

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 23, 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 – Pamela Fraser
Brierwood Neighborhood Association – Nancy Berry
Brierwood Neighborhood Association – Robin Pickle
City Council District 11 – Donna Herrin
Deercreek Owners Association – Carol D’Onofrio
Deercreek Owners Association – Peter Gentry
East Hampton Homeowners Association – Eric Laner
Englewood Full Service School – Ralph Hodges
Greater Hood Road Community Association – Jim Hill
Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA – Abby Howard Murphy
Mandarin Garden Club – Debbie Campbell
Rose Creek Condominium Association – Henry Rogers
Saddlebrook Homeowners Association – Gloria Stephens
Secret Cove Civic Association – George Banks
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Marj Rothstein

Excused –

Pickwick Park Civic Association – Betty Wolfe
The Lakewood Community – Dick Cardell

Staff and Elected Officials:

Danny Becton – City Council District 11
Aaron Bowman – City Council District 3
JaxParks – Megan Williamson
JFRD – Chief John Braswell
JPL – Ann Friedl
JSO – Lt. Richard Knecht
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Neighborhoods Code Compliance Robert Crawford
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
JEA – Suzanne Goss

Guests:

Scott Koslowski
Joanne Griffin – Villa San Jose
Kathy Soares – Highland Glen
George Carroll – Timberlin Parc
Steven Hutch – East Hampton HOA
Michael Beck – Mandarin Senior Center
Richard Skule - GENA
Kathleen Laird – Heronview HOA
Ann Clapp - GENA
Leyse Lowry

- 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:** The CPAC did not approve the meeting summary from March; the summary was not ready. At the May meeting the SE CPAC will vote to approve both the March and April meeting summaries.
- 3. Presentation(s):**
Representative Clay Yarborough, Florida House of Representatives, provided a brief bio and provided a detailed overview of the state’s budget that they passed this year. Representative Yarborough presented:

Tax Relief for Floridians: The Legislature not only cut roughly \$170 million in taxes, it also passed a bill that will protect taxpayers by proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring a supermajority vote to raise any state tax or fee.

Investing in Future Generations: The Legislature once again made significant investments in our state’s education system by increasing the total funds per student by \$101.50. This furthers the Legislature’s goal of providing a world-class education to all children in Florida.

Specific Appropriations for Duval County:

- Mayo Clinic – Endowed Cancer Research Chair: \$2 million

- I-295 from I-95 to west of Old St. Augustine Rd – Construction: \$1.9 million
- San Jose Blvd from Julington Creek Rd to Mandarin Rd – Construction: \$2.5 million
- Crosswalk Countdown Head Improvement Plan: \$631,000
- I-295 from Southside Connector to Butler Blvd – Preliminary Engineering: \$4 million
- I-95 from St. Johns County Line to I-295 – Preliminary Engineering: \$7.3 million
- I-95 from Butler Blvd to Atlantic Blvd – Acquisition of Right-of-Way: \$5.2 million
- I-95 from St. Johns County Line to I-295 – Acquisition of Right-of-Way: \$5.8 million

Education:

- The budget makes significant investments in our state's education system.
 - The PreK–12 Education budget totals \$15.7 billion, which is a \$438.9 million or 2.9 percent increase over the current year.
 - Early Learning Services budget increased by \$36.1 million.
 - The School Readiness Program's total budget is \$630.8 million and includes an additional \$7 million from federal awards for an estimated 1,228 additional childcare slots.
 - The Higher Education budget proposes an overall budget of \$8 billion, an increase from the current year appropriation by \$167 million (2.1%), which includes Fixed Capital Outlay appropriations.
 - State University System: Total funding for the State University System is \$5.1 billion, which is an increase from the current year appropriation of \$122 million (2.5%).
 - Florida College System: Total funding for the Florida College System is \$1.2 billion, which is an overall \$15.8 million over the current year appropriation (1.4%).
 - Workforce Education: Total funding for Workforce Education is \$482.1 million, which is an overall \$7 million increase.

Public Safety

Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles – The budget provides \$390,000 for Electronic LED flares, approximately \$390,000 for a GPS-enabled pursuit intervention system, and approximately \$900,000 for hand-held narcotics analyzers for the FL Highway Patrol. This will help the FHP stay well-equipped for the difficult tasks they confront every day.

Economic Development

- Visit Florida's budget is maintained at \$76 million in an effort to promote our state's vital tourism industry through increased marketing and advertising.
- Space Florida's budget is maintained at \$18.5 million to support the space and aerospace industry in our state.
- Current-Year level funding for Enterprise Florida, \$16 million, has also been maintained.
- \$85 million is provided for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund so that we might continue efforts to support public infrastructure and workforce training around the state.

Representative Yarborough and the CPAC had an in depth conversation about Senate Bill 7026; also known as the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. Senate Bill 7026 was the result of examining how the Parkland tragedy could have been prevented, and provides the necessary reforms, tools, and protocols to protect Florida's children.

Highlights of the bill:

- The bill establishes new restrictions on purchase and ownership of all types of firearms by:

- o Increasing the minimum age for purchasing a firearm to 21 years except for law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and active service members purchasing rifles or shotguns.
- o Establishing a 3-day waiting period for purchase of firearms except for concealed weapons permit holders, persons who hold a valid hunting license from the Fish and Wildlife Commission, law enforcement or correctional officers, or service members.
- o Banning bump stocks.
- The bill creates a process for risk protection orders that allow seizure of a person's firearms under certain circumstances:
- The bill supports school safety by providing:
 - o Funding for additional school resource officers. Currently there are 1500 SROs covering 2400 schools.
 - o Funding for school hardening through grants for improvements in facilities, surveillance systems, and other technical or security resources.
 - o Funding for the "Aaron Feis School Guardian Program" to enhance safety and security in schools.
- The bill improves responses to students presenting a danger to themselves or others.
- The bill looks to fix the communication breakdowns that contributed to the Parkland tragedy.
- The bill increases funding for mental health training, screening, and counseling in schools.
- The bill honors the lives that were lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.
 - o Creating a memorial to honor the victims.
 - o Providing financial assistance for victims' families.
 - o Providing funds to replace the 9th Grade Building.

For complete update on the Florida State Budget, please contact Representative Yarborough at: Clay.Yarborough@myfloridahouse.gov or 904-723-5300

4. Elected Officials Reports:

Aaron Bowman, City Council District 3 – announced there will be two public meetings to discuss the widening of Kernan Boulevard and San Pablo Road. Both of these road widening projects will be in the Greater Arlington Beaches district (north of Beach Boulevard). Once details for both of the meetings are finalized, the information will be provided.

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

Danny Becton, City Council District 11 – announced there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new traffic light in front of the Sweetwater by Del Webb Community. On May 2nd, Council Member Becton will hold a press conference at 9:00 am on the site of the former Baymeadows Gold Course. D.R. Horton purchased the former golf course property in 2004. New plans have been developed and they will be announced at the press conference.

Council Member Becton introduced Victoria Pennington, a consultant representing North Florida TPO. Ms. Pennington shared information on a pedestrian safety campaign

titled Care More Crossing Beach Boulevard. The campaign focuses on the area of Beach Boulevard from Southside Boulevard to I-295. This stretch of Beach Boulevard has become problematic for pedestrian crashes. Between 2012 and 2016 there were 66 individuals walking or riding bikes that were killed or injured by motorist in that section of Beach Boulevard. Handouts on the campaign were distributed to the CPAC. Contact Council Member Becton at 630-2737 or dbecton@coj.net

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

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Knecht informed the CPAC in the Southeast district auto burglaries remains a problem. Lt. Knecht reminded everyone to practice the 9 pm Routine; remove all values and guns from your vehicles at 9 pm and make sure the vehicles are locked.

Contact JSO at Zone 3 Substation-828-5463

JFRD (Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department) – John Braswell, Chief, announced that JFRD is still working on adding a fire station to the district. Chief Braswell informed the CPAC that there are controlled burns underway in the Bartram Springs area. JFRD assists the Department of Forestry with the controlled burns.

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) – Derek Dixon - not in attendance

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

JEA – Suzanne Goss did not have a report, but was available for questions

Contact JEA at 665-5000

JTA – Cheryl Riddick announced JTA held a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 12, 2018 for the new Greyhound bus station near the Prime Osborn Convention Center. JTA is working on a new Mandarin Shuttle program; this program will use local taxi cabs in lieu of JTA vehicles for individual transportation. The taxi/JTA shuttle service is currently in a trial period in Arlington, Sans Souci and will be coming to Mandarin soon.

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

JPL (Jacksonville Public Library) – Ann Friedl stated the CPAC the Jacksonville Public Library will host the Find Your Future: College and Career Fair at the Main Library on Saturday, 28, 2018 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library has expanded their annual young adult job fair this year to include colleges and trade schools. JPL has also partnered with the Mayor's Youth at Work (formerly the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program). This event is geared for 16 to 21 year olds. JPL has started their High Five for Reading fund raising campaign. Ms. Friedl informed the CPAC that JPL is actively involved in the Jacksonville Neighborhood Photo Project. The Special Collections Department of the library would like to expand its current photographic collection to further create a historical record of Jacksonville's neighborhoods. Please share any photos that you can; for additional information on the project please call 630-2409.

Contact Keli Likins at 996-0325*220 or klikins@coj.net

Neighborhoods Department (Code Compliance) – Robert Crawford announced that Code Compliance has collected 1287 snipe signs in the SE district; over 9000 snipe signs city-wide this year.

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

Planning and Development Department – Arimus Wells did not have a report, but was available for questions.

Contact Arimus Wells at arimusw@coj.net

Military Affairs and Veterans Department – not in attendance

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

Public Works – Tom Fallin – not in attendance

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

Parks and Recreation – Megan Williamson announced:

- The boat launch at County Dock Park is open for canoes and kayaks.

- o Losco Regional Park is scheduled to have the playground equipment upgraded.
- o Teams continue to work on removing old pilings from the old pier at County Dock Park.

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 six application and no motions were made.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell – not in attendance

Economic Development – Gloria Stephens stated that Allegiant Air has added nonstop flights to two more cities, Louisville, Ky. and Norfolk, Va. The service will bring the total number of cities to 32 for nonstop service from Jacksonville. Allegiant offers nonstop flights to eight of those cities.

Education – George Banks – no report

Membership – vacant

Safety – Betty Wolfe – not in attendance

Ad-Hoc:

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill stated JTA won funds to buy two electric buses.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Gloria Stephens- no report

7. Neighborhood Coordinators Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that the Matching Grant program will return this year. Applications should be available late summer or early fall.

Contact Rosemary Wesolowski at 255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net

8. Chairs Report – Debbie Johnson reminded the CPAC about the deadline for the CPAC to submit their Capital Improvement Project (CIP) recommendations for the district; the deadline is May 28, 2018. There will be two ad-hoc committee meetings to discuss our recommendations. The first meeting will be held tomorrow night at 6:15 pm at Newk's on Southside Boulevard. The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2018 at Chicken Salad Chick's at 6:15. Any recommendations can be emailed to Rosemary.

9. Unfinished Business -

10. New Business -

11. Public Comment-

12. Motion to Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.

NEFAR Office, 7801 Deercreek Club Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216