

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 28, 2023, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Susan Bailey, Linkside Baymeadows; Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Ryan Colvin, Bayard Community Association; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Carol Eichling, Village Green Two Condo Association; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA Inc.; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Cliff Green, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Joanne Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Steven Hutra, East Hampton HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Dolores Landrum, Campfield Masters Homeowners Association; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mill Community Association, Inc.; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Carol D’Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Rich Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA, Inc.; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; John Reed, Linkside at Baymeadows

Visitors: Jacqueline Parenteaj, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Andrew Lisella, US1 South Wells Creek; John Nooney; Shelley Heaney, Pickwick Park Civic Association; Kristin Vernoef; Pickwick Park Civic Association; Ann Clapp; Ricard Skule; 904-660-4021

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan, District 6; George Foote, Executive Council Assistant, Council District 5; Caroline Fulton, Planning and Development; Assistant Chief Glossman, JSO; Captain Charles Johnson, JFRD; Tiffany Morales, Military and Veterans Affairs; Eric Soriano, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; John Williams, Municipal Code Compliance; Becca Wright, Parks Recreation and Social Services

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair Griffin 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 July 2023 summary was approved.

Presentation(s): Jay Stowe, JEA, CEO, informed the CPAC about the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), JEA’s Future Energy Mix through 2030.

JEA is working toward a cleaner and more resilient energy future for Northeast Florida. The long-term plan that JEA has developed contains the following goals:

- Their power supply portfolio will include 35% clean energy.
- To retire less efficient energy generating equipment.

- To reduce CO2 emissions by 80% compared to the 2005 emission rates.
- Use 100% clean energy at JEA facilities.
- To offset electrification demands from homes, businesses, and vehicles with energy efficiency programs.
- The IRP has identified least-cost resource plans to meet forecasted energy requirements between 2022 through 2051.

To learn more about JEA’s IRP process, please visit www.JEA.com/irp For feedback or questions, send them to irp@jea.com

Elected Officials Report:

The Honorable Michael Boylan, District 6, shared the following updates:

- Council President Salem created a special subcommittee called the JSO Primary Facilities Review Committee and Council Member Boylan will serve as the Chair. Thus far, the subcommittee has toured the jail and associated facilities and found the buildings, structures, and parking is inadequate. Conversations about moving the jail will not happen until the special committee fully understands what is needed and what will be cost-efficient solution.
- City Council has approved (2023-0373) the appropriation of \$2.2 million for the purchase of a home on Scott Mill Road (just north of the Buckman Bridge overpass) that will be torn down and re-developed as a JFRD marine fire station.
- Local J-Bill – City Council is asking the Duval delegation to create the opportunity for the City to impose the tax if it is determined that such a tax would be necessary to create an ongoing funding stream to address our growing homelessness issue.
- The next City Council District 6 Town Hall meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28, from 6 – 8 pm at the Mandarin Senior Center.
- Due to the approaching hurricane, solid waste, yard waste, bulk collection and recycling collection will be suspended on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. The collection date has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 2, 2023.

Michael Boylan – 904-255-5206 or MBoylan@coj.net

George Foote, Executive Council Assistant for District 5, informed the CPAC that:

- Council Member Joe Carlucci is currently serving on the Rules and LUZ City Council Committees.
- In the first 30 days in office, Council Member Joe Carlucci has evaluated all 45 parks in Council District 5, met with the San Marco Preservation Society, participated in a community walk in East San Marco, and is working with the Pine Forest community.
- Council Member Joe Carlucci or Mr. Foote, plan to be at many of the CPAC meetings.

Joe Carlucci – 904-255-5205 or JoeCarlucci@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO – Assistant Chief Glossman, shared the following information:

- All JSO district/zone boundaries were realigned this summer. The realignment has impacted the Southeast District/Zone. A portion of the Southeast District (everything west of University

Boulevard) will now receive police services from the Urban Core District (Zone 1) officers. All calls from Hodges Boulevard and San Pablo Road, that are south of Beach Boulevard are now part of the Greater Arlington/Beaches District (Zone 2) JSO team.

- The realignment was completed to balance out the number of calls for service. Due to the size, population, and development, the Southeast District (Zone 3) had the most calls for service in the City of Jacksonville.
- Due to the JSO boundary realignment, crime statistics have dropped drastically in Zone 3. In the past 30 days, violent crime is down 10.4% and property crime is down 30.93%.

Zone 3 Substation – 904-828-5463

JFRD – Captain Charles Johnson, provided the following updates:

- Hurricane season is here, it is time to prepare and develop a hurricane plan for your home and family.
- Everyone was encouraged to download the JAXReady app. This app will provide real time updates regarding the approaching hurricane.

Captain Johnson – JohnsonC@coj.net or 904-255-8560

JPL – Eric Soriano, shared the following information:

- September is National Library Card sign-up month. Everyone was encouraged to sign up for a new card, renew an old card, to help a friend or family member to get one. You can sign up in person or online at jaxpubliclibrary.org. On the website look for and click on “Get a Library Card”.
- The Jacksonville Public Library is pleased to be selected as one of only 50 libraries in the United States to host the *Americans and the Holocaust* national touring exhibit. This is in partnership with the American Library Association and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- As a host city, the Main Library is hosting docent-led tours and a number of reflection sharing sessions featuring Holocaust survivors, their families and experts on the field.
- The Southeast and the Mandarin Libraries will also host special screenings of the Ken Burns documentary “*US and the Holocaust*” on September 7, 2023, and 13, 2023 respectively. Both programs will be followed by discussion sessions facilitated by Holocaust educators and history professors from UNF.
- Jax Book Fest returns on September 22-23 at the Main Library. This year, a Writer’s Day will be added on Friday with free workshops on writing and self-publishing, networking opportunities with local writer's groups and more.

Eric Soriano – esoriano@coj.net

Military Affairs and Veterans – Tiffany Morales stated:

- Applications for the Veterans Day Parade will be accepted through September 29, 2023. You can use the following web address to get an application: <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs.aspx>
- The Entrepreneur Standdown will be offered on December 1, 2023. Pre-registration is required. For complete details, visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs.aspx>

- A Veterans Stand down will be offered on January 26 and 27, 2024. Information will be forthcoming.

Tiffany Morales – 255-5550

Municipal Code Compliance Division – John Williams, Zone 3 Supervisor, stated in the past 30 days, Code Compliance Officers completed 1103 inspections. A pro-active inspection is completed in the Goodby's Creek area and five violations were cited. A commercial corridor inspection will be conducted along University Boulevard (I-95 to Beach Boulevard) in the near future.

If you have an old Code Enforcement concern or complaint that was reported to 630-CITY and you are dissatisfied with how it was handled, please send an email to: codeenforcement@coj.net. Please include the case number/reference number, the address where the concern is located, explain why you do not like how the issue was handled, provide your contact information and a Code Compliance Officer will contact you to discuss the issue.

The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief or JAR program was reviewed. 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. If you cannot comply with 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>

Florida Senate Bill 60 prohibits code inspectors from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints. The tickets will be closed if they are submitted anonymously.

John Williams – 904-255-7000

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Becca Wright provided the following updates:

- All public pools will close for the season on Monday, September 4, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
- Palmetto Leaves Park will receive three new soccer fields. All three soccer fields are in the design phase. Construction should begin in the Fall 2024.
- The Tommy Hazouri Park (formerly the Mandarin Park) will receive new playground equipment in 2024.
- The Walter Jones Park boardwalk re-decking project should be completed in the next 2 weeks.
- At Losco Park, the new overflow parking lot should be completed in September 2023 and the new synthetic turf installation should be completed in early 2024.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – 904-255-7907

Planning & Development Department – Kaysie Cox - no report

Kaysie Cox – 904-255-7853 or KaysieC@coj.net

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

LUZ– Craig Shoup – stated the subcommittee reviewed seven new LUZ applications and no motions or recommendations were made.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill stated at the August meeting, none of the items discussed were in this area. Mr. Hill announced that the September NFTPO meeting is cancelled.

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant – not present

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day stated that TRUE Commission met on August 3, 2023, and it was determined that TRUE Commission is authorized to make comments on recommendations on the mayor’s proposed budget. The TRUE Commission also held a special meeting on August 14, 2023, to address four proposals. The proposals were:

- To fund the Jacksonville Community Council; this proposal was not adopted.
- To reiterate and readopt their resolution to fully fund JSO in effort to hire 148 additional officers over the next eight years; this was adopted.
- To request funding for one full time staff person dedicated to the TRUE Commission; this was also adopted.
- Recommended that the millage rate remain fixed for the upcoming fiscal year and this recommendation was also adopted.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – reminded the CPAC that is time to form the Nomination Subcommittee for the CPAC Chair and Vice Chair 2024 election. The election will be held at the November 27, 2023, SE CPAC Meeting. Both the current chair and vice chair are eligible to serve in those roles again if so nominated. Please contact Rosemary if you are willing to serve on that subcommittee and/or to make a nomination.

The upcoming Neighborhood Awards Program and the CPAC 30th Anniversary celebration will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the downtown Main Library. Invitations will be sent soon. All that plan to attend the event must RSVP.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Griffin provided the following updates:

- Chair Griffin participated in one of the special committees that was part of Mayor Deegan’s transition team with the other CPAC Chairs.
- Chair Griffin attended the quarterly CPAC Chairs meeting with the mayor’s staff. At this meeting, it was announced there will be an increase in the Public Works mowing and litter collection budget. Additionally, Chair Griffin asked the mayor’s staff who is responsible for the removal of trash/vehicular crash debris on the Buckman Bridge.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: - CPAC Member Carol Eichling stated that she attended an FDOT meeting regarding upcoming projects on Southside Boulevard. Ms. Eichling has a handout to share from the meeting and will share with Rosemary to distribute to the CPAC.

Public Comment – John Nooney reminded the CPAC that he lives in the Southeast District on Pottsburg Creek and he is concerned about the limited access that the public has to Pottsburg Creek and all local waterways. Mr. Nooney recommends that the home next to him be demolished and the land be converted into a public park with water access. According to Mr. Nooney, 90% of water access in Duval County is privately owned and the public does not have access.

CPAC Member Abby Howard Murphy requested to have it noted in the summary that the City Council District 11 representative has not attended a SE CPAC meeting.

Motion to Adjourn – there was a motion to adjourn and a second.

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be a hybrid meeting on **Monday, September 25, 2023**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.