

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **September 23, 2024, Meeting Summary**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

**Members:** Susan Bailey, Linkside at Baymeadows HOA; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Dick Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Ramon Day, Timberland Ridge HOA, Inc.; Carol D'Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Jose Gonzalez, Mandarin Community Center; Joanne Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic Association; Donna Herrin, Sweetwater by Del Webb; William Herron, Shiloh Creek; Rich Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA, Inc.; Debbie Johnson, The Gables Homeowners Association; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Owners Association; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Jacqueline Partenteau, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; James Taylor, Deerwood Improvement Association; Marcie Turner, Kernan Mills Community Association, Inc.; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

**Excused:** Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Carol Eichling, Village Green Two Condo Association; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Andrea Letizia, Williamstown HOA; Craig Shoup, Council At-Large Group 2; Linda Gail Rowe, Lake Mandarin HOA

**Visitors:** Michael Beck, MSC; Karen Moers, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Shann Mills, San Jose Forest; Margie Cummins; Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam; Joanne Arnick, Edgewater at Sunbeam; Catie Wallace, Edgewater; John Nooney; Kim French, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association

**Staff:** George Foote, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 5; Evin Herzberg, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 11; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Commander Glossman, JSO; Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Rudy McClain, Municipal Code Compliance; Jackie Spiritas, 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 August 2024 meeting summary will be presented and approved at the October 2024 meeting.

**Presentation(s):** **Presentation(s): Stephanie Means, Duval County Extension Office**, informed the CPAC about Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL).

The purpose of Florida Friendly Landscaping is to have an integrated approach to maintain an attractive, colorful and diverse yard that is friendly to wildlife, is easy to maintain, conserves

water and protects water quality (in lakes, streams/creeks, retention ponds, rivers and the ocean). There are nine Florida Friendly Landscaping principles:

- Right plant, right place- choose a diversity of plants and use native plants when you can.
- Water efficiently – follow the Duval County Irrigation Ordinance, check and maintain irrigation systems, only water when needed and do not water pavement.
- Fertilize appropriately – follow the Duval County Fertilizer Ordinance, only apply fertilizer when the grass is actively growing, do not fertilize if heavy rain is expected, leave a 10-foot buffer by water bodies.
- Mulch – to buffer soil temperature, slows evaporation, reduces water needs, inhibits weeds and adds nutrients to the soil.
- Attract wildlife – by using plants of varying heights to create layers for shelter, choose plants that are a food source: seeds, nuts, berries, and nectar.
- Manage yard pests responsibly – identify your pests and use the least toxic method first. Spot treat vs broadcast application.
- Recycle Yard Waste – use fallen leaves and pine needles as mulch under trees and shrubs, create and maintain a compost area or utilize horticultural recycling at the curb.
- Reduce stormwater runoff – keep water in landscape, use porous surfaces for walkways, patios and driveways. Direct downspouts/gutters to porous areas and install a rain barrel.
- Protect the waterfront – establish and maintain a 10-foot buffer zone near waters areas. Plant a border of low-maintenance native plants between lawn and shoreline/seawall to absorb nutrients, provide wildlife habitat and prevent erosion.

For additional information, please visit [www.floridafriendlylandscaping.com](http://www.floridafriendlylandscaping.com) or contact Stephanie Means at [smeans1@ufl.edu](mailto:smeans1@ufl.edu)

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

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

- Council Member Joe Carlucci is working with the Director of Public Works pertaining to flooding that is occurring throughout Council District 5.
- There was some discussion about the process of obtaining some speed bumps or other traffic calming techniques into a community. Everyone was encouraged to contact their City Council member if their community is interested in adding traffic calming measures to their community roadways.
- The next City Council meeting will be held on September 24, 2024. At this meeting city council members will finalize and pass a balanced budget for fiscal year 2024/2025. It was noted that this may be a long meeting if you plan to attend.
- Council Member Joe Carlucci will meet with the Lakewood community on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at Lakewood Presbyterian Church at 6:00 pm.

The Honorable Joe Carlucci – 904-255-5205 or [JoeCarlucci@coj.net](mailto: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 to have potholes, various roadways repaired and working to obtain traffic signals throughout Council District 11.
- There were a few concerns presented to Mr. Herzberg, they include the lift station off Baymeadows Circle; a request to have all three lanes of Burnt Mill Road repaved and a concern regarding the response time to a 911 call in the Nocatee area.

- If you have any questions, comments or concerns for Councilmember Arias, please email them to [AriasR@coj.net](mailto:AriasR@coj.net)

The Honorable Raul Arias – 904-255-5211 or [AriasR@coj.net](mailto:AriasR@coj.net)

### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO – Commander Glossman** provided the following report:

- In the past 30 days:
  - Crime against persons category there was an increase of 44 incidents in the past 30 days.
  - Crimes against property category there was an increase of 75 incidents in the past 30 days.
  - No murders occurred in this zone.
- All JSO Assistant Chiefs have a new title; the new title is Commander.
- 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 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.

Commander Glossman – 904-630-8100 or [JSODistrict3@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSODistrict3@jaxsheriff.org)

**JFRD – Lieutenant Clarence Hodge** provided a brief overview of how to use a defibrillator and reviewed CPR procedures. Everyone was encouraged to become CPR trained and certified.

Lieutenant Hodge – [Hodge@coj.net](mailto:Hodge@coj.net)

**FDOT – Derek Dixon** shared the following updates to questions that were submitted to him prior to the CPAC meeting. The updates were:

- FDOT maintenance crews perform mowing and debris removal on a 45-to-60-day cycle. There are multiple contractors across the region that perform the mowing, maintenance issues and trash removal. All contracts/contractors are routinely assessed through the FDOT Maintenance Rating Program (MRP). The MRP system provides a consistent uniform method to evaluate maintenance on all state roads. All contractors in Duval County have satisfactorily met or exceeded the maintenance requirements.
- The Southside Boulevard (SR 115) resurfacing project is expected to be completed in Spring 2025. For additional questions about the Southside Boulevard project, please contact Jacob Pickering at 904-360-5471.
- There were several comments expressing their displeasure with frequency of mowing and trash removal from FDOT roads. Mr. Dixon stated that he would share this feedback with the Public Information Office and the Maintenance Department.

Derek Dixon – 904-360-5400

**JPL – Jackie Spiritas** shared the following updates:

- JPL will install a new electronic material catalog system. Starting October 1, 2024, JPL users temporarily will not be able to place holds on any type of library materials or pay any JPL fines. The new system will be available for use on October 10, 2024. Until then, JPL users can only check out electronic materials using the Kanopy, Hoopla and Libby programs and apps. Please call 904-255-BOOK if you have any questions or need assistance.
- 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.

Jackie Spiritas – [Spiritas@coj.net](mailto:Spiritas@coj.net)

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

- In the past 30 days, 286 inspections have been completed and 78 snipe signs have been removed.
- Supervisor McClain and his team are working on a sign project in the San Marco area and along Hendricks Avenue.
- 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.

**Planning & Development Department – Kaysie Cox** - no report.

Kaysie Cox – 904-255-7853 or [KaysieC@coj.net](mailto: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 eight new LUZ applications, and no motions or actions were made.

**North Florida TPO – Jim Hill** — not present.

**Park Safety Council – Walter Bryant** – no report, the committee has not met.

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Ramon Day** – At the August meeting, the TRUE Commission started their review of the proposed City of Jacksonville annual budget. In September, the TRUE Commission submitted their annual budget review summary/report to the City Council for their use.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** – announced that the annual Nomination Subcommittee has formed and introduced the members. There was a call for nominations. It was recognized that our current CPAC Chair and Vice Chair have served out their term limits in those roles. The 2025 CPAC Chair/Vice Chair election will be held during the November 25, 2024, SE CPAC meeting.

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

**Chairs Report – Chair Griffin** informed the CPAC that she attended the quarterly meeting with the Mayor’s Staff on Friday, September 13, 2024. Chair Griffin stated she addressed a CPAC concern regarding MyJax tickets/reports being closed because an address cannot be assigned to complaint/concern, such as snipe signs along roadways and exit ramps. It was acknowledged that this is a system glitch, and management is working to correct this glitch. In the future a Geocode/location pin will become available for such issues. Until then, it was recommended to enter the intersection, roadway or business that is near the area of concern. Or you can call 630-CITY and a city staff member can enter the concern and identify the closest address.

It was announced that Dr. Alex Stewart, professor at the University of North Florida (UNF) will be the presenter at the October CPAC meeting. Dr. Stewart is a professor that specializes in housing information, city growth and statistical data on urban planning. If you have any specific questions, please submit them ahead of the meeting.

**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.

**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, October 28, 2024**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom webinar.