

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

December 16, 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; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action Corp.; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Jonathan Burgess, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Carol D'Onofrio, Deer creek 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; Rich Horvath, Cypress Trails HOA, Inc.; Jennifer Joiner, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Owners Association; Shann Mills, San Jose Forest; Karen Moers, Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Jacqueline Partenteau, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; John Reed, Linkside of Baymeadows; 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.; Catie Wallace, Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association

Excused: Dick Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Andrea Letizia, Williamstown HOA

Visitors: Ray Graham, Campfield; Sandy Graham, Campfield; Al Bott; Chrissy Bott; E Bailey; Laura Backus, San Jose Civic Association; John Nooney; Carlos Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Elise Brosch; Joy Burgess; Erica Williams; Ann Clapp

Staff: George Foote, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 5; Kaysie Cox, Planning and Development Department; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Clarence Hodge, JFRD; Lt. Lestrangle, JSO; Rudy McClain, Municipal Code Compliance; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhoods Department; 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 approval of the previous month's meeting summaries will be addressed at the January 2025 meeting.

Presentation: No presentation

Elected Officials Report:

George Foote, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 5 stated this year there were 968 phone calls into Council District 5 office; this does not include calls made directly to the council

member's personal phone. In District 5 there were 13,948 MyJax concerns submitted; 13,004 of those MyJax requests have been closed.

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

Staff Reports:

JSO – On behalf of Commander Glossman, Lieutenant Lestrangle provided the following report:

- In the past 30 days, the Zone 3 crime statistics are down 3.28% in total crimes. Citywide overall crime is down 6.5%
- 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.
- There was a question about the location of the Southeast District substation and if there would be additional sub or stop stations added to the Southeast / Zone 3 District? It was stated that JSO is looking for a new location for the Southeast/Zone 3 substation and the new location has not been identified yet. At this time there is no indication that additional stop stations will be added.

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

JFRD – Lieutenant Clarence Hodge shared the following reminders:

- If you need a working smoke detector or need batteries changed in your current smoke detector, please call 630-CITY to make that request.
- It was recommended that everyone should create or re-evaluate the fire escape plan they have. Make sure each room has two different exits; this is especially important for bedrooms. If your home has rooms/bedrooms on the second floor, you should invest in collapsible ladders to assist with emergency evacuations. It was recommended that each residence (including all family members, babysitters and their pets) should practice the fire escape plan annually with alarms sounding to confirm everyone is able to escape and aware of the rendezvous spot.
- It was recommended that each home has at least one working fire extinguisher on each floor of the house. It was stated that the life span of a fire extinguisher is approximately ten years.

Lieutenant Hodge – Hodge@coj.net

FDOT- Derek Dixon provided the following updates for questions that were submitted prior to the meeting:

- When will State Road 9B become part of the Federal Highway Administration? The request was submitted some time ago, but at this time there are no updates when it will become a part of the Federal Highway Administration. This is a lengthy process.
- Will FDOT connect eastbound I-295 to southbound State Road 9B via a ramp? There is no project(s) in FDOT's five-year work program to construct such a ramp currently.
- Are there any plans to correct the ripple effect on the eastbound JTB lanes at the bottom of the intercoastal bridge? The depressions on this portion of the bridge were present when the bridge was transferred from JTA to FDOT. All bridges are inspected at a minimum of every two years and the inspections have found no structural or safety concerns with this roadway or bridge deck.

- Are there plans to re-designate the portion of Baymeadows Road that is east of I-295 as a continuation of State Road 152? Since this portion of the road is a City of Jacksonville roadway, this question should be directed to the City of Jacksonville.
- When will the potholes on Baymeadows Road east of I-295 be repaved? This is a City of Jacksonville roadway, please share your concerns with the City of Jacksonville.
- Are there plans to tear up the green medians on Baymeadows Road, east of Southside Boulevard? The neighborhood of Hampton Glen wants these green areas preserved to balance the preservation focus of this community. FDOT does not have any plans in the work program for landscaping or to do any work in this area.
- The northbound lanes of I-295 (between Gate Parkway and State Road 202) have potholes. This question will be researched.
- It was noted that the roadway lights are out along both sides of State Road 202 between San Pablo Road and I-295.

Derek Dixon -904-360-5400

JPL – Jackie Spiritas shared the following updates:

- The Jacksonville Public Library is commemorating the 75th anniversary of the San Marco Branch Library with a series of public programs focused on the past, present and future of the neighborhood. The programs will kick off with a “Forward Thinking” panel discussion on Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 11:00 am to 12 pm at the Balis Community Center located behind the library at 1513 Lasalle Street, 32207.
- The Mandarin Branch Library, 3330 Kori Road will offer Drop-in Craft and Chat sessions for adults and teens. A calendar of the various activities was provided in paper and distributed via email earlier in the day.

Jackie Spiritas – Spiritas@coj.net

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

- Municipal Code Compliance receives a lot of complaints regarding unsafe structures. There are two types of unsafe structures; one type of unsafe structure is where a structure is compromised with bulging walls, or a tree on the house, or anything to make the structure collapse. The second is called a blight unsafe structure that will have boarded up windows, the structure is vacant and has not had power in two years, has nuisance liens on the property and is non-historic. If a home meets these criteria, the property can be cited and condemned as a blight unsafe structure.
- Supervisor McClain confirmed that Municipal Code Compliance can inspect damaged and dilapidated fences. The municipal code in Duval County does not require a residence to have a fence unless they have a swimming pool.
- Everyone was encouraged to enter any concerns into the MyJax system or call 630-CITY.
- 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 – 904-255-7000

Neighborhoods Department – Lisa Ransom shared the following updates:

- The City of Jacksonville will host the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) conference in 2025. The Neighborhood Awards winners will be presented with their awards at this conference on May 20, 2025. Additional details will be forthcoming.
- Ms. Ransom recognized Chair Griffin for her three years of service as Chair of the Southeast CPAC and presented Chair Griffin with an award.

Lisa Ransom - LRansom@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 – stated the committee is working to finalize their recommendations to the Mayor's Office and City Council. However, the committee was a bit derailed due to new legislation submitted by Council member Diamond pertaining to liberalizing the use of medium density residential areas so duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes can be more easily developed. The Land Development Regulation Stakeholder Advisory Committee feels a little blindsided by this last-minute legislation and will hold a special meeting tomorrow so they can come up with a recommendation to try to include some of the new proposed legislation in their recommendations/report before it goes to vote before City Council on Friday. The ordinance numbers for this new legislation are 2024-868, 2024-869 and 2024-870.

The CPAC members discussed these ordinances and asked questions about the new legislation. Planner Kaysie Cox clarified that the legislation is looking to change the entitlements within certain zoning districts including RLD zoning if they are meeting the underlying comprehensive plan and densities for those areas. The goal of the legislation is to address what they are referring as the “Missing Middle” to allow for housing options that fall between single family dwellings and large apartment complexes to allow for more infill on some of the vacant lots in what they have considered urban priority areas. There is a map that indicates where all the RLD zoning districts are located. Ms. Cox offered to meet with anyone that has questions after the meeting and to go over it in more detail. The discussion continued and everyone was encouraged to attend the LUZ meeting on January 7, 2025, to have their voice heard.

LUZ– Craig Shoup conducted the LUZ Subcommittee meeting – the subcommittee reviewed one 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 – not present

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski – no report

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

Chairs Report – Chair Griffin introduced five new CPAC members. The new members are Jennifer Joiner, alternate for the Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Karen Moers, primary

representative for the Sans Souci Neighborhood Association; Shann Mills, primary representative for the San Jose Forest community; Jonathan Burgess, primary representative for the Edgewater at Sunbeam Condominium Association; and Catie Wallace as the alternate representative for the Edgewater at Sunbeam Condo Association.

Chair Griffin expressed her appreciation to the full CPAC for their support and commitment to the CPAC. Chair Griffin will assume the role of the LUZ Subcommittee Chair in 2025. Well wishes were extended to the 2025 CPAC Chair, Scott Koslowski and Vice Chair, Jose Gonzalez.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment –

- John Nooney shared holiday wishes with all and provided some history about this decade's long advocacy for public access to our local waterways. Mr. Nooney recognized Mr. Ray Pringle for his work of getting adaptive-kayak launches added locally. Mr. Nooney shared that he attended the Jacksonville Waterways Commission meeting and is aware of the millions of dollars every year that is spent on land acquisition and Mr. Nooney feels strongly that this land should provide access to 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 and will be held on **Monday, January 27, 2025**, at 6:30 pm. Join us in-person at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, 32257 or virtually on Zoom webinar.