

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **July 24, 2017 Meeting Summary**

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



## **Meeting Attendance**

### **CPAC Members**

The Gables HOA – Debbie Johnson Chair  
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Marj Rothstein Vice Chair  
Alumni Civic Association – Kathleen Perera  
Bartram Springs HOA – Joe Luczak  
Blackwood Forest HOA – Pamela Fraser  
Blackwood Forest HOA – Steve Clark  
Deercreek Owners Association – Carol D'Onofrio  
Deercreek Owners Association - Peter Gentry  
Deerwood Improvement Association – Ernst Cornehl  
Englewood Full Service Schools – Ralph Hodges  
Greater Hood Road Community Association- Jim Hill  
Mandarin Community Club – Karen Rowe  
Pickwick Park Civic Association – Elizabeth Wolfe  
Saddlebrook Homeowners Association – Gloria Stephens  
Secret Cove – Gary Weise  
The Arc Jacksonville Village – Denise Torres

### **Excused:**

Englewood Full Service Schools – Ralph Hodges  
Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA – Abby Howard Murphy  
Rose Creek Condo Association – Henry Rogers  
Secret Cove – George Banks

### **Staff and Elected Officials:**

City Council District 3 Aide – Terrance Freeman  
City Council District 5 – Lori Boyer  
City Council District 11 – Danny Becton  
JEA – Suzanne Goss  
JTA – Aleizha Batson  
JSO – Daniel Shelton  
FDOT – Jim Green  
JPL – Mark Hohnadel  
DCPS – Ashley Smith Juarez  
JaxParks – Megan Williamson  
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Robert Crawford  
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski  
Citizens Relation Manager – Vince Robinson

### **Guests:**

Jill Metlin – Blackwood Forest  
Debbie Campbell – Mandarin Garden Club  
Maria Burghard - UNF  
Aimee Hunter - UNF  
Wanda Bosworth – Orange Picker Road  
George Thompson – Orange Picker Road  
Brittany Bussiere - UNF  
Hugo Jimenez – Orange Picker Road  
Gislea Jimenez – Orange Picker Road  
George Miller – Sweetwater  
Richard Skule - GENA  
Steve Tice – East Hampton  
Ameera Sayeed  
Ivan Savd

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Johnson called the meeting to order. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** A motion was made by Ernst Cornehl to approve the June 2017 meeting summary and Kathleen Perera made a second; the summary was approved.
3. **Presentation(s): Lori Boyer, City Council District 5,** informed the CPAC about her work as City Council President and her work with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Boyer informed the CPAC that her work with the Chamber of Commerce has focused on increasing tourism and to re-brand Jacksonville. In conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and Trujax, Council Member Boyer explained a multi-faceted marketing/action plan that has been created to market the City of Jacksonville, the various local waterways and the natural beauty found in Jacksonville to locals and tourist alike. A nine point action plan has been created; the plan pillars are:
  1. Improving the water experience for citizens
  2. Building & expanding connections to health, wellness & adventure
  3. Strengthening sense of place through water-focused design, policy & guidelines
  4. Driving investment, industry & jobs
  5. Attracting visitors & conventions
  6. Increasing thought leadership & hub status

- 7. Advancing & protecting our water-based ecosystems, developing a water ethic
- 8. Building signature recreational & sporting events and/or festivals
- 9. Creating regional linkages that broaden our water-based identity and expand our experiences.

#### 4. **Elected Officials Reports:**

- **Danny Becton, City Council District 11** – it was announced that Council Member Becton received City Council's most prestigious internal award, the Webb Award. The Webb Award is bestowed annually, by the outgoing City Council President, to the Council Member that best exemplifies extraordinary commitment to public service.

Additionally, Council Member Becton announced at the 9A-Baymeadows Regional Park the tennis courts should be open for use around Labor Day and the City of Jacksonville is spending \$300,000 on upgrades for the football fields at the park. The new JSO Substation will host an open house on August 14, 2017 from 5-7 pm. The substation is located in Providence Office Park; this is across the street from the Adamec Harley Davidson Store on Baymeadows Road. A traffic light will be installed at the entrance/exit of the Sweetwater Community in fall 2017. Council Member Becton is still actively working to secure a site for a new fire station in the Baymeadows Road / I-295 area.

- **Terrence Freeman, City Council District 3 Aide** – attended on behalf of City Council Member Bowman. Mr. Freeman announced that he has accepted a position in the private sector; his last day with the City of Jacksonville will be, Friday, July 28, 2017. Council Member Bowman has interviewed several candidates and will have a new aide soon. The new charter school, Duval County Coastal School on Beach Boulevard (between Kernan Boulevard and Hodges Boulevard) will open as scheduled in August, but the new traffic light for the school will not be installed until September 2017. Contact Councilmember Bowman at 630-1386 or [abowman@coj.net](mailto:abowman@coj.net)
- **Ashley Smith Juarez – Duval County Public School Board Vice President** – announced that House Bill (HB) 7069 was passed and signed by Governor Scott. The bill addresses the following:
  - Requires the Auditor General to conduct annual audits of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
  - Requires that the lowest-performing elementary schools be determined by specified assessment results
  - Creates the Schools of Excellence Program
  - Charter schools are eligible for capital outlay funds pursuant to specified provisions
  - Deletes a provision requiring the Algebra II end-of-course assessment to be administered
  - Creates the Florida Best and Brightest Principal Scholarship Program
  - Authorizes all students, including home education and private school students, to participate in specified virtual instruction options, etc.

Ms. Smith Juarez also addressed CPAC questions in regard to the \$21 million of unexpected DCPS spending that was reported in the local news.

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

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lt. Sheldon provided the following crime statistics for the past 30 days in Zone 3: Homicides- 1 (under investigation); home invasion – 2; individual robbery – 17; business robbery – 6; aggravated battery – 32; arson – 1; residential robbery – 36; auto thefts – 54 (all were unlocked and 27 had the keys in them); auto burglaries – 154. 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](mailto:edenisel@coj.net)

- **Duval County Public Schools** – Ashley Smith Juarez reported on behalf of DCPS.
  - **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green announced that there will be a public meeting to discuss the proposed I-95 Express Lanes (from Atlantic Boulevard to J. Turner Butler Boulevard) on August 3, 2017 at the Jacksonville Marriot, 4670 Salisbury Road, 32256 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.  
Contact Jim Green at [James.Green@dot.ST.FL.us](mailto:James.Green@dot.ST.FL.us) or 360-5684
  - **Neighborhoods Department (Code Compliance)** – Robert Crawford informed the CPAC that he and his team have collected 5078 snipe signs in the Southeast district and over 26,000 snipe signs city wide since October 1, 2016. A systematic inspection was completed in the Pine Forest community which netted 147 new cases with 319 violations. In the month of August, Code Compliance plans to conduct a systematic inspection in the Beach Haven community and a systematic inspection in the Baymeadows community in September.  
Contact Robert Crawford at 255-7042 or [robertc@coj.net](mailto:robertc@coj.net)
  - **JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority)** – Suzanne Goss – reminded the CPAC that JEA offers power outage information/reporting on their website ([www.JEA.com](http://www.JEA.com)). If you need to report a street light that is out and not functioning, please call 665-6000 and provide the street light poll number in your report.  
Contact JEA at 665-5000
  - **JTA (Jacksonville Transportation Authority)** – Alezia Batson presented for Cheryl Riddick; provided information for the 2017 Game Day Express (rates and transit lots for Jacksonville Jaguar games); and the TryTransit Challenge.  
Contact Cheryl Riddick at 632-5522 or [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)
  - **JPL (Jacksonville Public Library)** – Mark Hohnadel presented for Keli Likins; informed the CPAC the JPL Summer Learning Programs are ending, but there are a variety of other learning classes, training, clubs and activities offered at all of the libraries. The CPAC members were encouraged to investigate the activities at the local libraries. Mr. Hohnadel announced that among a field of more than 800 libraries in Florida, including public, academic, special and school libraries, the Jacksonville Public Library has been named the 2017 Library of the Year by the Florida Library Association.  
Contact Keli Likins at 996-0325\*220 or [klikins@coj.net](mailto:klikins@coj.net)
  - **Planning and Development Department** – not in attendance  
Contact Susan Kelly at 255-7827 or [ksusan@coj.net](mailto:ksusan@coj.net)
  - **Military Affairs and Veterans Department** – not in attendance  
Contact Ashley Rogan at 630-3625 or [arogan@coj.net](mailto:arogan@coj.net)
  - **Public Works** – Tom Fallin provided the following report:
    - The San Marco Crosswalk (at Riviera Road) is underway and will be ADA compliant.
    - An evaluation of the Jacksonville Beach Pier will be conducted to see what is salvageable.
    - The Hendricks Avenue Elementary turn/drop off lane construction has started.
    - A RFP for sidewalks in the Pine Forest community has gone out.
    - The bulkhead in River Park (in San Marco) will be replaced.
    - Remediation will begin soon on the site of the former Southside incinerator.
 Contact Tom Fallin at 255-8710 or [thomasf@coj.net](mailto:thomasf@coj.net)
  - **Recreation and Parks** – Megan Williamson announced:
    - The Greenland Road playing fields have been regraded.
    - The splash pad at Losco Road Park will be finished and open to the public very soon.
 Contact JaxParks at 255-7900 or visit [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com)
- 6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit) –**
- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)** – Debbie Johnson chaired the LUZ Subcommittee meeting for Jim Hill. Chair Johnson stated the subcommittee reviewed eight applications and made three motions; all motions passed unanimously. The motions were:  
Opposition: 2017-019, tracking number 1491, this ordinance is a Minor Modification that requests to allow a six-foot fence on one side of a residential corner lot located at 4609

Blackwood Forest Dr. This fence was erected by the homeowner prior to approval by the homeowners association. Proper homeowner association protocol should have been followed.

Deferral of AD 17-45, this ordinance is a request to reduce the front yard footage from 10 to 0 feet to better accommodate a playground at a day care located at 3968 Sunbeam Road. The CPAC would like additional information to ensure the safety of the playground.

Opposition to 2017 Tracking Number 1472, this ordinance is a request to rezone 9.11 acres which is currently a JTA Park-n-ride located at 3011 Marbon Road. There are three alternative site plans. Each alternative will have a commercial development and each has a component for housing; one is single family homes, another is for townhomes and one has plans for townhomes and apartments. The CPAC would like to see one site plan option only.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Dick Cardell – not in attendance
- **Economic Development** – Gloria Stephens – reported:
  - The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization took the next step on a long-term plan to overhaul transportation in northeast Florida by using technology and data integration. The ambitious plan will pair emerging technology with hefty data sets to improve safety, mobility, economic development and data analytics. The hope is to have roads paved with solar panels. Additionally, light poles could detect the sound of a gunshot, triangulate the location the shot was fired and call police to the area. Ambulances could know train schedules and navigate their routes accordingly. Driverless shuttles could carry students across college campuses. The TPO and its consultant HNTB have worked for months on the North Florida Smart Region Master Plan and is now moving forward with some components. The Jacksonville Electric Authority is investing in lighting technology that will provide brighter street lights while cutting operations cost almost in half. The Jacksonville Transportation Authority is looking for autonomous vehicles to lease. Lockheed Martin has expressed interest in assisting with driverless transport of goods (short distance). Other components of the plan, which include 33 projects across Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties, are still in early planning stages. The plan received \$34 million in the TPO's long-range transportation plan, which looks ahead at the next decade of projects.
- **Education** – George Banks – not in attendance
- **Membership** – Marj Rothstein – provided the following CPAC statistics:
  - The current membership of our SE CPAC is 39 members
  - We had 14 of those members in attendance at our last meeting in June
  - We also had 5 guests who attended our last meeting in June
  - We welcomed June – 2 new associations and 1 new member (total of 4 individuals) May – 0 new members or associations
  - We currently have 0 associations / neighborhoods who have submitted completed / eligible applications to be new members of our SE CPAC
  - If anyone attending tonight has not already signed in on one of the sign-in sheets, please sign in before you leave.
- **Safety** – Betty Wolfe – announced that August 1, 2017 is National Night Out and encouraged all communities to participate.

#### **Ad-Hoc:**

- **North Florida TPO** – Jim Hill – no report.
- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Gloria Stephens-attended an audit review.
- **Neighborhood Coordinators Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski – no report  
Contact Rosemary Wesolowski at 255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)
- 8. **Chairs Report** – Debbie Johnson – reminded the CPAC about the SE CPAC survey that was completed by the CPAC members at the beginning of the year. The survey revealed that the SE CPAC members would like to take a bus tour. Chair Johnson stated that she will call a Subcommittee Chairs meeting to discuss destinations for the bus tour. All members will be invited to attend the Subcommittee Chairs meeting. If anyone would like to make suggestions for the tour, please email them to Rosemary.
- 9. **Unfinished Business** -
- 10. **New Business** –

**11. Public Comment-**

Wanda Bosworth, resident of Orange Picker Road reviewed the history of development along Orange Picker Road and expressed her opposition to LUZ application AD-17-042.

Hugo Jiminez, informed the CPAC that his property abuts the property that is addressed in LUZ application AD 17-042. Mr. Jiminez is opposed to the AD application; he stated the property is too small for the proposed purpose.

**11. Motion to Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: August 28, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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