

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 22, 2021 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Ernst Cornehl; 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; 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; 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.; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Robin Pickle, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; 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: Dick Cardell, The Lakewood Community

Visitors: Rich Horvath, Nocatee; Richard Skule, Englewood; LuCi Bennett, Mandarin Community Club; Dolores Landrum; Latrell Simon; MSCTalk Bob; 30 Zoom; 2aParvcipants

Staff: Danny Becton, City Council District 11; Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; Bradley Clayton, MCCD; Andrew Cox, JFRD; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Nikki Evans, Executive Council Aide, At Large Group 2; Lori Hershey, DCPS School Board; Lt. Kenny, JSO; Keli Likins, JPL; Bryan Mosier, Director, Neighborhoods Department; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Keli Likins, JPL; Thomas Register, Municipal Code Compliance; Cheryl Riddick, Paul Soares, Duval County Public Schools; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office.

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair D’Onofrio called the March 2021 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 February 2021 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): Carol D’Onofrio, SE CPAC Chair reviewed the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) participation invitation letter she received with the CPAC membership. The SE CPAC has the opportunity to determine and identify one capital improvement project for each neighborhood within the boundaries of the SE CPAC. Once the recommendations are compiled, they will be submitted by the May 2021 deadline to be considered for inclusion into the FY2022-2026 Capital Improvement Project for funding.

Criteria for a capital improvement project include: the total project must have a total cost greater than \$100,000 and a lifespan of more than ten years and must add to, enhance the value of, or extend the life of the City's physical assets. Some examples include improvements to an existing park, the purchase of land for a future park, road improvements, sidewalk and bike lane construction, drainage projects, intersection improvements and library enhancements. Capital improvement projects do not include general maintenance. The deadline to submit the GAB CPAC recommendations is May 31, 2021.

Chair D'Onofrio lead a discussion and reviewed some of the previous recommendations submitted by the SE CPAC in 2019. A couple of new recommendations were made and will be compiled on the 2021 SE CPAC Recommendation list. Chair D'Onofrio encouraged the CPAC members to give this a little thought and share their recommendations at the April 26, 2021 CPAC meeting or email them to Rosemary Wesolowski (rosemary@coj.net) to add to the list. As a CPAC, all suggestions will be reviewed and discussed prior to the final recommendation letter submittal in May 2021.

Elected Officials Report:

Lori Hershey, Duval County School Board – informed the CPAC in April, the Duval County School Board will vote to approve the Five-year Strategic Plan. Based on current trends and trajectories, DCPS is making plans for a more traditional (in classroom) school opening for the 2021-2022 school year. Board Member Hershey and Paul Soares were available for questions.

Lori Hershey – hersheyl@duvalschools.org or 904-390-2375

Danny Becton, City Council District 11 – has been busy working on the following items:

- Missed yard waste collections in his district; due to the volume of yard to be collected the waste hauler is running behind. Additional trucks will be added to get caught up.
- Sidewalk repairs. Council Member Becton is working with the Public Works Department to address the repairs. If you have a sidewalk that needs repair, please call 630-2489 to report the repair.
- At the last City Council meeting, Council Members voted to pass 2021-0083-E, creating a new Chapter 672 (Public Nuisance Abatement Board); to assist with identifying properties that attract or allow nuisance activities; requiring corrective action by property owners; providing procedures for enforcement; providing for notice, hearing, rights and appeals; providing for assessment and recovery of costs, fines and fees related to enforcement; creating a public nuisance abatement board; providing for conflicts, severability, codification and an effective date.

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

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

- Stated that he too has received a number of complaints about missed yard waste collections. Council Member Boylan mentioned that to help alleviate this seasonal challenge, the City of Jacksonville is looking at possibly opening a drop off point for homeowners to take yard waste to help expedite the process.
- The next Safer Together workshop will be held on April 5, 2021, 6 pm to 8 pm. The focus of this workshop will be the use of force during an arrest and the possibility of creating a Citizens

Review Board. The workshop will be held via Zoom; please check Council Member Boylan's website for the Zoom meeting information

- The next Council District 6 Town Hall Meeting will be held on April 15, 2021, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm via Zoom. JSO, Public Works and FDOT will participate in this Town Hall Meeting. Please visit Council Member Boylan's website to obtain the Zoom meeting information.

Council Member Boylan – Mboylan@coj.net or 904-255-5206

Nikki Evans, Executive Council Aide, for Council Member Ron Salem, At-Large Group 2 – announced that Council Member Salem's next newsletter will be out soon. The newsletter will highlight his work such as:

- The Special Committee on opioid Epidemic, Vaping and Mental Health Resources received the Northeast Regional Council's Award for Excellence for the positive impact Project Saves Lives has had on our community.
- Council Member Salem jointly introduced legislation to name the JP Small Memorial Stadium in honor of Henry Aaron. Mr. Aaron played at this field in 1953 when he played for the Jacksonville Braves.
- The Mental Health Offender Pilot Program (MHOP) that launched in January 2021 is already seeing positive results. They are now looking to find a permanent source of funding to create a lasting program.

Council Member Salem – Rsalem@coj.net or 904-255-5216

Staff Reports:

Neighborhoods Department – Bryan Mosier, Director – provided the following updates:

- Recognized the NSO team on the success of the St. Johns River Clean-up on March 20, 2021. Stats from the cleanup are: 337 volunteers, 540 hours logged, 785 bags of trash/debris were collected.
- Mortgage Assistance Program will start accepting applications on March 31, 2021 at 8 am. Operations Director Moore will email details to the CPAC membership in the next couple of weeks.
- Remember to contact Animal Care and Protective Services (2020 Forest Street) to adopt your next furry family member.

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Kenny introduced herself and informed the CPAC in the last 30 days, crimes in the SE District have declined. Lieutenant Kenny answered several questions about speeding. It was confirmed, if you are on I-95, 295 or 9-B you can use the FHP app to report speeders. You can also call the JSO non-emergency number (630-0500) to report speeders on any road in Duval County.

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

JFRD – Andrew Cox, Fire District Chief Rescue 56, did not have a report, but confirmed construction is on schedule for the new fire station that will be located off Gate Parkway. Chief Cox was available for questions.

FDOT – Derek Dixon, stated the traffic signal project on State Road 13 (from Julington Creek Road to Mandarin Road) was completed in December 2020. Mr. Dixon answered several questions and will provide follow up to several other questions.

JPL – Keli Likins, South Regional Manager, announced the Great Decisions Series will now be offered online. In partnership with the University of North Florida (UNF), various professors from UNF will host a meeting called Great Decisions in a discussion group format to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Each meeting begins with a 30-minute film on the discussion topic and is then followed by a facilitator-led discussion. Upcoming topics are:

Brexit and the European Union, Tuesday, April 06, 2021 at 7 pm.

The End of Globalization, Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7pm.

For more information about the Great Decisions Series, please visit <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/events>

Ms. Likins did confirm that the meeting rooms and study rooms at all libraries are still closed to the public. They are starting to work on a plan to reopen the meeting room space.

Keli Likins – Klikins@coj.net

JTA – Cheryl Riddick informed the CPAC that JTA is now offering Ride to Health. In partnership with the City of Jacksonville, the Florida Department of Health for Duval County and other health service organizations, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority provides safe, clean, and reliable transportation to available COVID-19 vaccination distribution locations.

JTA's ReadIRide service is also providing on-call transportation to vaccination locations. To provide additional support to the community during COVID-19 vaccine distribution, JTA has expanded the coverage of their ReadIRide zones. Call (904) 679-4555 to confirm your eligibility and to make a reservation Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. To learn more about the ReadIRide Program, please visit: <https://www.jtafla.com/riding-jta/ride-to-health/>

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

Municipal Code Compliance Division – Bradley Clayton informed the CPAC in the last 30 days in Zone 3 there have been 791 new cases. The systematic inspection that was scheduled for the Spring Park area has been delayed until the end of March.

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>

Bradley Clayton – bclayton@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

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

LUZ– Joanne Parker Griffin and the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed six LUZ applications and no motions were made.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – stated they did not review anything at the last meeting that would impact the SE District, but they have a new member, Jim Robinson, a former City of Jacksonville, Public Works Director has joined the NFTPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day – The TRUE Commission held a hybrid meeting on March 4, 2021. Unfortunately, they did not have a meeting quorum. The TRUE Commission members continued in workshop mode and categorized the topics they plan to discuss/review. There will be a review of the number of accidents that occur within JSO and identify what risk management procedures/training are implemented to correct those accidents. The TRUE Commission will also conduct a multi-year study on how the JSO budget is developed and how/where the money is spent. The TRUE Commission also discussed restructuring the appointment process for the TRUE Commission. The TRUE Commission members would like each city council district (including the At-Large Districts) to nominate a representative as well as the six CPAC representatives to ensure all areas of the city are represented on the TRUE Commission.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski thanked Chair D’Onofrio for volunteering to be a Site Captain at the Walter Jones Historical Park & County Dock Boat Ramp for the St. Johns River Celebration 26th Annual Cleanup on Saturday, March 20, 2021.

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

Chairs Report – Chair D’Onofrio provided an overview of the events at the cleanup event on Saturday. Chair D’Onofrio reminded the CPAC to think about CIP projects in their communities that match the established criteria for recommendation.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: - None

Public Comment – CPAC Member Donna Herrin asked the City Council Members that participated in the CPAC meeting to explain why the citizens had the opportunity to vote on the half cent sales tax for schools, but the citizens do not get to vote for the proposed gas sales tax? Council Member Becton stated that the proposed Gas Tax is a referendum and only requires the vote of ten City Council members to pass.

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be in person on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm – at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257