

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 24, 2017 Meeting Summary

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



Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members CPAC Members

The Gables HOA – Debbie Johnson Chair
Bartram Springs HOA – Joe Luczak
Blackwood Forest HOA – Steve Clark
Blackwood Forest HOA – Pamela Fraser
Deercreek Owners Association – Carol D'Onofrio
Deercreek Owners Association - Peter Gentry
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 Malmind
Oxford Chase HOA – Donna Herrin
Pickwick Park Civic Association – Elizabeth Wolfe
Rose Creek Condo Association – Henry Rogers
Saddlebrook Homeowners Association – Gloria Stephens
Secret Cove Civic Association – George Banks
The Lakewood Community – Richard Cardell
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Marj Rothstein

Excused:

Alumni Civic Association – Kathleen Perera
Englewood Full Service Schools – Ralph Hodges
Oxford Chase HOA – Donna Herrin
Royal Lakes Civic Association – Jim Akers

Staff and Elected Officials

City Council District 11 - Danny Becton
Council District 3 CSA – Terrence Freeman
Disabled Services – Kevin McDaniel
JSO – Assistant Chief Nemeth
JPL – Keli Likins
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
FDOT – Jim Green
Neighborhoods – MCC – Robert Crawford
Neighborhoods – NSO – Rosemary Wesolowski
JaxParks – Megan Williamson
Planning & Development – Susan Kelly
Planning & Development – Helena Parola
DCPS Board Member – Ashley Smith-Juarez

Visitors:

Goolsby, Raymond
Torres, Denise
Denise Halimi – Oxford Chase HOA
Mazzeo, Carmen – Florida Atlantic
Skule, Richard - GENA
Bentson, Ben
Pickle, Robin - Brierwood
Clapp, Ann - GENA

- 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 March 2017 meeting summary and Jim Hill made a second; the summary was approved.
- 3. Presentation(s):**
Monica Cichowlas, Customer Service Manager, 630-CITY informed the CPAC members about the various services offered by 630-CITY.
 - There was a brief overview that explained how to get your concerns registered with 630-CITY via phone during business hours or any time on the COJ website. Ms. Cichowlas provided a quick tutorial and informed the CPAC that there is a YouTube video that they and their community members can use as a guideline. The YouTube video can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISgB17_ikOU
 - There were a number of questions in regard to requesting a new trash can or recycling bin. Monica demonstrated how to make the request on 630-CITY via the internet.
 - Jax Score was introduced to the CPAC and there was tutorial on how to obtain 630-CITY related information for each zip code.
 - MyJax App was discussed. Everyone was encouraged to go to their app store and look for the MyJax app. This app sends the information that is entered into the app to the 630-CITY Call Center. Once received, a 630-CITY team member will handle the concern/information and disseminate the information to the correct area. The CPAC was reminded to not use the MyJax app to report public safety issues.

- Ms. Cichowlas encouraged the CPAC members to contact her for any additional information or assistance. Monica Cichowlas – 630-CITY.

4. **Elected Officials Reports:**

City Council Member Danny Becton, Council District 11 – Council Member Becton provided an update of the Pension Plan that was just passed by City Council. The Council Member also informed the CPAC about two bills he introduced. The bills are:

- Ordinance 2017-318. This ordinance was written to expand the types of requests available for an Administrative Deviation. The full CPAC voted to send a support letter for Council Member Becton's Ordinance 2017- 318.
- Ordinance 2017-348. This ordinance was written to add a budgetary requirement for an additional pension reduction payment. The full CPAC voted to send a support letter for Council Member Becton's Ordinance 2017-348.

Council Member Becton also informed the CPAC that a bill has been filed by another Council Member to change the function of the TRUE Commission. This bill will go before the Rules Committee next Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

Contact Councilmember Becton at 630-1383 or dbecton@coj.net

Executive Council Assistant, Terrance Freeman, Council District 3 – encouraged the CPAC members to contact him if they have any questions or concerns about the new Charter School that will be opening near Beach Boulevard and Kernan Boulevard. Neighbors near the school have expressed concern in regard to peak drop off and pick up hours during the day. At this time the Council Member is working with the school to address the ingress/egress issues. The school may need to have a traffic study completed. Depending on the results of the traffic study a traffic signal light may need to be added. Mr. Freeman stated that he would keep the CPAC abreast of this issue.

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

Ashley Smith- Juarez, Duval County School Board, Vice Chair – informed the CPAC about the following issues:

- HB 5103: Capital Outlay Funding, GENERAL BILL by PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee and the bill addresses Capital Outlay Funding; Revises provisions relating to charter school capital outlay funding, school district discretionary millage, & Public Education Capital Outlay Debt Service Trust Fund.
- HB 5105: School Improvement, GENERAL BILL by Education Committee for School Improvement; Revises provisions relating to school improvement plans, early warning systems, student intervention & support services, district-managed turnaround plans, & charter school corrective actions; creates schools of hope; creates Schools of Hope Revolving Loan Program.
- Florida Legislature enacted Section 1002.31, Florida Statutes, which directs each school district to develop a controlled open enrollment plan. Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, each district school board and charter school must adopt a controlled open enrollment plan that allows a parent from any school district in the state to enroll his or her child in and transport his or her child to any public school that has not reached capacity. The controlled open enrollment plan is in addition to the existing choice programs such as magnet schools, alternative schools, special programs, advanced placement, and dual enrollment.

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

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Zone 3 Assistant Chief Nemeth provided the following information:
- In the last 30 days, ten robberies to individuals took place in Zone 3; the last robbery occurred in the parking lot of the Publix Grocery Store located at the St. Johns Town Center.
- JSO is working to correct the homeless solicitation/panhandling problem in the front of the Walmart store that is located at Beach Boulevard (near Southside Boulevard).
- Burglaries at homes that are under construction continue to be a problem in Zone 3. Most of the items that have been stolen are appliances and air conditioning units.

- Again, the CPAC members were reminded that auto burglaries are a problem in Zone 3. In addition to locking our cars, the CPAC was reminded to remove their valuables, weapons and keys from their automobiles.
- Auto theft is also a problem in Zone 3. Seventy to 80% of the vehicles that were stolen had the key in the car or ignition while the car was unlocked and unattended. 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)** – Jim Green Stated that there are no new projects scheduled to start in the Southeast district. The surfacing of Emerson Street has been completed. FDOT will host a public workshop on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 regarding a Project Development and Environment Study on I-95 from J. Turner Butler (JTB) to Atlantic Boulevard in Duval County. This segment of I-95 experiences peak period congestion due to demand that exceeds capacity. With expectations of continued traffic congestion, the purpose of this PD&E study is to evaluate the addition of express lanes in order to provide capacity improvements and relieve congestion. The study will also examine all interchanges regarding safety and operational improvements.
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 Bayard systematic inspection. Mr. Crawford stated that the Code Compliance Team plan to conduct additional systematic inspections soon on the Beach Boulevard Corridor, Emerson Street Corridor and the University Boulevard Corridor.
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 stated she had no new information to share with the CPAC, but encouraged the CPAC to take the JTA Try Transit Challenge.
Four guests attended the meeting to express their difficulties and challenges getting to a bus stop due to the removal of bus stops near the Beach Boulevard/University Boulevard intersection construction project. Ms. Riddick stated she would work with them.
Contact Cheryl Riddick at 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com
- **JPL (Jacksonville Public Library)** – Keli Likins informed the CPAC that JPL is currently working to obtain additional federal funds to improve the online library system and to grow the e-library loaning system.
Contact Keli Likins at 996-0325*220 or klikins@coj.net
- **Planning and Development Department** – not in attendance
Contact Susan Kelly at 255-7827 or ksusan@coj.net
- **Military Affairs and Veterans Department** – not in attendance
Contact Ashley Rogan at 630-3625 or arogan@coj.net
- **Public Works** – Duane Kent provided the following report:
 - The beach re-nourishment project will begin in two weeks.
 - The San Marco Crosswalk (at Riviera Road) is underway and will be ADA compliant.
 - The Valens Drive drainage project is completed and functioning.
 Contact Tom Fallin at 255-8710 or thomasf@coj.net
- **Recreation and Parks** – Megan Williamson announced:
 - The 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park hosted Movie in the Park on March 31st. Moana was the movie shown to a large crowd at the park.
 - The clay tennis courts at the 9A/Baymeadows Park are finished
 - Fifty trees and new fencing is scheduled for installation at Drew Park.
 - Touchton Road Park is ready to start the design phase.
 - Piling and dock repair for County Dock Park has gone out for bid.
 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 several applications and a motion was made on application 2017-220. This ordinance, 2017-220 involves the rezoning of the residential property at 13326 Old St. Augustine Road from RLD-90 to Commercial Office (CO). There was representation from the neighborhood that abuts the property (13326 Old St. Augustine Road) at the LUZ Subcommittee meeting and they express their concerns with this application. The CPAC voted unanimously to send a denial letter for this application.
- **Beautification/Parks/Environment –** Dick Cardell – encouraged the CPAC to select native plants if they plan to complete any landscaping projects. The native plants are ideal for the dry conditions that we are experiencing. Mr. Cardell also suggested that we group plants, provide ample mulch and use ground cover in lieu of using all sod in our yards.
- **Economic Development –** Gloria Stephens:
 - Plans were filed this week for a 100-acre, 1 million-square-foot distribution-warehouse center at Cecil Commerce Center. No project name was prominent in the filing, although it appears to be similar to speculation about FedEx, which has been widely speculated as the project for a large project at Cecil Commerce Center. The applicant proposes to develop the 103-acre± project site for the purpose of constructing a warehouse facility and associated car parking lots, driveways and associated infrastructure.
 - The Downtown Investment Authority on Tuesday unanimously selected a company controlled by Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shad Khan to be master developer for 70 acres of riverfront property stretching from The Shipyards to Metropolitan Park. Khan's vision entails more than \$500 million of private investment. At full build-out, there would be 300 to 500 condominiums and 300 to 500 apartments, plus 300,000 to 500,000 square feet of office space. It would have 150,000 to 250,000 square feet for stores and restaurants, and 200 to 500 hotel rooms. A marina would have 250 to 450 boat slips, though final design could boost the number of boat slips to 525.
 - With more than \$11 million in work underway, the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center is in review for a \$123 million permit for the bulk of its construction project in San Marco. DPR Construction of West Palm Beach and Perry McCall, in partnership, are the contractors for the more than 330,000-square foot addition to the existing center. The new nine-story building is being built at 1301 Palm Ave. It is under development on two blocks across San Marco Boulevard from the current MD Anderson center at 1235 San Marco Blvd., which opened in October 2015. The total \$180 million project should be open by mid-2018.
- **Education –** George Banks – no report.
- **Membership –** Marj Rothstein – announced at the March CPAC meeting we had 17 CPAC members and 16 guests in attendance. Ms. Rothstein introduced five new CPAC members to the group.
- **Safety –** Betty Wolfe – not present.

Ad-Hoc:

- **North Florida TPO –** Jim Hill – The NFTPO has created a list of roadway improvement projects for our area; the list will be provided at a future meeting.
 - **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission –** Gloria Stephens informed the CPAC that her appointment to the TRUE Commission is moving along. The next step for Ms. Stephens is to meet with the Rules Committee Chair, Council Member Dennis for an interview.
 - **Neighborhood Coordinators Report –** Rosemary Wesolowski
 - Informed the CPAC that the Matching Grant Program is about to kick off. Details and the application will be emailed soon. The RFP for the CommUniverCity Leadership Training program is out for bid; updated details will be provided once they become available.
- Contact Rosemary Wesolowski at 255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net

8. **Chairs Report –** Debbie Johnson – no report.

9. Unfinished Business -
10. New Business -
11. Motion to Adjourn - meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

NEXT MEETING: May 22, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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