

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 24, 2020 Meeting Summary

Zoom (no physical address)

Meeting Attendance

Members: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Anne Davis, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc.; Ramon Day, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners, Inc.; Carol D'Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc.; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Manny Gonzales Akers, Pickwick Park Civic Association; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; Will Herron, Shiloh Creek Neighborhood Association; 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; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Robin Pickle, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action, Manny Gonzalez Akers, Pickwick Park Civic Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton Homeowners Association

Visitors: Craig Shoup; 904-660-XXXX; Mary Reilly; Ann Clapp; 904-219-XXXX; Mitch Granat

Staff: The Honorable Danny Becton, City Council District 11; Robert Crawford, Municipal Code Compliance; Lt. Dash, JSO; Johnetta Moore, Parks, Recreation and Social Services; Thomas Register, Municipal Code Compliance; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Robin Smith, Public Works; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair D'Onofrio called the August 2020 SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone to the Zoom SE CPAC meeting Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – The July 2020 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): No Presentation

Elected Officials Report:

Danny Becton, City Council District 11 – provided an update on development plans on A. C. Skinner Parkway. 2020-468 is a Transmittal Bill – Large Scale. The current Land Use category for this 42.55-acre site is CGC (Community/General Commercial), and they are trying to change it to High Density Residential (HDR). Council Member Becton is opposed to this change and stated the A.C. Skinner Corridor is too saturated with multi-family. The current multi-family communities on A. C. Skinner Parkway include:

- JTB Apartments
- Lost Lakes Apartments
- Steele Creek Apartments
- Loree Apartments
- Summer Key
- Deerwood Place Assisted Living
- New Multifamily Under Construction (Parcel A)

- New Multifamily to be Developed (Parcel B)

Council Member Becton states by zoning Parcel C (the property that is recommended for the transmittal) as CO would provide for a mix uses along with the current multi-family, office and business parks that are already there and operational. Additionally, Council Member Becton stressed that the area lacks recreational infrastructure to support high density residential units only.

Council Member Becton – 904-255-5211 or dbecton@coj.net

Aaron Bowman, City Council District 3 – sent the following report:

Council Member Bowman extends an invitation for the much-awaited dog park in City Council District 3 that will open Friday, Sept. 4, at 9 a.m. The dog park, located at Abess Park, 12743 Abess Blvd. is near the corner of Girvin Rd. and Abess Blvd., will be open daily from dawn to dusk. The new dog park will feature separate fenced areas for large dogs and small dogs. The large dog section will include a loop trail through the woodland area and an open grassy field for free play. Small dogs will be able to play in a shaded grassy field. Benches, drinking fountains and other amenities will be added for everyone's enjoyment.

Council Member Bowman will host a public meeting regarding 2019-0317. The tentative date is Thursday, September 10 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Once details are finalized Zoom information will be provide.

Council Member Bowman - abowman@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Dash stated overall crime has been down in Zone 3 since the onset of Covid-19. There has been an uptick in business burglaries and increase in residential burglaries in the past 30 days.

CPAC members inquired about the health of former Zone 3 JSO CPAC Liaison, Assistant Chief Jimmy Judge. Lt. Dash informed the CPAC that he is out of state to obtain medical treatment. Lt. Dash stated he would forward information about fund raising events that JSO is holding to help Assistant Chief Judge through this difficult time.

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

JTA – Cheryl Riddick announced that JTA has moved into their newly constructed headquarters located directly across from the Prime F. Osborn Convention Center. JTA is asking all bus riders to wear masks and to follow social distancing guidelines when riding in JTA vehicles. Some bus schedules have been modified; please visit www.JTAFLA.com for updates. There will be a major service change in October 2020 and JTA will extend bus service into St. Johns County; details will be provided in the future.

Cheryl Riddick -904-632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com

Neighborhoods Municipal Code Compliance Division - Robert Crawford stated at this time he and his team have suspended collecting snipe signs and systematic inspections. This past month Municipal Code Compliance did complete 1138 inspections in the Southeast District,

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

Park, Recreation and Social Services – Chief Johnetta Moore informed the CPAC that she works in the Social Services Division and they have been busy with assisting with the various financial assistance programs that were offered through the City of Jacksonville due to the pandemic.

Currently, the Mandarin Senior Center is closed to the public. A new senior center will be construction on the south side and construction should begin this fall. This center will be located off Beach Boulevard; just east of Southside Boulevard (near the orange dinosaur) in the front of Peach/Beach Park.

Chief Moore answered the following questions:

- Will there be senior games this year? Pending a decision
- What is the status of the Utility funding that was given to JEA for the citizens of Jacksonville? All funds have been expended.
- What are the types of social services they offer? A copy of the Social Services brochures will be sent to Rosemary for distribution.

Johnetta Moore – 255-3322 – jmoore@coj.net

Public Works – Chief Robin Smith provided the following updates:

- Renovations have been completed at the Mandarin Senior Center.
- The San Clerc Road pedestrian bridge has been completed.
- An additional Deerwood Park Bridge will be built to handle the traffic.
- The new fire station (Station 63) off Baymeadows Road East is set for construction.
- Sidewalk installation is underway on Tiger Hole Road between Bowden Road and Hilsdale Road.
- Construction on the new Southside Senior Center should begin in the next 6 months.
- A drainage improvement project on Hartley Road (near Deep Bottom Creek) will start soon.
- A traffic calming project to address pedestrian safety will take place on/along Gate parkway.

Chief Smith answered the following questions:

- Will you fix the flooding problem at the foot of the Hart Bridge by the stadium? Yes, they have identified the cause of the problem.
- What is the status of the taking down the ramps from the Hart Bridge? All the ramps that were scheduled to be removed are gone. Construction of new ramps to ground level will occur in the near future

Robin Smith - 255-8710 - RobinSmith@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Joanne Parker Griffin and the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed sixteen LUZ applications and made a motion on two of the applications and the transmittal of land on A.C. Skinner Parkway. The motions were:

Deny Ord.2020-0473 and 2020-0474 at 0, 12375, 12387 & 12421 San Jose Boulevard to rezone 8.97 acres of land from CGC/RPI to RPI and PUD to allow for 260 multi-family units. The reasons supporting the denial recommendation include but are not limited to:

- The size and use of this project will not match the existing commercial businesses on this portion of San Jose Boulevard; nor does it blend with the single family homes in the surrounding area. This is not compatible and out of character in this location.

- The size of this 260 unit multi-family residential unit will add congestion to an already busy and high traffic commercial developed area. This area is already congested with traffic entering and exiting businesses as well commuters from St. Johns to Downtown Jacksonville.

The motion was approved by the CPAC.

Denial of 2020-468 Transmittal of the Large-Scale Transmittal Bill 2020-468 changing Land-Use from CGC to HDR o approximately 42.55 acres located on A.C. Skinner Parkway. The reasons supporting that decision include but are not limited to:

- The change is in conflict with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, specifically the Future Land-Use (FLUE), Transportation, Recreation and Open Space elements of the plan. The area surrounding this parcel within and 1.8 mile stretch is too saturated with existing and planned multi-family developments including eight existing apartment communities, once apartment community under construction and another apartment community construction project is scheduled to start soon. The totality of these high-destiny communities would result in an overly dense corridor, lacking critical support services contributing to the current traffic congestion of the area and void to the idea of mixed-use planning which the Comprehensive Plan requires.
- It is this specific mixed-use concept as currently zoned (CO) Commercial Office that Parcel C is zoned and provides which the 2030 Comprehensive Plan encourages and supports. In addition, as to the Recreation and Open Space Element, this region of our city lacks the critical essential services for “active” park space and resources.

The motion was approved by the CPAC.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill announced at the NFTPO meeting they reviewed a slight tweak to the Southside Boulevard / Deerwood Boulevard intersection improvement project. The September NFTPO meeting will be a hybrid meeting; NFTPO members can join the meeting in person or join via Zoom.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day stated the TRUE Commission has not met since March 2020 due to the moratorium on meetings of Boards and Commissions during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Mr. Day has been following the Budget Hearing. These meetings can be attended in person or viewed via Zoom.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski thanked the CPAC members for joining the Zoom meeting. The SE CPAC will need to hold the annual CPAC Chair and Vice Chair election at the November 2020 meeting. Rosemary informed the CPAC that she needs a minimum of three CPAC members to volunteer for the temporary Nomination Subcommittee. If you are interested, please let Rosemary know. It was clarified that Chair D’Onofrio is eligible to serve again in 2021. Vice Chair Malmind has served his three consecutive year term and is not eligible to serve as Vice Chair, but could be nominated for the Chair position. If you would like to make a nomination or would like to serve on the Nomination Subcommittee, please contact Rosemary.

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

Chairs Report – Chair D’Onofrio announced that she will attend a CPAC Chair meeting with the Mayor’s Office on Friday, September 11, 2020. If you have any concerns or issues that you would like brought up at the meeting, please share before the meeting.

Chair D’Onofrio inquired if the CPAC membership would like to get together to do a clean-up of one of the parks in the district. No one expressed an interest in a clean up.

Unfinished Business – Jim Hill asked to have a copy of the LUZ letters from the July CPAC meeting emailed to the CPAC membership.

New Business:

- Gary Weise asked if the CPAC could get an update from DCPS.
- Nany Barry asked Rosemary to email Robert Crawford's contact information to the CPAC.

Public Comment – none

Motion to Adjourn

**The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Via Zoom (no physical address)**