

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

May 20, 2024, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Susan Bailey, Linkside at Baymeadows HOA; Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Carol D'Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Carol Eichling, Village Green Two Condo Association; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Joanne Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Rich Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA, Inc.; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Owners Association; Jacqueline Partenteau, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA;

Excused: Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Dick Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc.; Clifton Green, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association; Rowena Nagales, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; James Taylor, Deerwood Improvement Association; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mill Community Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Visitors: Jennifer Joiner, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Karen Moers, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Shann Mills, San Jose Forest; Grace Davis, SMPS; Margie Cummins; Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam; Bob Chamberlain, Edgewater at Sunbeam; John Nooney; Eric Lanier

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; Kaysie Cox, Planning & Development Department; Jim Culbert, DCPS; Jackie Gregson, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Ben Kodatt, JFRD; Rudy McClain, Municipal Code Compliance; Eric Soriano, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

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. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – The March 2024 meeting summary and the April 2024 meeting summaries were approved.

Presentation(s): The Honorable Cindy Pearson, Duval County Public School Board member, District 3 and Jim Culbreth, Chief Information Officer, Duval County Public Schools

Board member Pearson informed the CPAC of the boundaries of School Board District 3, mentioned the hiring status of a new superintendent for DCPS and introduced Mr. Culbreth, Chief Information Officer, to discuss Duval County Public School current facilities, the Master

Facility Plan and the possibility of school consolidation and/or closing schools in the Duval County Public School system.

Mr. Culbreth reminded the CPAC in November 2020, Duval County voters approved a half penny sales tax for a 15-year time span that would provide the additional revenue that is needed for DCPS to improve security/safety at all schools, remove all portable classrooms, complete building upgrades, renovate and/or construct new schools throughout Duval County. A Master Facility Plan was created to serve as a guideline to accomplish these goals.

Since the inception of the Master Facility Plan, a \$1.4 billion budget gap has developed. Reasons noted for this financial deficit were attributed to the pandemic and subsequent economic recovery, costs for materials, equipment, and labor have increased drastically. Another significant factor impacting the Master Facility Plan is post pandemic, more students have enrolled in charter and private schools thus taking funding with them to their new charter or private schools. DCPS is looking at ways to work around this financial shortfall.

Duval County Public Schools is exploring school consolidation, boundary changes, realignment of school feeder patterns and updates to the Master Facility Plan. Currently all projects are on hold for six months due to the review process and any necessary changes and/or updates to Master Facility Plan.

In the Southeast CPAC district, it was announced that Atlantic Coast High School, Englewood High School and Mandarin High School would see changes in their feeder school patterns; currently no changes are expected at Samuel W. Wolfson High School. A brief overview of the high school feeder pattern recommendations was provided.

It was announced that DCPS would like feedback from the community on new school boundaries, feeder patterns, school consolidation and the Master Facility Plan revision process. You can voice your feedback by taking an online survey at www.duvalschools.org/mfp or attend a public forum. The dates and locations of the public forums can also be found at www.duvalschools.org/mfp

Cindy Pearson, Board Member, District 3 – 904-390-2239 or pearsonc1@duvalschools.org

Elected Officials Report:

The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6, introduced himself and shared the following updates:

- Council Member Boylan stated he is very interested in learning more about the proposed arrangement between the mayor's office and the Jacksonville Jaguars regarding stadium improvements. Council Member Boylan mentioned that he attended the Stadium Renovation Community Huddles that was held at Mandarin High School. CPAC members were encouraged to attend one of the upcoming Stadium Renovation Community Huddles to learn more about the proposed improvements and the fiscal responsibilities associated with this improvement plan.
- Ordinance 2024-0194 was approved to rezone the former Kmart (9600 San Jose Boulevard) to permit commercial use for a Home Depot to open at that location.
- There has been a roadway project underway on Orange Picker Road (between Brady Road and Flynn Road) and the road has been closed for the past two months. Council member Boylan toured the site and was advised that the project is on schedule.
- Pressure washing the Julington Creek Bridge railings has been completed.

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

Staff Reports:

JFRD – Captain Ben Kodatt, provided the following updates:

- If you need assistance to check and/or change the batteries in your smoke detectors or need a smoke detector, please call 630-CITY, or enter your request online using the MyJax system.
- Fire Station 5 on Atlantic Boulevard was renovated and can now offer more services to the surrounding community.

Captain Kodatt – BDKodatt@coj.net

JPL – Eric Soriano, shared the following information:

- In observation of Memorial Day, all libraries will be closed on May 27, 2024.
- On May 31 and June 1, 2024, Friends of the Mandarin Library will hold a book sale. Call 904-255-BOOK for more information.
- Mayor Deegan's River City Readers program continues to be a huge success for local students. The reading program encourages students of all ages to read at least 20 minutes a day through the Beanstack app.
- The summer learning season at all public libraries will kick off on June 8, 2024.

Eric Soriano – esoriano@coj.net

Military and Veterans Affairs – Chip Harper, informed the CPAC that:

- On May 23, 2024, Food Farmacy will be offered from 2:00 to 5:00 pm for active-duty military families with military ID at 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, Florida.
- Military Affairs and Veterans department will host a Memorial Day Observance to honor our fallen service members at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, 1145 East Adams Street (located between TIAA Bank Field and the Baseball Grounds). The ceremony will begin at 8:30 pm.
- Military Spouses Night Out will be held June 20, 2024, at Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Boulevard, 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Preregistration and valid ID are required. To register, visit www.Jacksonville.gov/msno

Chip Harper – ClarenceH@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance Division – Rudy McClain, made the following announcements:

- On a monthly basis, Code Compliance Supervisor McClain and his team conduct a corridor inspection and a systematic inspection. The next systematic inspection will be conducted in the Briarwood community.
- There has been a significant uptick in major auto repair work conducted in residential areas. It was clarified that major repair work does not include a vehicle owner changing their oil, spark plugs, changing a tire or brake pads. If you see a home that has multiple vehicles (operational or not) parked on or around the property, large equipment to pull engines or transmissions and vehicles being disassembled to repair other vehicles, please report this through the MyJax system or call 630-2489.

Rudy McClain – 904-255-7066 or MRudy@coj.net

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Jackie Gregson provided the following updates:

- Tommy Hazouri Park will have new playground equipment installed; this is currently in the contract phase and the installation should be completed in early 2025.

- At the Mandarin Senior Center, the two small adjacent buildings will get new roofs. The new roofs should be installed by the end of July 2024.
- Speed bumps or speed humps will be added to County Dock Road to help control speeding.
- A private donor has gifted the city with a life size statue of Harriet Beecher Stowe. There will be a dedication ceremony soon in the Mandarin area.
- The Senior Expo will be held on May 29 and 30, 2024 at the University of North Florida in the Adam W. Herbert University Center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- The Jacksonville Jazz Festival will kick off on Thursday, May 23, 2024, and conclude Sunday, May 26, 2024.
- Twenty-six swimming pools will be open for Memorial Day weekend (May 25 – 27, 2024) and pre-season weekend (June 1-2, 2024). The regular season for pools (pools open seven days a week) will begin on June 8, 2024. For a complete list of open pools and the hours, please visit: <https://www.jacksonville.gov/jaxparksaquatics>

Jackie Gregson – Jgregson@coj.net

Planning & Development Department – Kaysie Cox - no report

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

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

Land Development Regulation Stakeholder Advisory Committee – Jose' Gonzalez – no report

LUZ– Craig Shoup – informed the CPAC that the subcommittee reviewed ten new LUZ applications and no motions or actions were made.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – no report

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant – not present

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day informed the CPAC that the TRUE Commission met on May 9, 2024. At the May meeting, the commission had a presentation by the City of Jacksonville Inspector General. Mr. Day stated he inquired if the Office of the Inspector General has ever responded to various allegations and complaints made by Mr. John Nooney to their office and for those responses. It was stated that research would be needed; if any records associated with Mr. Nooney concerns are found, those records would be shared with Mr. Day and the rest of the TRUE Commission members at the June meeting.

Mr. Day stated there was additional conversation pertaining to the staffing size and salaries for the staff associated with the Office of the Inspector General. It was determined that there is a national association (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General) affiliated with the Office of the Inspector General and there are no specific guidelines established for staffing size and pay rates.

The TRUE Commission continued their discussion of surplus COJ property that is donated to nonprofit organizations instead of being stored by the city. Some of the TRUE Commissioners felt that the policy is being abused. It was stated that a few of the nonprofits that have received the surplus items are selling the items instead of using them. The TRUE Commissioners would like the States Attorney's Office to investigate this process/practice.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – announced copies of the Neighborhood Award Program application and flyers are available on the back table. The flyer has a QR code on it; if you scan the QR code you will have access to the application as well as an opportunity to look at the activities that other communities submitted last year. The deadline to apply is May 23, 2024. Applications can be submitted electronically, hand delivered and sent through the US Postal Service.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Griffin reminded the CPAC at the July SE CPAC meeting there will not be a presenter on the agenda to have a shorter meeting. After the July meeting everyone is invited to dine as a group at Dick's Wings, 10550 Old St. Augustine Road, 32257. This location is one half mile from the SE CPAC meeting site in the Mandarin Station Shopping Center (at the corner of Hartley Road and Old St. Augustine Road). Further details will be provided as the date gets closer.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Will Herron stated he would like to thank JSO for the successful large sting operation that was conducted and netted numerous arrests.

Public Comment – Mr. John Nooney expressed his concerns about the limited amount of access the public has to local waterways. Mr. Nooney has attended the Resiliency and Park Safety Council meetings to learn more and to share his concerns about our local waterways.

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, June 10, 2024**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom.