

## Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

May 24, 2021 Meeting Summary

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

### Meeting Attendance:

Members: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; K. LuCi Bennett, Mandarin Community Club; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; 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; 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: Anne Davis, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc.; Manny Gonzales Akers, Pickwick Park Civic Association

Visitors: There were over 70 visitors in person and 26 visitors on Zoom.

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 April 2021 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC with a correction to a date and an email address in the second paragraph.

**Presentation(s):** Dr. Adam Rosenblatt, Co-founder, Citizens’ Climate Lobby Jacksonville Chapter and Assistant Professor of Biology at the University of North Florida presented on climate change. Dr. Rosenblatt provided a brief professional biography that covered his studies on climate change impacts, his experience serving on the City of Jacksonville Special Committee on Resiliency and the Jacksonville Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby.

Dr. Rosenblatt discussed the increase of global temperature and increase of carbon dioxide since 1880 and the impacts it has had on sea level rise. Records have shown that since 1930 the sea level rise in the Mayport area has been nine inches. With global warming at its current rate the forecast of potential impacts and trends to our coastal communities were reviewed; by 2050 the sea level rise in Duval

County is expected to be in the 15-to-20-inch range. The loss of land and the threat to property due to flooding and tropical storms/hurricanes will significantly impact where we live in Jacksonville.

Historical temperature records have documented that the average air temperature in Duval County has increased significantly over the past 100 year. While daytime extremes have garnered widespread media attention, overnight low temperatures are rising faster than daytime highs. This warming is independent of the sun and these rising nighttime temperatures are being felt more in urban areas, where a phenomenon known as the urban heat island effect (UHI) occurs.

For more detailed information, Dr. Rosenblatt encouraged everyone to read the final report of the Special Committee on Resiliency. This report can be found at: <https://www.coj.net/city-council/standing-committees/resiliency-special-committee>

#### **Elected Officials Report:**

**Danny Becton, City Council District 11** –informed the CPAC members and attendees, that after the LUZ Subcommittee meeting, he met with all the visitors and CPAC members that have concerns about the proposed Greenland Road waste transfer facility. Council Member Becton announced he will hold a special Town Hall Meeting to address this issue. Details for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting will be provided in the near future.

Council Member Becton has introduced Bill 2021-222; this will modify our current chicken ordinance. The new legislation will create a list for deed restricted communities and any neighborhood that forbid chickens/chicken coops in their by-laws. This will prevent the City of Jacksonville from issuing a chicken/chicken coop permit to a person that lives in a restricted community. On the new permit application, the applicant that resides in a deed restricted community must submit a form from a representative of their board or management company that declares the applicant is allowed to have chickens and a chicken coop.

Council Member Becton – [dbecton@coj.net](mailto:dbecton@coj.net) or 904-255-5211

**Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, City Council Member Salem**, shared an update that Council Member Salem introduced a bill to request funds for the mental health offender pilot program. With the additional funds, Council Member Salem would like to make the pilot program a permanent program.

Council Member Salem – [RSalem@coj.net](mailto:RSalem@coj.net) or 904-255-5216

#### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Elizabeth Kenny** informed the CPAC that an arrest has been made and the theft of catalytic converters from parked cars should stop now.

Lieutenant Kenny and a couple of CPAC members discussed the status of the motels on Dix Ellis Trail. JSO has been monitoring activity in and around the motels and will continue to do so.

Everyone was encouraged 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.

CPAC Members were encouraged to start preparing for the upcoming hurricane season. You may want to prep a “Go Bag” that contains a supply of medication and other essential items that can last between 5 to 7 days in case a quick evacuation is needed.

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 is excited to host their annual Summer Reading program. The program will run from June 1 to July 30. This year children will be able to participate in limited in-branch programs, many interactive virtual events, complete fun activities, participate in challenges, go on scavenger hunts and more. For every 15 days a child reads they will earn one free book.

How to Participate - read 15 minutes a day or more, track your reading with the library’s reading tracker bookmark that can be picked up at your local library. After 15 days, bring the tracker and library card into a local library to pick up your free book

For a complete list of upcoming programs, please visit <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/events>

Keli Likins – [Klikins@coj.net](mailto: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/>

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](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)

**Municipal Code Compliance Division – Bradley Clayton** informed the CPAC that a systematic inspection was completed in the Sans Souci community and 240 properties were cited for various violations. Throughout the SE District this month 1300 properties were cited.

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](mailto:bclayton@coj.net)

**Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Kara Tucker**, Chief of Disabled Services provided the following updates:

- The Fort Family Regional Park (formerly 9A-Baymeadows Regional Park) has a bid out for new quad baseball diamonds, parking lot and restrooms.
- Walter Anderson/Flynn Road Park – pickleball courts are completed, reviewing option for low level lighting at the courts.
- Mandarin Park – ADA kayak launch, construction will start late summer or early fall.
- Chuck Rogers Park – Restroom remodel should be complete this week.
- Losco Park – adding 2-5 play structure this fall, Parks working with Council Member Boylan, Elite Soccer and Art in Public Places for an art installation at the park.
- Julington Durbin Creek Park – working with St. John's Water Management District on parking lot expansion.
- Palmetto Leaves Park – southern trail expansion is in progress (access at Old St. Augustine Road).
- Outdoor pools will be open Saturday, May 29 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday, May 30, from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Monday, May 31, from 11am – 6p.m. Beginning June 5<sup>th</sup>, pools will be open Saturdays 11am – 6pm, Sundays 2pm – 6pm and Tuesday-Friday 1pm – 7pm. Closed Mondays.
- Aquatics is still in need of lifeguards. If you know anyone ages 15 and older looking for a summer job, please contact JaxParks.
- Summer Camp – registration is open for Summer Camp. Parks offer three [2] week sessions, beginning June 21<sup>st</sup> – July 30. There are vouchers available for anyone seeking financial assistance for summer camp.
- All Senior Citizen Centers are scheduled to open on August 9, 2021
- Summer Night Lights (SNL) will start on May 28, 2021. Teens ages 13 - 17 will enjoy music, dancing, movies, basketball, painting, and a game truck on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6pm - 10pm. In the Southeast District, SNL will be held at Cuba Hunter Park, 4380 Bedford Rd., 32207.

- RecN'Roll 2021 will kick off on May 28, 2021. RecN'Roll is designed for youth ages 6 - 17 this summer on Friday and Saturdays from 10:30 am - 6:30 pm. In the Southeast District, RecN'Roll will be held at Adolph Wurn Park, 2115 Dean Rd., 32216

Kara Tucker – [Ktucker@coj.net](mailto:Ktucker@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](mailto:ArimusW@coj.net)

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

**LUZ– Joanne Parker Griffin** and the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed seven LUZ applications and will make one recommendation/motion to the CPAC. The motion is:

**Denial of 2021-0273** at 13901 Sutton Park Drive S. which seeks to rezone 19.45 +/- acres of land from PUD to 1994-0842 to PUD in order to permit 260 multi-family dwellings. The recommendation of denial is for the following reasons:

- Section 656-125 - Limitations on rezoning of land, Item C-5 the proposed use of land will add an increased amount of traffic to an area that is already congested and overdeveloped. This increased traffic and congestion will detract from the character and quality of life in the general area for both residents living off Sutton Park drive and Glen Kernan Parkway, along with resident of Jacksonville that travel Hodges Boulevard.
- Section 656-125 – Zoning of Planned Unit Developments, Section 656-341 items VII and XVII. The addition of this 260-unit multi-family community will add increased traffic and congestion that will have detrimental impact to traffic and pedestrian circulation patterns. The increased volume will also increase safety issues and may cause increased time for emergency vehicles to pass through this intersection and Sutton Park Drive.

The CPAC members voted 9 vs. 3 to send the opposition letter.

**North Florida TPO – Jim Hill** – no report

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Ramon Day stated the TRUE Commission has an Audit Committee and a Legislative Tracking Committee. TRUE Commissioner Roberts completed a very interesting analysis of the bills that had been introduced over the last 12 months. Commissioner Roberts identified that 49% of the bills fell into three areas: 22% land use; 17% in Appointments and 10% in resolutions honoring and commending groups and individuals.

Commissioner Roberts also noted that there was a Bill appropriation for \$100 million for septic tank remediation. Based on the average cost of \$51,000 per unit to remediate and the estimation that there are 23,000 septic tanks in need of remediation/removal, it would cost approximately \$1.2 billion to complete the project.

Over the last three months, the TRUE Commission working on comparisons with JSO and comparable Florida cities. Two reports have been reviewed and discussed. Currently one TRUE commissioner has been reviewing crime statistics in Florida. This review is looking at approximately eight peer cities and

trying to compare their per capita stats and spending. As additional information becomes available, that will be presented to the CPAC.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** shared the information about the upcoming Animal Care and Protective Services pet adoption campaign. Pet-A-Palooza will offer free pet adoptions May 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> at 2020 Forest Street, 32202. There will also be adoption opportunities at the Riverside Arts Market on May 29, 2021 and the Home and Patio Show on May 30, 2021. For more information, visit: [www.coj.net/pets](http://www.coj.net/pets).

Rosemary Wesolowski 904-255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)

**Chairs Report – Chair D’Onofrio** shared that she attended the quarterly CPAC Chairs and Mayor’s Office meeting on May 14, 2021. There was some significant discussion about missed trash, recycling, and yard waste collections. Missed collections is a city-wide concern and it was confirmed that the waste haulers are having problems with staffing; they are having problems keeping staff. There was also an inquiry about the status of the changing/updating the CPAC Executive Order and By-laws; this is still in review.

Chair D’Onofrio reviewed the CPAC CIP recommendations with the CPAC members one more time. With no changes, the CIP recommendations will be submitted tomorrow.

**Unfinished Business – None**

**New Business:** - Member Kathleen Perera expressed concern with MyJax (630-CITY). The concern is regarding tickets getting closed without the concern getting corrected or completed. Member Abby Howard Murphy concurred. Both CPAC members stated there is a need from the city/responsible department to follow up with the individual that reported the concern before the ticket is closed.

**Public Comment - None**

**Motion to Adjourn –**

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be in person on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm – at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257