CPAC will be held on Monday, December 16, 2019 and will be a brief meeting. If anyone is interested in going to out to eat dinner after the meeting, please let Rosemary know.

The 11th Annual Right Whale Beach Clean-up will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, 8 to 10 am at the Sea Walk Pavillion, 75 First Street North, Jacksonville Beach, FL. 32250.

The America Recycles Day will be held on Friday, November 15, 2019, 12 – 5 pm at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville FL. Handouts for the events are on the sign up table or call Dan Durbec at 255-8276 for more information.

Chairs Report – Chair D'Onofrio announced Waste Pro is changing their collection schedule. Information has been mailed to the areas affected by the change. If you have any additional questions, call 630-CITY and they will be able to assist you.

Chair D'Onofrio introduced new members Sherri Marks representing Kernan Mills Community Association and Ralph Hodges representing The Honorable Matt Carlucci, City Council At Large Group 4.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

Public Comment – Visitor Nelson Caparas, introduced himself and informed the CPAC that he is a traffic engineer. As a result of a study completed by the NFTP, he has been working to educate the community on pedestrian, cyclist and driver safety. Mr. Caparas is available to meet with you and your communities to present various safety techniques. Mr. Capara stated he would be in the lobby after the meeting if you would be interested in a presentation.

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the NEFAR Office, 7801 Deercreek Club Road, Jacksonville FL, 32256