

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 27, 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; Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Ramon Day, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners, Inc.; Carol D’Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc; Manny Gonzalez Akers, Pickwick Park; 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; Richard Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA Inc.; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Scott Koslowski, James island HOA; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic 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: Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Robin Pickle, Brierwood Neighborhood Association

Visitors: John Nooney; Nancy Wilson; Bryan Regan; Magda Mugagie; Robert Regan; Jana Williamson; Rick Wilder; James Wilson; Brent Worthington; James Stevenson; Kristi Ciresi; Frank Ciresi; Michael Beck; Norman Brewer; Richard Yelton; John Stanton; Linda Rowe; Barton Chelf; Lori Chelf; Robert Kleak; Blake HaKimian, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners Association; Mandarin Site Captain; JUN; Rob Zirnstein; Pastor Blackbear; Likendr11phone; Major; Jon Singelton

Staff: Danny Becton, City Council District 11; Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; Chief Andrew Cox, JFRD; Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, At-Large Group 2; Randi Glossman, JSO; Keli Likins, JPL; Autumn Martinage, FDOT; Bryan Mosier, Director, Neighborhoods Department; Paul Soares, DCPS; 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 August 2021 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, Duval County Public Schools walked the CPAC through the new Duval County Public Schools Community Dashboard. The Community Dashboard is an online tool that enables everyone to monitor the financial and project progress of renovations and rebuilding of Duval County Public School buildings.

As a reminder, the approved voluntary half-penny sales tax was passed to support the renovation and rebuilding of Duval County's Public School buildings. Plans were developed and work has begun to make the 15-year plan a reality. The community can use the dashboard (web address below) to see both the financial and project progress. The dashboard reflects the Master Facility Plan.

The district's Master Facilities Plan provides enhanced safety and security at all schools, addresses crumbling school infrastructure, reduces the use of portable classrooms, and improves operating efficiency. Most important, it gives all students from every school in the district an appropriate environment for teaching and learning.

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/29838>

When you visit the Community Dashboard you can use the sorting features to focus in on schools or various areas of interest. By clicking on "Schedules" you can see what projects and plans are happening now, and what is planned for the near future. As projects are funded and prepared ready for contracting, the MWSBE tab will show the district's goals for minority and women owned business, as well as small business, participation in the building/renovation programs.

Elected Officials Report:

Danny Becton, City Council District 11 –informed the CPAC members and attendees that:

- Bill 2021-0497-E was approved on 9/14/2021. This will provide the City of Jacksonville and Council District 11 a new park. This legislation was introduced by Council Member Becton and will provide for the donation of approximately 15+ acres of property off AC Skinner Parkway. Additionally, the legislation also includes \$1 million-dollar contribution to develop the new park.
- Ground was broken in the e-Town area for a new fire station. The e-Town station will be named Fire Station 74. This station will handle emergencies in Jacksonville's e-Town area as well as parts of Mandarin to the south and the Baymeadows area to the north. Fire Station 74 will cost approximately \$5.5 million and should be open in just about a year at the e-Town Parkway traffic circle east of Interstate 295.
- Construction on the permanent Fire Station 63 (on Gate Parkway near Ikea) should be completed in October 2021.
- Council Member Becton extended an invitation to the CPAC to join them tomorrow night for the September 28, 2021, City Council Meeting. City Council will pass the 2021/2022 City of Jacksonville budget.

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

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

- Mayor Curry has developed a process to correct the backlog of garbage, recycling, and yard waste missed collections that many have experienced. Starting October 4th, Mayor Curry announced, recycling collection would be suspended and all waste haulers in Jacksonville would begin their focus on collecting garbage and yard waste. There will be 14 collection drop-off sites opening around the city to assist in the collection of recycling where residents can bring their recyclables at no cost. In the City Council District 6 (Mandarin area), the collection site will be at Palmetto Leaves Regional Park, 5760 Greenland Road, 32257.

- Construction on Hartley Road has been completed and the road is open for traffic.
- There is construction on the north end of Hood Road, just south of Sunbeam Road. The road construction is due to a townhome construction project that has damaged the road.
- Unfortunately, a student traveling to school was hit by a car on Losco Road at Losco Junction Drive on September 17, 2021. Council Member Boylan is working with Duval County School Board Member Lori Hershey and the City of Jacksonville Department of Traffic Engineering to look at safety improvements that can be made added in this area.
- Council Member Boylan has also received several complaints about the traffic and traffic circulation during student drop off times from neighbors on Loretto Road. The council member is also addressing this concern with Duval County Public Schools.
- Council Members Morgan and Boylan have been working on the City Council initiative called “Safer Together” that brings together the voices of the community and representatives from the Jacksonville Sheriff’s office. This City Council initiative will continue into the next year. At future workshops, the Safer Together leadership and community members will evaluate various policies/procedures of JSO and FDLE.
- Council Member Boylan is creating a bill to bring the Safe Syringe Program to Jacksonville. According to Council Member Boylan, this program will cut down on addiction and disease associated with illegal drug use. It was stated in 2019, Duval County came in fourth in the state for newly diagnosed HIV cases which is often spread by dirty, used needles.

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

Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, At-Large Group 2 informed the CPAC that the success of the Mental Health Offender Program has exceeded everyone’s expectation. Next week, there will be a graduation ceremony for six individuals that have completed the program. The six graduates will move into an assisted living community.

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

Staff Reports:

Neighborhoods – Bryan Mosier – informed the CPAC members about the upcoming Pawtoberfest Free Adoption Special. The event will be held October 08, 2021 - October 10, 2021, at 2020 Forest St. Jax, FL 32204. Animal Care and Protective Services are celebrating Pawtoberfest with free adoptions on all adult dogs and cats. Times of the events are Friday - 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Saturday - 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday - 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

It was announced that we are still in mosquito season, and the West Nile Virus has popped up in test sentinel areas. The best way to protect ourselves from mosquitoes is to prevent them from breeding. One of the most effective ways of preventing the spread of mosquito-borne viruses is controlling the mosquito population by eliminating standing water around the home and in the yard. Mosquitoes lay eggs in water; just a bottle cap of water is all they need. After every rainfall tip out water in flowerpots, planters, children’s toys, wading pools, buckets, and anything else around your yard that can hold water. If it holds water and you don’t need it (old tires, bottles, cans), toss it out.

Director Mosier reminded the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) still has funds available to assist Duval County residents who have been unable to pay their rent

or utilities due to a loss of income related to COVID-19. United Way is administering the rental assistance payments and the City and JEA will administer the utility assistance payments. To learn more about the funds and/or to apply online visit: <https://www.coj.net/erap> or text 211904 to apply. The funding available under this program will be used to make direct payments to landlords and JEA on behalf of qualifying tenants.

Bryan Mosier – bmosier@coj.net

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Glossman stated in Zone 3 (Southeast) in the past 30 days violent crime is down 20% and property crime is up 10%. Most of the property crime was related to items stolen out of unlocked vehicles. 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.

Lieutenant Glossman answered questions regarding panhandling, homeless camps clean ups and what happens when sexual offenders provided permanent addresses as motels. Lieutenant Glossman suggested if anyone is encountered with any of the above-mentioned situations to call the Zone 3 Substation and request assistance from JSO.

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

JFRD – Rescue District Chief Andrew Cox shared that JFRD is excited about the new fire station coming online. The new Fire Station 63 is located by Ikea. Construction plans are underway for Fire Station 74; this fire station will be built off 9B in the e-Town area.

JPL – Keli Likins, South Regional Manager, announced that JPL will be actively bringing in-person story time back to several libraries. In the Southeast District the South Mandarin Library will host story time every Thursday at 10:00 am; the Mandarin Library on Fridays at 10:00 am and the Southeast Regional Library on Saturdays at 10:00 am. Several of the libraries will host story time outside. Please call the library if you have questions. Ms. Likins confirmed that the Main Library is currently closed, and the Regeneron Treatment Site is in the Main Library Conference Center. The Regeneron Treatment is open and operational; the entrance into the treatment center is through the entrance on Main Street. If you have questions about Regeneron Treatments, please call 1-850-344-9637.

Keli Likins – Klikins@coj.net

FDOT- Autumn Martinage, Planning Specialist IV, provided the following updates:

- The express lanes construction along I-295 from J. Turner Butler Blvd. to State Road 9B began construction in spring 2016. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2021.
- The Philips Highway at Reba Avenue intersection improvements project will enhance pedestrian safety and provide safer traffic operations through the intersection. Traffic will be maintained in accordance with FDOT standards. Lane closures on Philips Highway are restricted from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. for southbound lanes and from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. for northbound lanes. This project should be completed soon.
- The State Road 115 (Southside Boulevard) at Gate Parkway Intersection Improvements will begin in a few days and is expected to be completed in Fall of 2022. The project improvements include:

- Construction of an additional northbound and southbound auxiliary lane on Southside Boulevard between Butler Boulevard and Gate Parkway
- Construction of a third westbound to southbound left turn lane on Gate Parkway
- Construction of a second northbound to eastbound right turn lane on Southside Boulevard
- Rerouting southbound to eastbound left turns from Southside Boulevard to Gate Parkway to a new signalized intersection approximately 500 feet south of Gate Parkway, and the rerouting of all approaching traffic from Gate Parkway west to a new signalized intersection approximately 500 feet south of Gate Parkway.
- Four overpasses along I-295 are scheduled for repair and repainting. Those overpasses are located at: I-295 and Lee Road; I-295 and J. Turner butler Boulevard; I-295 and St. Johns Bluff Road and I-295 and Gate Parkway.

Municipal Code Compliance Division – On behalf of Bradley Clayton, Thomas Register informed the CPAC that year to date in the Southeast District a little over 90,000 inspections have been completed for blight and zoning issues. In November, a systematic inspection will be completed in the Windy Hill 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>

Mr. Register reminded the CPAC about State Bill 60 (SB 60). SB 60 amends the county and municipal code enforcement statutes to prohibit county and municipal code inspectors and code enforcement officers from initiating an investigation into violations of city or county codes or ordinances based upon an anonymous complaint. It also requires that an individual making a complaint of a potential violation provide his or her name and address to the local government body before an investigation may occur.

The prohibition does not apply if the code inspector or code enforcement officer has reason to believe the alleged violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources. The Bill went into effect July 1, 2021.

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 21 LUZ applications. The LUZ Subcommittee would like to make four recommendations/motions to the CPAC.

- **Deferral of Ordinance 2021-0650** PUD 2522/2630 Belfort Road, 0 Belfort Road and 0 Synhoff Drive seeks to rezone 15.45 acres of land from RLD-60 to PUD to permit for 60 townhomes. The CPAC voted to defer 2021-0650 until all public and community meetings are completed. This request is based on both citizens opposition to the application and non-compatibility with the surrounding area. Zoning Code section 656-125 Limitations on rezoning of land, Item C-3 states uses permitted under the proposed reasoning will not be consistent or compatible with the existing and proposed land uses and zoning of adjacent and nearby properties of the general area or will deviate from an established or developing logical and orderly development pattern. Currently, the 15.45+- acres is surrounded by several single-family home communities and is also an active area for wildlife including several species of turtles and birds. It is also currently the home of an active Bald Eagle nest. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Denial of Ordinance 2021-0656** Waiver of Road Frontage 13762, 13766 & 13768 Mandarin Road seeks to reduce the required road frontage from 480 feet to 360 feet in the RLD-120 Zoning District based on non-compatibility with the surrounding area. Zoning Code Section 656-125 – Limitations on rezoning of land, Item C-3 states uses permitted under the proposed reasoning that it will not be consistent or compatible with the existing and proposed land uses and zoning of adjacent and nearby properties or the general area ad will deviate from an established or developing logical and orderly development pattern. Currently, this beautiful and historic Mandarin Road area consists of homes and properties consisting of a minimum of 480 feet of road frontage per Jacksonville City Zoning and Mandarin Road subdivision guidelines. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Denial of Ordinance 2021-0696** PUD 0 Newton Road & 0 Bella Mara Road seeks to rezone 19.35+- acres of land from PUD 2003-1506 to PUD in order to permit for 172 apartments. The CPAC voted to deny 2021-0696 based on non-compatibility of the proposed 172-unit apartment units with the Single Residence neighborhoods in the surrounding area. Zoning Code Section 656-125- Limitations on rezoning of land, Item C-3 states uses permitted under the proposed land uses and zoning of adjacent and nearby properties or the general area or will deviate from an established or developing logical and orderly development pattern. Currently, the 19.35 +- acres are surrounded by Single Residence neighborhoods. A multi-family apartment complex is not compatible with the current Single Residence homes making up this area of the city that has become a popular area for preservation and renovation. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Denial of Ordinance WLD-21-20 and Companion E-21-66 4389** University Boulevard S. WLD-21-20 seeks to reduce the minimum distance between an alcohol establishment ad church/school from 500 feet to 153 feet. E-21-66 seeks to permit for outside sale and service of alcohol in conjunction with a restaurant in a CCG-1 Zoning District. The Southeast CPAC voted to deny WLD-21-20 and E-21-66 based on the distance between this establishment and an existing active church. Current City zoning requires 500 feet minimum distance. Zoning Waivers: Section

656.133 Waivers for minimum distance requirements for liquor license locations does not cite reasons that are strong enough for this distance to be reduced for these applications. The motion passed unanimously.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – no report

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Committee was formed by Executive Order 2020-01. The purpose and goals of the Parks Safety Council are to establish park safety standards for all city-owned parks within the City of Jacksonville. The Parks Safety Council will meet at least quarterly and will publish a quarterly review of park review of park conditions. The report will be submitted to the Mayor, the City Council and news media. At the first meeting the committee received training on Ethics and Sunshine Laws. The next meeting will be held on October 25, 2021.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day informed the CPAC that the TRUE Commission last met on September 9, 2021, where the commission reviewed a light load of audits. There are several concerns regarding staffing policies of JSO. The TRUE Commission has prepared a list of questions that were sent to Sheriff Williams. Sheriff Williams will attend the October 7, 2021, TRUE Commission meeting to respond the questions sent by the TRUE Commission.

As mentioned at previous meetings, the TRUE Commission has completed a peer city comparative analysis of JSO and with other similar law enforcement agencies. Early indications reveal that JSO is probably understaffed. Patrol enforcement, Investigations and Homeland Security seem to be the most understaffed areas of JSO so far. This will also be discussed with Sheriff Williams at the October meeting.

Another concern of the TRUE Commission is the Police and Fire Pension. There is a \$4.4 billion liability for the Police and Fire Pension Fund, and it is currently funded at 48%. This has brought up the question, what has been the trend in the Police and Fire Pension Funds in other comparative cities? This pension fund is being researched and there will also be a presentation on this topic at the October meeting.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – reminded the CPAC that the Nomination Subcommittee has formed. The Nomination Subcommittee members are Nancy Barry, Donna Herrin, Jim Hill, and Kathleen Perera. The Nomination Subcommittee hybrid meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 6:30 pm at the Southeast Regional Library and on Zoom. The meeting notice for the meeting has been distributed to all CPAC members. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact Rosemary or one of the subcommittee members. The Matching Grant programs is open. Information for the Matching Grant program has been emailed to everyone. If you have not received information, please contact Rosemary. Lastly, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, there will be a Shred Event at TIAA Bank Field in the parking lot. There will be a limit of two boxes per vehicle. Complete details will be forth coming.

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

Chairs Report – Chair D’Onofrio did not have a report.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: - None

Public Comment – Visitor John Nooney stated he wanted to recognize the public participation that the CPAC allows. This is an opportunity for the public to speak. The main reason Mr. Nooney attended the meeting tonight was LUZ application 2021-0650. This LUZ application was the reason most of the visitors that attended the meeting earlier were here. Mr. Nooney stated that he feels too often the public is shut out and issues on Pottsburg Creek have been present for some time. Mr. Nooney encouraged the CPAC to attend the City Council Meeting tomorrow night and express any concern they may have.

Motion to Adjourn –

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Join us at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 in person or virtually on Zoom.