

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 26, 2024, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Dick Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Ryan Colvin, Bayard Community Association; 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.; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Owners Association; Jacqueline Partenteau, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; James Taylor, Deerwood Improvement Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Susan Bailey, Linkside at Baymeadows HOA; Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Andrea Letizia, Williamstown HOA; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2

Visitors: Karen Moers, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Shann Mills, San Jose Forest; Margie Cummins; Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam; Joanne Arnick; Ann Clapp; Catie Wallace, Edgewater; John Nooney; Shelley Heaney, Pickwick Park Civic Association; Douglas Brook

Staff: The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6; George Foote, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 5; Evin Herzberg, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 11; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Assistant Chief Glossman, JSO; Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Dave Ledbetter, JEA; Rudy McClain, Municipal Code Compliance; Tourea Robinson, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Eric Soriano, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Phillip Williams, JEA

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 July 2024 meeting summary was approved.

Presentation(s): Tiffany Morales, Military Affairs and Veterans Department (MAVD), discussed the services, events and opportunities offered through the MAVD.

Services offered through Military and Veterans Affairs Department include:

- Veterans Services: staff can assist veterans, widows and surviving children with filing a VA claim, identifying benefits, completion and filing paperwork, and advocate on the

veteran's behalf. Additionally, they can provide help with pre-determination burial for the national cemetery; VA home loan programs, and DD Form 214, Discharge Papers and Separation documents among other services.

- Social Services: Thanks to the Jaguars Foundation, MAVD assists Veterans with housing and utilities through either no-interest loans, grants, and budget counseling. The Jacksonville Veterans Resource and Reintegration Center (JVRRC) can assist with employment. They also offer the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program.
- Outreach: Services are provided through the Career/Veterpreneur Summit; free yearly tax filing; free monthly legal services; and support through the website, phone calls or offices visits.
- Advocacy: The MAVD manages up to \$4 million in local, state, and federal grants at any one time.
- Encroachment Protection/Compatible Land Use Program: this is a program that encompasses 1,770 acres of land that surrounds our local military bases. This program can assist the community with concerns/complaints about military bases, aircraft noise and other issues, such as safety and environmental impacts to land uses around airports.
- Jacksonville was designated a Purple Heart City in June 2024.
- Special Events: These events include the Homeless Veteran Stand Down; Military Spouse's Night Out; Memorial Day Observations and the Veterans Day Parade to name a few.
- Food Farmacy is offered twice a month at the Mayport USO.
- The military flags that are currently displayed in front of City Hall (in James Weldon Johnson Park) will be relocated and mounted to the front of City Hall in the near future.
- There are plans in the next few years to open a Veterans Community Wellness Center in the Emerald District (near Hogan's Creek).

For additional information, please contact the Military Affairs and Veterans Department at 904-255-5550.

Elected Officials Report:

The Honorable Michael Boylan, City Council District 6 provided the following updates:

- City Council is actively working on the budget review process and will vote to approve the budget at the September 24, 2024, meeting.
- City Council District 6 Town Hall meeting will be held at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road on September 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Everyone was invited to attend.
- Orange Picker Road & Alberts Field update: the southbound Brady Road stop bar has been relocated closer to the intersection to provide a better view of the oncoming vehicles on Orange Picker Road. The "turn ahead" warning sign was relocated.
- Mandarin drainage issues continue with all the recent rainstorms. Everyone was encouraged to report flooding by creating a service request ticket by either calling the (904) 630-CITY (2489) or filling out a ticket at WWW.MyJax.com.
- City Council has approved the Community Benefits Agreement with the Jacksonville Jaguars, setting in motion a total of \$300 million in funding over the course of the team's 30-year stadium lease, to be split 50-50 between the team and taxpayers. Of the city's portion, \$40 million will be designated for the Eastside neighborhood; this neighborhood is located next to EverBank Stadium.

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

George Foote, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 5 provided the following report on behalf of Council Member Joe Carlucci:

- In Council District 5, Council Member Joe Carlucci hosted a community meeting at the DuPont Family YMCA, 7373 Old Kings Road, 32217 at 6:00 pm on August 14, 2024. The discussion addressed flooding issues throughout the district and the future development of the YMCA.
- Council Member Joe Carlucci met with the COJ Public Works Department and the Haskell Corporation to get an update on the LaSalle Street Pump Station; phase 1 is near completion.
- There was some discussion about the process of obtaining some speed bumps in a community. Everyone that is interested in adding speed bumps to their community should reach out to their City Council member.

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

Evin Herzberg, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 11 provided the following report on behalf of Council Member Raul Arias:

- Council member Arias is working with Duval County Public Schools to improve the safety for children attending Bartram Springs Elementary School. The safety improvement plan is to add four new signs that have rapid flashing beacons to aide in pedestrian crossing and traffic control.
- Another significant traffic concern is at the Wells Creek community on Phillips Highway. Councilman Arias is working with JSO to provide traffic control measures while the community waits for a traffic light to be installed.
- There was discussion regarding road conditions on Burnt Mill Road, with a request to have all the lanes repaved. It was noted and the concern will be investigated.

The Honorable Raul Arias – 904-255-5211 or AriasR@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO – Assistant Chief Glossman provided the following report:

- In the past 30 days:
 - Crime against persons were down by six incidents
 - No murders occurred in this zone.
 - There was a decrease in crimes against property; down 34 cases
 - The amount of burglary and theft cases continues to decline.
- Motor vehicle burglaries and motor vehicle thefts continue to be a problem. This is attributed to the thefts of Kia and Hyundai vehicles. If you own one of these brands of vehicles, it is highly recommended by JSO that the owner take the vehicle to a local dealer to get a software update. This update can assist in reducing the chance of theft.
- To help combat the Kia/Hyundai car theft issue, for a limited time, Kia and Hyundai vehicle owners can come to the JSO District Three Substation to receive a free steering wheel lock. The District Three Substation is located at 8875 Liberty Ridge Drive, Suite 110, Jacksonville, FL 32256; please visit between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. To receive the steering wheel lock, you will need to show your I.D. and complete a form. For more information, please call 904-630-8100.
- Sheriff Waters has started a JSO Transparency Portal <https://transparency.jaxsheriff.org/> This provides the public with crime data, traffic crash, and crime mapping information.

- The next Sheriff's Watch meeting will be held on September 17, 2024, at the District 3 Substation, 8875 Liberty Ridge Drive, 32257
- The next scheduled Neighborhood Walk with Sheriff Waters will be held on October 26, 2024, and JSO is looking to hold the walk in and around the Sans Souci area.

Assistant Chief Glossman – 904-630-8100 or JSODistrict3@jaxsheriff.org

JFRD – Lieutenant Clarence Hodge stated many of the JFRD calls for service in the summer are for heat related emergencies. It was recommended that those that must spend time in the heat should stay hydrated, wear light weight, loose fitting clothing, and to get into some air conditioning when possible. There was a brief overview of the symptoms of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and heat cramps.

Lieutenant Hodge – Hodge@coj.net

JPL – Jackie Spiritas shared the following information:

- JPL will reinstate the Books by Mail service. This is free service, but you must register for the service online or call 904-255-BOOK for assistance with registration and/or additional information.
- The Jax Book Fest will return to the Main Library on September 20-21, 2024. Please visit: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/blog/new-york-times-bestselling-author-gabrielle-zevin-jax-book-fest> for more information.

Jackie Spiritas – Spiritas@coj.net

JTA – Cheryl Riddick highlighted the following information:

- JTA's Game Day Express is available for transportation to and from the Jaguar games and for some college games.
- Game Day Express shuttle service begins operating two hours before kickoff and ends one hour after the end of the game. There is continuous service throughout the game.
- Game Day Express offers wheelchair accessible shuttles; these shuttles are only available at the Kings Avenue Parking Garage.
- For more Game Day Express information, please visit: <https://www.jtafla.com/ride-jta/bus-schedules-and-services/gameday-xpress/>
- JTA is offering the My Ride to School program again for the 2024/2025 school year. This program allows middle school and high school students a ride to school for free on a JTA bus after they show their valid student id.
- Service enhancements will be implemented to increase the frequency of bus service, especially in peak commuting hours. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Cheryl Riddick – 904-630-3100

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

- Trees during the hurricane season can topple due to ground saturation. Keep a watchful eye out for dead or dying trees and or dead branches. If an unhealthy tree is on city owned property, please call 904-630-CITY to report it.
- If you are unsure if a tree is unhealthy, please call 904-630-CITY and they will send an inspector.
- Florida Senate Bill 60 prohibits code compliance officers from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes that were submitted via anonymous complaints; anonymous tickets will be closed.

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

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Chief Tourea Robinson reported:

- Copies of the Teen Warehouse and the Club-rec Afterschool programs were provided to everyone. These youth programs will begin on August 12, 2024, and will end on May 23, 2025.
- Copies of the UF/IFAS Extension Office newsletter were provided.
- City of Jacksonville pools will be open one more weekend this season. Pools officially close on September 1, 2024, and will not reopen until May 2025.
- The Mandarin Senior Center has completed interior renovations to the billiards and craft areas. The exterior renovations will be completed in the next couple of months.
- Palmettos Leaves Regional Park is in the design phase for new playground equipment to be installed.
- Tommy Hazouri Sr. Park is scheduled to have new playground equipment installed in spring 2025.
- Walter Anderson Memorial Park had new benches and picnic tables installed next to the pickleball courts. Trees and shrubs will be planted later.
- The Duval Extension Office will offer a workshop on how to fertilize your lawn. The workshop will be held at the Maxville Public Library on September 3, 2024.
- The 4-H Sporting Clay Shoot will be held at Jacksonville Clay Target Sports at 12125 New Berlin Road. The competition will be held on September 13, 2024.

Chief Tourea Robinson – 904-255-5401

Planning & Development Department – Erin Abney staffed the meeting on behalf of 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– On behalf of Craig Shoup, Chair Griffin conducted the LUZ Subcommittee meeting – the subcommittee reviewed six new LUZ applications, and no motions or actions were made.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill — shared that the NFTPO is conducting the third and final survey for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). To participate in the survey please visit: <https://northfloridatpo.com/news/take-the-final-lrtp-survey>. The survey will be available to the public until August 30, 2024.

Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant – not present.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day – not present.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – informed the CPAC that the NSO office received a lot of nominations for the Neighborhood Award program this year. The finalist for each award will be notified by the NSO Office by Monday, October 7, 2024. The Neighborhood Award Program will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the Jacksonville Public Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

The CPAC members informed the CPAC that volunteers are needed to serve on the Nomination Subcommittee. This is a temporary subcommittee that will conduct the election for CPAC Chair and Vice Chair for 2025. Our current CPAC Chair and Vice Chair have served out their term limits in those roles. The election will be held at the November 25, 2024, meeting.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Griffin described some of the responsibilities of the CPAC Chair and shared words of encouragement to serve in that role.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment –

- John Nooney shared his concerns regarding the lack of public access to our local waterways and with resiliency in our area.
- David Ledbetter and Philip Williams, JEA, stated that they are available to educate homeowners about installing solar panels on their own and to alert them about fraudulent programs that are in the community.

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 and will be held on **Monday, September 23, 2024**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom webinar.