

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

December 14, 2020 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance

Members: Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Anne Davis, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc.; Ramon Day, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners, Inc.; Carol D’Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Ralph Hodges, Council-At-Large Group 4; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Robin Pickle, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.;

Excused: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Ernst Cornehl, Deerwood Improvement Association; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Visitors:

Staff: Cindy Pearson, Duval County Public School Board; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Gene Klingbeil, JFRD; Keli Likins, JPL; Bryan Mosier, Neighborhoods Department; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Paul Soares, Duval County Public Schools; Lt. Dash; JSO; Sgt. Glossman, JSO; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair D’Onofrio called the December 2020 SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:33 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 October 2020 and November 2020 meeting summaries were approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): No presentation

Elected Officials Report:

Cindy Pearson, Duval County School Board, District 3 –introduced herself to the CPAC. Board Member Pearson took office on the Duval County School Board on November 17, 2020; she is replacing Ashley Smith Juarez. Duval County Public schools is very happy about the half-cent sales tax increase that was recently voted in. This slight tax increase will raise nearly \$2 billion which will fund improvements to our public schools over the next 15 years. A significant portion of that going toward safety and security, building upgrades and renovations at facilities across the city.

Cindy Pearson - 904-390-2239 or pearsonc1@duvalschools.org

Staff Reports:

Neighborhoods – Bryan Mosier, Director, informed the CPAC that the 2021 – 2022 Universal Application became available on Friday, December 4, 2020 through the Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD). The application is for the following City of Jacksonville Consolidated Plan federal grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA); Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG). Applications for the funds are available online at www.coj.net and search words “universal application”. Proposals will be accepted from public and private nonprofit 501(c) (3) agencies until Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:00PM. Projects must meet the CDBG national objectives of benefiting low and moderate income persons or aiding in the elimination or prevention of slum and blight.

Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) is inviting residents to participate in their Silent Night program by fostering a shelter pet through the holiday. Animal lovers can visit the ACPS shelter between December 17-24 to be matched with and pick up a furry friend. Pets can be returned on Saturday, December 26, or later for those who want to continue fostering. Food and other pet care supplies will be provided, fosters are asked to bring a new or gently used leash, collar and carrier if possible. ACPS is located at 2020 Forest St. and open Tuesday to Friday from noon - 7 p.m., and Saturday to Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Visit coj.net/Pets or for questions, email JaxPets@coj.net

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Dash and Sargent Glossman informed the group that in Zone 3 in the last 30 days that has been a slight uptick in robberies to businesses, but there was a decrease in robberies to individuals.

Sargent Glossman encouraged everyone to be mindful when having packages delivered to their home. Since the onset of the pandemic and with the upcoming holidays many are having packages delivered to their home. Often these packages are left unattended for hours, thus providing more opportunities for “Porch Pirates” to steal their deliveries. To combat this type of theft, it was recommended to have packages delivered to your work; to a neighbor's house or to a family members home that is at home during the day.

The CPAC was reminded about the 9 pm Routine; everyone was encouraged to not leave money, valuables, car keys, wallets/purses, and guns in their vehicles unattended.

A CPAC member shared with Sargent Glossman and Lieutenant Dash that drag racing problem continues to be a problem in the Baymeadows/I-295 area. JSO shared that there are aware of the drag racing problem in that area as well as drag racing on Beach Boulevard, San Jose Boulevard, and various locations on I-295. If you see or hear large groups of cars gathering please call JSO at 630-0500 to report this issue.

There was some discussion about the most recent JEA scam. It was confirmed that JEA would never call you for past due funds and threaten you. Please call JEA at 904-665-6000 to report any bogus threats and to ask questions about your account.

It was announced that Assistant Chief Restivo would be leaving Zone 3 and Assistant Chief Mark Romano will take his place in the near future.

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

JFRD – Gene Klingbeil, Fire Captain shared that construction on a new fire station is underway on Gate Parkway. JFRD is currently working out of a temporary station (a trailer) on Gate Parkway site to ensure service is provided to the area.

Captain Klingbeil encouraged everyone to download the JaxReady app onto their phone or tablet. In addition to the app providing information about upcoming storms and hurricanes, there is also a link that can provide you with updated information about Covid-19. Everyone was encouraged to remain diligent about wearing their masks in public, washing their hands and practicing social distancing.

JPL – Keli Likins, South Regional Manager, announced that the Duval County Health Department donated 50,000 cloth masks to the JPL. If you know of anyone that is in need of a cloth face mask, please send them to a local library and one will be provided to them as long as supplies last. Ms. Likins confirmed that all meeting room spaces at the libraries remain closed to the public.

Keli Likins – KLIKINS@COJ.NET

JTA – Cheryl Riddick announced that the annual holiday wrapped bus is on the road with Santa driving. Each day the holiday bus will drive a different route. Those that get on the holiday bus will ride free. This special holiday bus will run until December 24, 2020. Ms. Riddick shared that the Regional Chamber of Commerce will use space at the JRTC. Additionally, a new café will be added to the JRTC.

Cheryl Riddick -904-632-5522 or CRIDDICK@JTAFLA.COM

Neighborhoods Municipal Code Compliance Division – on behalf of Robert Crawford, Robert Bautochka informed the CPAC in Zone 3, Code Compliance completed 778 in the past 3 weeks. Municipal Code Compliance will start a special project in the Greenland Road area in the near future. The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief or JAR program was discussed. 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>

Robert Crawford – ROBERTC@COJ.NET

Duval County Public Schools – Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent informed the CPAC that the referendum has passed and DCPS will begin moving forward soon.

As an overview, for the next 15 years, a voluntary half-cent sales tax will fund a facility plan that will accomplish the following: 1) Address more than \$1 billion in maintenance that has been deferred more than 10 years as a result of state funding cuts; 2) Enable the district to “right size” and cut administrative costs; 3) Improve the safety and security of every school; 4) Remove most portables in schools with growing enrollments; and 5) Improve the learning environment for all students.

Each project that will be funded was approved by the school board in 2019 as the final step in the district master facility planning process. There will be multiple phases. Phase 1 has 229 projects and will last five years. One of the first projects will be Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School, which will serve as the prototype for rebuilding several other elementary schools throughout the district. Construction on Rutledge Pearson and other schools in the first group of priorities will begin in the coming 2021-2022 school year.

In phase 1, \$130 million will be spent on schools in the Southeast District. Safety and security design for all schools are underway now. There will be a different safety and security designs for elementary, middle and high schools. The safety and security prototype schools are Biltmore Elementary, Lake Shore Middle School and Fletcher High School. These projects should begin in April 2021.

This plan also includes consolidation some schools. Currently, DCPS has 157 schools and in ten years schools will be consolidated to 141 schools. In the Southeast District, Windy Hill Elementary will consolidate with Southside Estates Elementary. A new school will be built on the grounds of Southside Elementary. Windy Hills Elementary will become a new exceptional student education (ESE) Center. An ESE center is for children with disabilities who need specially designed instruction and related services. Love Grove Elementary will consolidate into two different elementary schools, those schools are Spring Park Elementary and Englewood Elementary.

Paul Soares - (904) 390-2008

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 – Joanne Parker Griffin and the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed eight LUZ applications and one motion was made.

Denial of MM-20-20 to PUD at 14970 Mandarin Road and the request to change the fence height from 8 feet to 6 feet in the PUD 2002-0291 Zoning District. The 8 feet fence is the existing requirement, no justification has been given to reduce the height to 6 feet. The current requirement should be maintained.

The CPAC voted to approve the motion.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill informed the CPAC that the NFTPO Citizens Advisory Committee has new leadership for 2021. The new 2021 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is Bo Norton, Chairman from Clay County and John Stack, Vice Chairman from Nassau County. The NFTPO CAC does not hold a meeting in January.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day –stated the TRUE Commission held a hybrid meeting. At this time, the TRUE Commission has asked for additional information regarding the proposed Lot J project.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that the SE CPAC meetings will be held at the Mandarin Senior Center until further notice. Rosemary thanked all the member for their commitment to their communities and extended holiday wishes.

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

Chairs Report – Chair D’Onofrio asked the CPAC membership if they had any requests or suggestions for presentations. If so, please share them with Rosemary or Chair D’Onofrio.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: - Jim Hill asked if the group would take a straw vote on the Lot J proposal to see how everyone felt. There was a significant discussion that covered both the pros and cons of the proposed development. The CPAC members held the informal vote. Four members supported the project and ten members opposed the project.

Member Abby Howard Murphy stated that she felt the CPAC District are too big and would like the districts to be smaller.

Public Comment – Jim Hill informed the CPAC that long time member Betty Wolfe has moved to Ohio to be closer to family. Mr. Hill brought a card for Betty and asked all the CPAC members to sign. Rosemary will share Betty Wolfe’s new mailing address with the CPAC membership.

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be in person on Monday, January 25, 2021
at 6:30 pm – at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road,