

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 27, 2017 Meeting Summary

NEFAR Office, 7801 Deercreek Club Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256



Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members

The Gables HOA – Debbie Johnson Chair

Alumni Civic Association – Kathleen Perera
Deercreek Owners Association – Carol D'Onofrio
Deerwood Improvement Association – Ernst Cornehl
East Hampton Homeowners Association – Eric Laner
Englewood Full Service Schools – Ralph Hodges
Greater Hood Road Community Association- Jim Hill
Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA – Abby Howard Murphy
Lake Mandarin HOA – David Dee
Mandarin Community Club – Karen Rowe
Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association – Jon Malmin
Oxford Chase HOA – Donna Herrin
Pickwick Park Civic Association – Elizabeth Wolfe
Rose Creek Condo Association – Henry Rogers
Royal Lakes Civic Association – Jim Akers
Saddlebrook Homeowners Association – Gloria Stephens
Secret Cove Civic Association – George Banks

Excused:

Villa San Jose Civic Association – Marj Rothstein
The Lakewood Community – Richard Cardell

Staff and Elected Officials

City Council President – Lori Boyer

City Council District 3 – Aaron Bowman
City Council District 11 – Danny Becton
City Council At-Large – Sam Newby
JaxParks – Aaron Smiley
Jacksonville Public Library – Kelli Likins
JSO – Assistant Chief Nemeth
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Neighborhoods – MCC – Bob Crawford
Neighborhoods – NSO- Rosemary Wesolowski
Planning and Development – Susan Kelly
Public Works – Tom Fallin

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Johnson called the meeting to order. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present. Chair Johnson welcomed all the visitors and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** A motion was made by George Banks to approve the February 2017 meeting summary and Jim Hill made a second; the summary was approved.
3. **Presentation(s):**
Danny Becton, City Council District 11, provided an overview of the neighborhoods, commercial districts, roadways, growth and challenges in City Council District 11. Some of the information that Councilman Becton shared include:
 - o A brief personal bio that focused on his civic involvement.
 - o A copy of his District 11 Community Kit. The Councilman assembled the Community Kit to educate his constituents on the various services offered by the City of Jacksonville and other agencies.
 - o Announced several new Council District 11 businesses that are/have opened.
 - o Discussed the progress in securing/opening a new fire station for the area of District 11 that is east of Southside Boulevard.
 - o The Councilman is trying to collect names and email addresses to create a contact list for his District 11 Newsletter.
 - o A video history of Council District 11 was shown to the CPAC.
 - o To further education his constituents, open lines of communication and to disseminate information, the Councilman has created a website www.DannyBecton.org
 - o Councilman Becton extended an invitation to all to attend his upcoming Town Hall meeting on March 30, 2017, 6:00 pm at the SE Branch Regional Library.
 - o Councilman Becton provided a Q&A session for all in attendance.Contact Councilmember Becton at 630-1383 or dbecton@coj.net

4. **Elected Officials Reports:**

City Council President Lori Boyer, Council District – reminded the CPAC that City Council will start working on the City Pension soon and encouraged the CPAC to attend a City Council meeting.

Contact Council President Boyer at 630-1382 or LBoyer@coj.net

City Council member Aaron Bowman, Council District 3 – provided the following updates:

- Improvements will be made to the interchange at San Pablo Road and J. Turner Butler Boulevard; details will be forth coming.
- Councilman Bowman addressed the concern of transition housing and rehabilitation housing in residential communities. The councilman stated he would look into legislation or regulations on this issue.
- The Councilman announced that Wawa has filed an application to build a convenience store/gas station at the corner of Broughton Road and Beach Boulevard (next to Hodges Boulevard).
- Councilman Bowman is working with Chets Creek Elementary in regard to parents parking their vehicles in appropriate locations while waiting to pick up their children after school. An attendee thanked Councilman Bowman for working on the parking; the attendee stated that this concern has really impacted his neighborhood.

Contact Councilmember Bowman at 630-1386 or abowman@coj.net

City Council member Sam Newby, At Large Group 5 – introduced himself to the CPAC. Councilman Newby informed the CPAC that he is an At-Large councilmember and he feels that it is important to visit all of the six CPACs to better understand the challenges in each district. Councilman Newby reminded the CPAC that he represents all citizens in Duval County and encouraged them to contact him if they need assistance.

Contact City Councilmember Sam Newby at 630-1387 or SNewby@coj.net

Lori Hersey, Duval County School Board, District 7 – introduced herself to the CPAC and provided the following updates:

- Acknowledged that Superintendent Vitti is in Detroit Michigan interviewing for the position of Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools. At this time the schoolboard will not search for future leadership, Dr. Vitti is still the Superintendent.
- Duval County Public Schools will be hosting a number of Community Meetings that will cover a variety of subjects included the Gift and Inclusion Program.
- On April 1, 2017 at 10 a.m. there will be a Community Meeting at the Jessie Ball duPont Center on 40 E. Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202 to discuss what state and local leaders are doing to ensure public school students are college ready.
- On April 10, 2017, School Board Member Hersey will hold a Town Hall Meeting at Bartram Spring Elementary School,
- On April 25, 2017, Superintendent Vitti will host another Chat with the Superintendent at Mandarin Middle School on 5100 Hood Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257 from 6-7p.m.

5. **Staff Reports (3 minute time limit)**

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Zone 3 Assistant Chief Nemeth encouraged the CPAC to become proactive when dealing with crime. It was stressed that locking our vehicles and removing valuables from our automobiles is a very important and first proactive step against crime.
- Property Crime is down 6.5%, Violent Crime is up 8% due to recent uptick in car-jackings.
- The first SE District homicide of 2017 occurred last week at the St. Johns Town Center at the Suite Night Club.

Contact JSO at Zone 3 Substation-828-5463

- **JFRD (Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department)** – not in attendance

- **Mayor's Liaison** – not in attendance

Contact E. Denise Lee at 630-1874 or edenisel@coj.net

- **Duval County Public Schools** – not in attendance
 - **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – not in attendance Contact Jim Green at James.Green@dot.ST.FL.us or 360-5684
 - **Neighborhoods Department (Code Compliance)** – Robert Crawford provided the statistics for the violations documented from the Windy Hill systematic inspection. Mr. Crawford stated that they plan to conduct another systematic inspection soon; please contact Mr. Crawford if you would like to make a systematic inspection location recommendation.
Contact Robert Crawford at 255-7042 or robertc@coj.net
 - **JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority)** – not in attendance
Contact JEA at 665-5000
 - **JTA (Jacksonville Transportation Authority)** – Cheryl Riddick announced the upcoming JTA Mobility Works Design Review Public Meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2017, 4:30 – 7p.m. at the Mandarin Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Road, 32223. The purpose of the meeting is to review design plans for the Mandarin Road sidewalk project. The meeting will be an open house format; everyone was encouraged to drop by to look at the plans and share their views.
Contact Cheryl Riddick at 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com
 - **JPL (Jacksonville Public Library)** – Keli Likins announced that JPL had a very successful Bookfest Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Main Library. Ms. Likins announced that Councilman Becton will host a Town Hall Meeting at the SE Regional Library on Thursday, March 30, 2017 and Councilman Schellenberg will host a Town Hall meeting also on March 30, 2017 at the South Mandarin Branch Library.
Contact Keli Likins at 996-0325*220 or klikins@coj.net
 - **Planning and Development Department** – Susan Kelly no report, but available for questions.
Contact Susan Kelly at 255-7827 or ksusan@coj.net
 - **Military Affairs and Veterans Department** – Ashley Rogan – not in attendance but sent the following report: Our 2nd Annual Military Spouse Night Out is May 4, 2017 from 6-9pm at the Arena!
We have free tax prep help in our office every Monday from 9:30am-2:30pm
Contact Ashley Rogan at 630-3625 or arogan@coj.net
 - **Public Works** – Tom Fallin provided the following report:
 - Construction of the tennis courts, parking lot improvements and restrooms at the 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park has started.
 - Updates to the Mandarin Senior Center are underway.
 - The beach re-nourishment process will resume the first week of April,
 - Public Works is still waiting to hear from FEMA for financial assistance to repair the Jacksonville Pier and County Dock in Mandarin.
 Contact Tom Fallin at 255-8710 or thomasf@coj.net
 - **Recreation and Parks** – Aaron Smiley announced:
 - The 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park is scheduled for turf installation on two fields in May 2017.
 - The clay tennis courts at the 9A/Baymeadows Park are finished
 - Drew Park Baseball/Softball fields will have the clay work on the infields completed soon.
 - Touchton Road Park is ready to start the design phase.
 Contact JaxParks at 255-7900 or visit www.jaxparks.com
6. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit) –**
- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)** – Jim Hill stated the LUZ subcommittee reviewed seven applications and did not make a motion. Subcommittee Chair Hill announced that LUZ application 2016-805 has been deferred again.
 - **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Dick Cardell – not in attendance
 - **Economic Development** – Gloria Stephens:
 - Plans for fourth Jacksonville Amazon facility under review. The potential Amazon project is located in an industrial area off Bulls Bay Highway in Northwest Jacksonville. Within the last 8 months, the online retailer has announced the hiring

of an expected 2,500 employees at fulfillment facilities near Cecil Airport and off of Pecan Park Road. The retailer has not released details on how many additional employees that will be needed to staff facilities off Cabot Commerce Drive and Bulls Bay Highway.

- The Jacksonville housing market is expected to experience some of the largest improvements in sales growth and in price increase in the coming year, according to the national housing website Realtor.com. Realtor.com forecasts Jacksonville as the sixth most improved market of 2017, with prices expected to increase by 4.8 percent and sales shooting up 7 percent. That would rank the Jacksonville just ahead of Orlando and just behind Riverside/San Bernardino/Ontario in Southern California
- Mayo Clinic took another step toward becoming the "premier destination medical center in the Southeast" with a \$70.5 million expansion plan. That follows an already active development cycle for Mayo Clinic's Florida Campus that's located in Jacksonville. The hospital has invested more than \$300 million in expanding its hospital campus. That has allowed for the global hospital system to grow their employee base to 5,900 in Jacksonville, according to Mayo Clinic.
- A Mumbai-based technology company signed an agreement to purchase Jacksonville-based CJS Solutions Group LLC, which does business as The HCI Group.
- **Education** – George Banks – no report, but looks forward to working with School Board Member Hersey.
- **Membership** – Marj Rothstein – not in attendance.
- **Safety** – Betty Wolfe – no report.

Ad-Hoc:

- **North Florida TPO** – Jim Hill – no report
 - **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Ralph Hodges informed the CPAC that he has attended his last TRUE Commission meeting.
 - **Neighborhood Coordinators Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski
 - Announced she participated in St. Johns River Celebration Cleanup on March 25, 2017 at 8 a.m. There were more than 50 litter Cleanup locations throughout Duval County. This was Keep Jacksonville Beautiful's largest, annual, volunteer, litter cleanup. Copies of OUR JAX magazine were provided to all in attendance. Contact Rosemary Wesolowski at 255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net
8. **Chairs Report** – Debbie Johnson – no report.
9. **Unfinished Business -**
10. **New Business –**
It was announced that the Mandarin Community Club will host their 49th Artfest on Easter weekend.
12. **Motion to Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm**

NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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