

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 27, 2018 Meeting Summary

NEFAR Training Room , 10300 Southside Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32256

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members:

The Gables HOA – Debbie Johnson Chair
Oak View Corner Oaks Owner Association – Jon Malmind
Bartram Springs HOA – Joe Luczak
Blackwood Forest HOA – Pamela Fraser
City Council District 11 – Donna Herrin
Deercreek Owners Association – Peter Gentry
Deercreek Owners Association – Carol D'Onofrio
Deerwood Improvement Association – Ernst Cornehl
Englewood Full Service School – Ralph Hodges
Greater Hood Road Community Association – Jim Hill
Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA – Abby Howard Murphy
Highland Glen HOA – Kathy Soares
Mandarin Garden Club – Debbie Campbell
Rose Creek Condominium Association – Henry Rogers
Secret Cove Civic Association – Gary Weise
The Arc Jacksonville Village – Denise Torres
The Lakewood Community – Dick Cardell
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Marj Rothstein

Excused –

Alumni Civic Association – Kathleen Perera
Brierwood Neighborhood Association – Nancy Barry
East Hampton HOA – Eric Laner
Secret Cove Civic Association – George Banks

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 3 Aide – Carol Brock
City Council District 11 Aide – Tiziana Onstead
DCPS – Lori Hershey
JFRD – Jeff Braswell
JPL – Keli Likins
JSO – Erica Weber
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Military Affairs – Harrison Conyers
Neighborhoods – Shaun Rycroft
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
Parks – Daryl Joseph
Planning & Development – Arimus Wells

Guests:

William Michaelis – Stafford Management
Paul Soares – Highland Glen HOA
Ron Salem - Self
William Herron – Shiloh Creek
Walter Bryant - SNAP
Jennifer Casey - Candidate
John Nooney - Self
Richard Skule - GENA
Ann Clapp - GENA

- 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 Pete Gentry to approve the July meeting summary and Henry Rogers made a second; the summary was approved.
- 3. Presentation(s): Lori Hershey, Vice Chair, Duval County School Board,** asked the CPAC to join her in a moment of silence to reflect on the tragedies that have occurred over the weekend at Raines High School and the Jacksonville Landing.

Ms. Hershey stated that Duval County Schools are on their way to becoming an A rated school system. The school system currently is rated as a B+ system; 1% point away from reaching an A rating. Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) has a total of 17 high schools in their system. At the end of the 2018 school year, 15 of the high schools are rated as either an A or B high schools; the other two schools are rated as C schools.

High school students will also benefit from new legislation; Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), from Washington DC that was recently been implemented. With the new ESSA in

place, this has given high schools the opportunity to increase their focus on career and technical education (CTE). The new Act (ESSA) also ends and replaces the No Child Left Behind Act.

CTE is what many refer to as technical high school. CTE encompasses a wide range of activities intended to provide students with skills demanded in the labor market while preparing them for post-secondary degrees in technical fields. Activities include not only specific career-oriented classes, but also internships, apprenticeships and in-school programs designed to foster work readiness. This opens many opportunities for non-college-bound students. CTE can provide hands-on training that translates directly to attractive careers upon graduation. Finally, by integrating academic skills into a "real world" context, advocates claim that CTE can motivate students to attend school more frequently and be more engaged, and therefore improve core academic skills.

Ms. Hershey stated CTE has been on the decline for several decades. Starting in the 1980s, states increased the number of courses required for high school graduation, and began mandating students take additional courses in core academic areas such as math, science, social studies and foreign language. These additional requirements, along with declining funding and a growing perception that all young people should be encouraged to obtain a four-year college degree, led to a sharp decline in CTE participation. All DCP high schools currently offer one or two CTE paths; with the new Act, CTE opportunities will be expanded.

Ms. Hershey stated that DCPS Superintendent, Dr. Diana Green has established goals for the district. The top three goals are: 1. make DCPS an "A" rated school district; 2. safety and 3. fiscal solvency.

Ms. Hershey announced DCPS held a press conference at 4:00 pm today to address the shootings at Raines High School on Friday night. As a safety measure, some of the football games will be moved to 5:00 pm on Friday nights or the games moved to Saturday mornings. These rules will apply to any game/school that has a large attendance. Playing in daylight will enhance security.

Ms. Hershey answered a number of questions in regard to school safety. It was stated that after the Parkland High School shooting, the State of Florida added \$500 million to the budget to be distributed among 67 school districts (state wide) to enhance security. Locally, the additional state funds helped to cover a fair amount of the additional security expenses, but not all.

There were a number of questions in regard to school capacity limits and funding for new schools. Ms. Hersey and Paul Soares explained the evaluation process DCPS undertakes to review enrollment, boundaries, school maintenance, technology demands and operation costs. At this time it is unclear how school will handle the possible large influx of students from large scale residential developments such as eTown.

Lori Hershey – 904-316-3609

4. Elected Officials Reports:

Carol Brock, District 3 City Council Executive Council Assistant – announced Council President Bowman will host a public meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:30 pm at Alimaconi Elementary School Multipurpose Room, located at 2051 San Pablo Road South, Jacksonville FL 32224. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the potential rezoning (not yet filed) of property located north of Atlantic Boulevard near the Intracoastal Waterway (RE#167141-0900).

Contact Council President Bowman at 630-1031 or ABowman@coj.net

Tiziana Onstead, District 11 City Council Executive Council Assistant – provided the following updates:

New Fire Station #63: On August 21, 2018, the Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee (TEU) and the Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Committees approved Ordinance 2018-459 unanimously for the purchase/sale agreement for the land where plans have been made to build the new Fire Station #63. The fire station will be located off Gate Parkway near Burnt Mill Road. Ordinance 2018-459 will be presented to the full City Council on Wednesday, August 29, 2018.

Baymeadows Park Update: The LUZ Committee approved Ordinance 2018-419, unanimously for the rezoning of Baymeadows Park on August 21, 2018. Baymeadows Park is the mixed use development that will be built off Baymeadows Road between Baymeadows Circle W & Baymeadows Circle East at the former golf course. This ordinance will be presented to the full City Council on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. The next step for Council Member Becton will be the passage of Ordinance 2018-517, the rezoning of an old hotel called Inn of Baymeadows, located on the former Baymeadows Golf Course. Once passed, this will allow the hotel to be converted to apartments by Strafford Management Company.

Bayard Town Hall/Community Workshop: On Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6:30 pm Council Member Becton will hold a community workshop at Julington Baptist Church, 12740 Snyder Street, 32256. The purpose of the meeting is for the community to discuss the proposed rezoning for property on US1 in Bayard, south of Bayard Boulevard. In 2009, Ordinance 2009-157 was passed thus directing Bayard to be built out as a mixed use residential community in accordance with Traditional Neighborhood Development and Transit Oriented Development Principles. Everyone was encouraged to attend and participate.

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

5. Staff Reports (3 minute time limit)

Military and Veterans Affairs – Harrison Conyers stated in the last four years the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVA) has increased the amount of veterans that they serve by 39%. MVA connects veterans with their earned benefits such as social security, health care and disability. MVA also assists with social services; this includes loans for rent and utility payments, provide free tax preparation, free monthly legal clinics, career fairs and medical clinics. Over the past three years, MVA has worked to get 244 homeless vets into homes. Mr. Conyers informed the group about the Season of Valor which will offer 17 events. Some of the upcoming events are: the USO Armed Forces Half Marathon on October 20, 2018; the NAS Air Show will be held on October 27 & 28, 2018; the Veteran's Day Parade on November 12, 2018 (not on the 11th due to many churches will be holding their services); free dental clinic on November 15, 2018 and a Career Fair on November 16, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm. For complete details on upcoming events or services offered by the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, please visit: <http://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs.aspx>

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Weber informed the CPAC violent crime is up city wide and in Zone 3. Statistics for Zone 3 are as follows: homicide YTD-8; abductions/kidnapping YTD-3; sexual battery is actually down 37% YTD-38; home invasion robberies YTD-18; robberies to individuals YTD-127; robbery and carjacking YTD-14; robberies to businesses YTD-42; aggravated battery YTD- 247; residential burglaries are down YTD- 267 and business burglaries YTD-181. Lt. Weber reminded everyone to be mindful of your whereabouts and secure all of your property. It was mentioned that due

to the additional security requirements, JSO has officer working at several schools to help DCPS meet their needs of having an armed officer at every school. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Sheriff's Watch meetings. For meeting information please visit: <http://jsomaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/InformationLookup/index.html?appid=b7b8a5de92574b64994a0fd183592d6c>

Contact JSO at Zone 3 Substation-828-5463

JFRD (Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department) – District Chief Jeff Braswell stated JFRD is excited that a new fire station will be coming online in the Southeast District in the near future on Gate Parkway (near Ikea). JFRD will set-up a temporary fire station as soon as possible. The temporary fire station will consist of a modular unit/trailer to provide accommodations and small equipment storage for the rescue unit and firefighters. The fire engine and rescue unit will remain outside the temporary structure on a paved spot until the new fire station is built. To staff the new station one fire engine and one rescue unit from a fire station located at Old Baymeadows Road and Western Way will shift over to the temporary fire station once it is in place.

Duval County Public Schools – Lori Hershey, School Board Vice Chair, District 7 was the guest speaker.

JPL (Jacksonville Public Library) – Keli Likins thanked Duval County School Board Vice Chair Lori Hershey for her support of JPL. Ms. Likins reminded the CPAC that all DCPS students K-12 automatically have a library card with their student id. There is also an Educators Library Card for teachers to use that allows them to have an extended time period to check out materials. Jacksonville is in the running to win \$25,000 in children's books and a reading room makeover from JetBlue's Soar with Reading initiative. Everyone was encouraged to go online and vote for Jacksonville. Ms. Likins confirmed that there is not a vote limit, so you can vote as much as you like until the voting closes on August 31, 2018

JTA (Jacksonville Transportation Authority) – Cheryl Riddick informed the CPAC that JTA Gameday Xpress is up and running for the Jaguars pre-season games and will continue through the football season. All JTA Gameday Xpress buses start operations two hours before the game kick off and end one hour after the game ends. Continuous service during the game is available at the Convention Center. All JTA shuttles are wheelchair accessible. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to park at the Convention Center lot where JTA paratransit vans are available. In the Southeast district, JTA offers Gameday Xpress shuttle lots at the Kings Avenue Parking Garage and the Southside Lot. The JTA Southside Lot is located at Philips Highway and J. Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB). Ms. Riddick provided a handout that instructed bus riders on the protocol for taking a bike onto a JTA bus.

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

Neighborhoods Code Compliance - Robert Crawford announced that in the Southeast district Code Compliance has collected 2,660 snipe signs YTD and 309 snipe signs this month. Municipal Code Compliance is actively citing political candidates for sign placed improperly in right of ways and citing shopping centers when signs do not adhere to the proper sign setback regulations.

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

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Daryl Joseph informed the CPAC citywide Jacksonville has 400 parks and they all come in different shapes, sizes and amenities. Mr. Joseph and his team are busy working on developing partnerships with businesses. So far Mercedes Benz and Fort Family have partnered with a parks and made donations that

have been used to enhance parks that the companies have adopted. Work on the pier at Mandarin Park is complete; the pier has reopened. Director Joseph stated that his department has plans to develop a bike trail/bike look in the Mandarin area. At this time his team is looking at possible routes in and around Greenland Road and Old St. Augustine Road areas. Clay tennis courts and pickleball courts are open and available at the 9A/Baymeadows Regional Park. Plans are in place to expand the Mandarin Senior Citizen Center.

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

Contact Arimus Wells at arimusw@coj.net

Neighborhoods – Shaun Rycroft, Housing Property Analyst stated the Neighborhoods Matching Grant Program will be offered again for 2019. The grant application process will kick off in the near future. The grant program can match up to \$5000 for projects that fight blight, enhance communities and promote healthier neighborhoods. All association that plan to apply must be registered with the State of Florida and the City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Directory. If you have a question or would like more information, please contact Mr. Rycroft at 255-8272.

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

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning) – Pete Gentry stated the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed 21 applications and one motion was made:

Ordinance 2018-0442, LUZAP Tracking #1810 for a PUD Companion, RE #167741-0700, located at 0 Gate Parkway. The membership voted to request a deferral until additional project information has been provided. The CPAC would like to review the traffic study that was completed to see if information regarding ingress / egress points and the potential impact on the surrounding neighborhoods were conducted. The CPAC voted 10 to 3 – the motion passed.

Beautification/Parks/Environment – Dick Cardell – encouraged the CPAC to incorporate plants that are butterfly friendly. Mr. Cardell stated milkweed is known to attract Monarch butterflies. The current issue of Folio Magazine has an article that discussed plants that attract butterflies.

Economic Development – vacant

Education – George Banks – not in attendance

Membership – vacant – Chair Johnson introduced Kathy Soares as a new member representing Highland Glen HOA.

Safety – Betty Wolfe – not in attendance

Ad-Hoc:

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill – North Florida TPO did not hold a meeting in July, no report.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – vacant. Chair Johnson inquired if any of the CPAC members would like to represent the SE CPAC on the TRUE Commission. If anyone is interested in representing the SE CPAC on TRUE Commission, please contact Debbie Johnson or Rosemary.

- 7. Neighborhood Coordinators Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski shared with the CPAC that the bi-monthly CPAC LUZ meetings that were being held downtown have been discontinued. The Planning and Development Department will continue to create and distribute the LUZ Workbooks. Rosemary inquired if the full CPAC would still like to receive the LUZ Workbook; those in attendance stated they would like to receive the LUZ information. It was announced on the 2018 EPB/UNF Environmental Symposium will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018 at UNF. The theme this year is "Investment, Innovation & Action – Leading the Way to a Sustainable Future". Earlier in the day Rosemary sent an email to everyone with complete information for the symposium.

Additionally, there are two scholarships available for the symposium for the first two CPAC members that email it to epb@coj.net and submit their request to attend. Additionally, the SE CPAC will need to form a Nomination Subcommittee to conduct the nomination and election for the 2019 SE CPAC Chair and Vice Chair election that will be held in November.

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

8. **Chairs Report** – Debbie Johnson stated the CPAC Chair met with the Mayor on Friday, August 10, 2018. Collectively, the CPAC Chairs stressed the importance of the Planning and Development Department sending a representative to the CPAC meetings and the challenge for the CPAC LUZ members to make a 5:00 pm joint LUZ meeting downtown bi-monthly. It was decided that the downtown meetings would end.
9. **Unfinished Business -**
10. **New Business** – Member Henry Rogers reminded everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.
11. **Public Comment-** Member Carol D'Onofrio announced that she serves as the Chair on the Council of Elder Affairs (advocacy group for Senior Citizens). There is a re-finalized ordinance that will go before City Council tomorrow night on behalf of the Council of Elder Affairs. The council is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in serving on the council, please see Carol after the meeting for additional details.

Visitor John Nooney, stated he wanted to make a donation for the Artificial Reef Trust Fund; there is a memorial reef in honor of Clay Roberts in the river. Mr. Nooney acknowledged that ordinance 2009-442 addresses the Artificial Reef Fund. In addition, Mr. Nooney stated he is most concerned about ordinance 2018-255 and development of recreational space or the \$250 that must be paid per unit into City Council coffers. Mr. Nooney stated he has been working to determine the amount of funds that are in the coffers in each of the council districts that will be used for parks in the future. So far Mr. Nooney has not received a response from his City Council representative about the funds, but was able to have a conversation with Council Member Schellenberg about the fund. Mr. Nooney shared with School Board Vice President Hershey that ordinance 2016-18 Fine Grant that provided non-motorized ADA launch at the schools board property; this has been transferred to a CIP project. Mr. Nooney closed with stating that the waterways are his real passion and he is very interested in finding the dollar amount in each City Council coffer.

12. **Motion to Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

NEXT MEETING: September 24, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Avenues Mall, 10300 Southside Boulevard, Ground Floor Main Entrance (Philips Highway side of the mall between Dillard's and JC Penney's), Jacksonville, FL 32256