

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 26, 2021 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; Dick 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; 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; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc.; 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: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Manny Gonzales Akers, Pickwick Park Civic Association

Visitors: Richard Skule, Englewood; LuCi Bennett, Mandarin Community Club; Jimmy Snyder; Ann Clapp; Englewood; 904-210-2807.

Staff: Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; Bradley Clayton, MCCD; Renee Goode, JEA; Keli Likins, JPL; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Assistant Chief Romano, Zone 3, JSO; 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 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 March 2021 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): Ramon Day, Jacksonville Community Council Inc. (JCCI) provided an overview of the history and return of this nonprofit civic minded organization.

The nonprofit JCCI was established in 1974, with the initial mission to identify the priority issues to improve the quality of life in the community. Since 1975, JCCI studied topics ranging from arts, education, race relations, and recreation to mental health, children, the local economy, and City finances.

Additionally, the annual Quality of Life Indicators monitored a variety of community attributes impacting the life of local residents. Over the course of 40 years, JCCI produced over 250 publications for external release and internal use. The studies and implementations were led by volunteers and involved thousands of participants.

JCCI's largest project was JAX2025, a 100-page report released in 2013 based on months of public meetings and input from more than 16,000 business and civic leaders and residents, that laid out a 12-year vision for Jacksonville.

After 2006, funding declined from private and public sources. In 2016, the decision was made to deactivate JCCI. In 2017, the Florida Not-for-profit Corporation was administratively dissolved. JCCI went dormant.

Due to the efforts of Ramon Day and a small group of like-minded community/civic leaders, JCCI is back in operation after a five-year hiatus. On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, new Articles of Incorporation papers were filed with the state. There was an organizational board meeting on April 6, 2021. The new Board of Directors consists of eleven members; of which six are women and five are men. To further ensure inclusion, the new board consists of three African Americans, two Latinos, and six white board members. It was confirmed that JCCI does not have a funding source yet, but due to donations, JCCI will again serve as the neutral convener of concerned citizens to come together with a non-partisan approach to study the vital issues confronting the City of Jacksonville. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the JCCI, please contact Ramon Day at: 904-704-7600 or RAMONCDAY@att.net

Elected Officials Report:

Michael Boylan, City Council District 6 – has been busy working on the following items:

- Missed yard waste collections in his district; due to the volume of yard to be collected and staffing issues, the waste hauler is running behind. Additional trucks and crews were brought up from Orlando to assist with the backlog of missed collections.
- The claw truck is scheduled to be on Mandarin Road and Scott Mill Road tomorrow, April 27, 2021.
- For those that live in City Council District 6, If you have an issue with missed waste, recycling, and yard waste collections, please call 630-CITY or send Council Member Boylan an email at MBoylan@coj.net
- Speeding on several Mandarin area roads has become a problem. Council Member Boylan is working with Lieutenant Hartley in the Traffic Division at JSO. Drivers are cutting through the neighborhood/back roads at excessive speeds. The first two weeks of March, JSO conducted a very intense speed enforcement campaign through the area and 280 drivers were cited and 80 others were given a warning.
- On May 4, 2021, Lori Boyer will speak at the Mandarin Rotary Club regarding the growth and redevelopment occurring in Downtown Jacksonville. On May 11, 2021, Nat Ford from JTA will present at the Mandarin Rotary Club on improving transportation needs. JTA has plans to build the Ultimate Urban Circulator. This will utilize the current Skyway but expand the system by using autonomous ground level vehicles to expand service by a 10-mile radius into San Marco area, Brooklyn area and to the stadium.

- Florida Blue has announced that they will allow most of their staff to continue to work from home and they will lease a large amount of their office space to other businesses.
- In the past year, permits to build residential homes has increased by 21%.
- Town hall meetings will be held to discuss the proposed full tax increase; dates, times and location will be announced.

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

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Assistant Chief Romano informed the CPAC overall crime in Zone 3 is down 17%; violent crime is down 17% and property crime is down 16%.

Assistant Chief Romano shared JSO is actively working with the homeless population. Each homeless person has a different situation and JSO is trying to get them to the services they need. If you are having a problem with a homeless person or persons, please call the JSO non-emergency number (904-630-0500) to request assistance.

Last week in Zone 3 there were 17 auto burglaries reported to JSO. All 17 vehicles were unlocked and three of the vehicles had guns stolen from them. Assistant Chief Romano encouraged everyone to participate in the 9 pm Routine; remember to remove valuables and firearms from your unattended vehicles. Remember to lock your car doors when you are not in the vehicle.

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

DCPS – Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent, Operations informed the CPAC that the Master Facility Plan has been implemented and these are the projects so far:

- One large project underway is at Rutledge Pearson Elementary School; ultimately, three elementary schools will be consolidated into one.
- Three prototype safety projects are underway; they are currently in the design phase.
- DCPS plans to have 41 different safety projects started on the first week of May.
- A new middle school will be constructed in the Chaffee Road area.
- The sales tax has generated \$38 million for this year and will generate \$80 million a year for the next 14 years.

JPL – Keli Likins, South Regional Manager, announced JPL will open all the public meeting rooms and community rooms to the public on May 1, 2021. JPL will continue to offer programs online as well. For a complete list of upcoming programs, please visit <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/events>

Keli Likins – Klikins@coj.net

JEA- Renee Goode reminded the CPAC that hurricane season begins on June 1st. Everyone was encouraged to call JEA (904-665-6000) confirm JEA has their current phone number and email address(es) in the event JEA needs to share hurricane or emergency information. Ms. Goode shared that there are individuals still posing as JEA to scam for money. Please call JEA (904-664-6000) if you have any questions or to verify if a call or email is legit or a scam.

Ms. Goode verified that JEA has created a list of 35 communities that are part of the septic tank phase out plan. JEA will start the phase out process in three communities; those communities are: Beverly Hills, Biltmore and Christobel.

Renee Goode – 904-665-6000

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/>

JTA has partnered with Agape Family Health to offer the Wellness on Wheels Program; this is a mobile Covid-19 vaccination program. For this program, JTA has wrapped two buses; one bus is used to vaccinate individuals and the other is used as the post vaccination waiting area. If you are interested in scheduling the buses to come to your place of business or worship, call JTA Customer Service at (904) 630-3100 to make the arrangements.

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 1300 new cases. The systematic inspection that was conducted in the Spring Park community had 250 homes cited for various violations. A systematic inspection began today in the Sans Souci community.

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

Public Works – Robin Smith, Chief, Engineering Construction Management stated construction on the new senior citizen center on Beach Boulevard is progressing with construction approaching the half-way point. The Hartley Road Drainage project is underway and on schedule.

Robin Smith – robinsmith@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 ten LUZ applications and will make one recommendation/motion to the CPAC.

Denial of E21-21 and companion application of WLD-21-05 at 14190 Beach Boulevard to allow on-premises consumption of beer/wine and to reduce the minimum distance between a liquor license establish and a church from 1500 feet to 65 feet. The recommendation of denial is for the following reasons:

- The current minimum distance of 1500 feet between a liquor establishment and a church should be maintained as written in Zoning Exceptions Code Section 656.131.
- Item I, the addition of a liquor license will not be consistent with the current Comprehensive Plan for the City of Jacksonville.
- Item V, the addition of a liquor license may have detrimental effect on the future development of contiguous properties.
- Item IX, the addition of a liquor license will not be consistent or meet the standards or criteria of the zoning classification in which such use is proposed to be located, and all other requirements for such particular use set forth elsewhere in the Zoning Code, or otherwise adopted by the Planning commission.

The CPAC members voted 10 vs. 1 to send the opposition letter.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – stated at the CAC meeting this month funds were identified for the following projects:

- Resurfacing on University Boulevard (from Cruz Road to Waters Edge Road)
- Resurfacing on Baymeadows Road (from Bayberry Road to SR 115/Southside Boulevard)
- Resurfacing University Boulevard (from San Jose Boulevard to I-95)
- Interchange improvement at Kernan Boulevard and SR 202/J. Turner Butler Boulevard

All the above-mentioned improvement projects are in the engineering phase.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day stated at the April 1, 2021 the TRUE Commission met and reviewed an audit report relating to JSO. The focus of the review was on JSO per capita spending as compared to other similar Florida police departments. In addition, the TRUE Commission will research what was budgeted vs. what was spent. The commission is hoping to have a report by the end of the summer.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that the Clean it Up, Green it Up program is currently updating the process to request clean up supplies. Information will be provided once the new process has been finalized.

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

Chairs Report – Chair D’Onofrio thanked the membership for returning to the meeting in person. On Friday, May 14th, Chair D’Onofrio will attend the quarterly CPAC Chairs and Mayor’s Office meeting. If you have a question or concern that you would like to have discussed, please share with Rosemary prior to May 14th meeting.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: - Ramon Day stated that his term on the TRUE Commission will expire in June and he is willing to represent the SE CPAC again.

Public Comment - None

Motion to Adjourn –

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be in person on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm – at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257