

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 22, 2018 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members:

The Gables HOA – Debbie Johnson Chair
Oak View Corner Oaks Owner Association – Jon Malmind
Alumni Civic Association – Kathleen Perera
Bartram Springs HOA – Joe Luczak
Blackwood Forest HOA – Steve Clark
Brierwood Neighborhood Association – Robin Pickle
City Council District 11 – Donna Herrin
Deercreek Owners Association – Carol D'Onofrio
Englewood Full Service School – Ralph Hodges
Greater Hood Road Community Association – Jim Hill
Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA – Abby Howard Murphy
Johns Creek HOA – Todd Ierna
Mandarin Garden Club – Debbie Campbell
Pickwick Park Civic Association – Betty Wolfe
Pine Forest Community Action Corp. – Joyce Brown
Rose Creek Condominium Association – Henry Rogers
Saddlebrook Homeowners Association – Gloria Stephens
Secret Cove Civic Association – George Banks
The Arc Jacksonville Village – Denise Torres
The Lakewood Community – Dick Cardell
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Marj Rothstein

Excused –

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 3 Aide – Carol
City Council District 11 – Danny Becton
FDOT – Derek Dixon
FDOT – Jim Green
Jacksonville Public Library – Keli Likins
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Robert Crawford
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
Parks and Recreation – Aaron Smiley
Planning and Development – Susan Kelly
Planning and Development – Arimus Wells
Public Works – Tom Fallin
Duval County Public Schools – Lori Hershey

Guests:

William Michaelis – Chance Partners
Matt Carlucci
Jeneen Sanders - CSA
Kathy Soares – Highland Glen
Ann Clapp - GENA
Joey Do – Brierwood Neighborhood Association
Carmen Mazzeo

- 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 George Banks to approve the October and November 2017 meeting summary and Jim Hill made a second; the summaries were approved. A motion was made by George Banks to approve the December 2017 meeting summary and Jim Hill made a second; the summary was approved.
- 3. Presentation(s):**

Anna Brosche, City Council President, informed the CPAC in July 2017, the start of her one year term as City Council President, she convened two special committees comprised of various City Council members. The two special committees were charged to assess our city parks and to evaluate the needs to make all of our neighborhoods a safe and healthy place to live. Before the two special committees finalize their suggestions and recommendations, Council President Brosche has reached out to each CPAC city wide to share their thoughts, concerns and recommendations with her and the special committees. Council President Brosche opened the floor for discussion.

There were a number of questions and suggestions presented to the Council President. Brosche also provided guidance to the project. The SE CPAC will send their final

assessment and recommendations in writing to Council President Brosche before the February 28, 2018 deadline.

4. Elected Officials Reports:

Danny Becton, City Council District 11 – informed the CPAC about the Context Sensitive Streets Committee and their work. In particular, Council Member Becton discussed street re-construction, truck regulations on city streets and possible new standards for street crossing, parking and on-street parking. The discussion of the aforementioned topics led to a conversation about interconnectivity of roadways between business and industrial business communities.

Contact Council Member Becton at 630-2737 or dbecton@coj.net

Carol Brock, Aide for Aaron Bowman, City Council District 3 – informed the CPAC that she did not have a report, but was available to questions or concerns.

Contact Council Member Bowman at 630-1386 or ABowman@coj.net

Lori Hershey, Vice Chairman, Duval County Public School Board - provided an update on the search for a new Superintendent. Vice Chairman Hershey is also working with City Council Member Hazouri in regard to adding school zone traffic signage for several schools to improve pedestrian safety for the students. One of the schools that will receive the new signage is Twin Lakes Elementary. Vice Chairman Hershey announced in 2017 Duval County had an 80.8% graduation rate; that is the highest graduation rate in the state of Florida. The national graduation rate is 75%.

Contact Vice Chairman Hershey at 390-2375 or herseyl@duvalschools.org

5. Staff Reports (3 minute time limit)

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Assistant Chief Short – not in attendance

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 – Lori Hershey represented DCPS.

FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green was in attendance and he announced that he is retiring at the end of the week after 30 years with FDOT. The CPAC recognized and thanked Mr. Green for his service to the SE CPAC; well wishes were bestowed upon Mr. Green.

Derek Dixon reported State Road 13 (San Jose Boulevard) will be resurfaced, restriped and have a designated bike lane added; this project should be completed in Spring 2019.

Contact Derek Dixon at Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us or 360-5653

Neighborhoods Department (Code Compliance) – Robert Crawford announced that Code Compliance collected a total of 2001 snipe signs in 2017. Since October 1, 2017, Code Compliance has collected 700 snipe signs. In December, Code Compliance completed a systematic inspection in the Spring Park Neighborhood. The Spring Park Neighborhood inspection resulted in 168 homes being cited with a total of 273 violations.

Contact Robert Crawford at 255-7042 or robertc@coj.net

JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority) – Suzanne Goss – not present

Contact JEA at 665-5000

JTA (Jacksonville Transportation Authority) – Cheryl Riddick – not present

Contact Cheryl Riddick at 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com

JPL (Jacksonville Public Library) – Keli Likins announced the new director of the Jacksonville Public Library system was selected and started work today. His name is Tim Rogers; a bio can be found for Mr. Rogers on the COJ website.

Ms. Likins also shared information about the Jax Book Fest on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Library (downtown). There will be presentations and book signings with New York Times best-selling authors Nicola Yoon and Kimberla Lawson Roby. There will be events for book lovers, writers, educators and children throughout the event. For more information, please visit www.jaxbookfest.org
Contact Keli Likins at 996-0325*220 or klikins@coj.net

Planning and Development Department – Susan Kelly did not have a report, but was available for questions. Ms. Kelly introduced a new member of the Planning and Development team, Arimus Wells.

Contact Susan Kelly at 255-7827 or ksusan@coj.net

Military Affairs and Veterans Department – Caroline Adkins announced the Office of Military Affairs and Veterans Department will offer free tax preparation for veterans again this year. Also, the Jacksonville VA Outpatient Clinic and the COJ Military Affairs office will offer an information session titled Aid and Attendance Pension Information Session. Ms. Adkins provided a flyer with completed details for both opportunities.

Contact Caroline Adkins at 630-3625 or carolinea@coj.net

Public Works – Tom Fallin announced that repairs are underway at Riverfront Park (in San Marco); the bulkhead repair/replacement should be completed by May 2018. New sidewalks will be installed in the Pine Forest Community; the Pine Forest sidewalk project should be completed by June 2018. There will be several drainage projects completed throughout the southeast district. Currently County Dock Park is in the design phase.

Contact Tom Fallin at 255-8710 or thomasf@coj.net

Parks and Recreation – Aaron Smiley announced:

- Fencing will be installed at 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park.
- New playground equipment has been installed at Losco Regional Park.
- At Chuck Rogers Park a privacy fence will be installed in the area of the park that abuts the neighborhood.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will start hiring for summer jobs in the near future. For a complete details on the summer jobs please visit www.jaxparks.com
- Contact JaxParks at 255-7900 or visit www.jaxparks.com

6. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit) –**

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning) – Debbie Johnson

The LUZ Subcommittee reviewed five applications and one motion was made. The motion was:

Opposition: 2017-0829 and companion application 2017-0830 to rezone 1.63 acres of land from RLD-60 to CCG-2 to allow the property to be used for outdoor commercial vehicle and heavy equipment storage. After a lengthy discussion, the CPAC voted 11 to 4 in opposition due to the lack of transition of zoning uses as this property abuts single family homes.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell – announced with the cold weather we will see a lot of dead spots in our lawn. It is important that we wait until the temperature is a bit warmer before we re-sod our lawns.

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens provided the following updates:

- Jacksonville's City Council approved up to \$24.2 million in local incentives Tuesday to entice a foreign solar panel manufacturer to start making them here. State incentives could total tens of millions more for the still-unnamed company, whom city officials call Project Volt. The company has pledged to create 800 jobs by the end of next year at a manufacturing building on the city's Westside and an assembly center on the Northside. It would be the company's first manufacturing site in the United States, according to a city report that said the average wage would be \$45,562 yearly. The city's incentives would come mostly from breaks on taxes charged over 10 years on company property at the factory on New World Avenue in Cecil Commerce Center and the assembly building on Faye Road. The company is projected to spend \$257 million on machinery and

equipment at the two sites as part of a package of investments totaling \$410 million. Most of the manufacturing material will be shipped from China during the company's first few years in Jacksonville, according to a project summary the Mayor's Office circulated.

Education – George Banks – no report

Membership – Chair Johnson introduced new member Debbie Campbell as the representative from the Mandarin Garden Club.

Safety – Betty Wolfe – did not have a report, but informed the CPAC she will miss the next couple of CPAC meetings due to an upcoming surgery. Ms. Wolfe encouraged any of the Sheriffs Watch members to provide a safety update in her absence.

Ad-Hoc:

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill stated that he will serve as Chair of the NFTPO in 2018.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Gloria Stephens-stated the commission discussed a trend that land owners/developers are zoning their undeveloped land as agricultural; this is a significantly lower tax rate than other classifications. The commission expressed their concerns about this trend to Jerry Holland, Tax Collector. The commission discussed how the Office of Economic Development calculated their rate of return. Their current method does not account for inflation or the time value of money. Lastly, the commission discussed how the City of Jacksonville tracks/maintains their contracts. At this time all contracts are distributed to the various departments/divisions and are not tracked with a unified tracking system.

7. **Neighborhood Coordinators Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that she brought additional copies of the list of parks in the SE District to be used for the project for Council President Brosche. Rosemary also thanked Debbie Johnson for serving as SE CPAC Chair in 2017 and presented a framed certificate of appreciation from the Mayor. Contact Rosemary Wesolowski at 255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net
8. **Chairs Report** – Debbie Johnson presented certificates of appreciation to all the 2017 Subcommittee Chairs.
9. **Unfinished Business -**
10. **New Business -**
11. **Public Comment-**
12. **Motion to Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm**

NEXT MEETING: February 26, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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