

## Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

### September 24, 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  
Alumni Civic Association – Kathleen Perera  
City Council District 11 – Donna Herrin  
Deercreek Owners Association – Peter Gentry  
Deercreek Owners Association – Carol D’Onofrio  
Deerwood Improvement Association – Ernst Cornehl  
East Hampton HOA – Eric Laner  
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 – George Banks  
Secret Cove Civic Association – Gary Weise  
The Arc Jacksonville Village – Denise Torres  
The Lakewood Community – Dick Cardell  
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Joanne Parker Griffin

### Excused –

Brierwood Neighborhood Association – Nancy Barry  
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Marj Rothstein

### Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 5 – Lori Boyer  
City Council District 11 – Danny Becton  
City Council At Large – Sam Newby  
At Large Executive Council Assistant – Tracy McGeathay  
JSO – Lt. Weber  
JPL – Keli Likins  
Neighborhoods Department – Stephanie Burch  
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Gary Roberts  
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski  
Planning and Development – Arimus Wells

### Guests:

Holly Decardenas – Pickwick Park Civic Association  
Laura Laseaman  
Jimmy Daniel – Pickwick Park Civic Association  
William Herron  
Richard Skule - GENA  
Fredrick Dash - JSO  
Dennis Perry – Royal Lakes  
Melanie Rorer - UNF  
Brandie Blakely - UNF  
Christina Pfister - UNF  
Grant Bosma - UNF  
Skylor Savoy - UNF  
Taylor Lanier - UNF  
Haley Collins - UNF  
Renata Verduzco - UNF  
Ann Clapp – GENA  
Joseph Arden – Bartram  
Walter Bryant – St. Nicholas Area Preservation

- 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 August 2018 meeting summary and Henry Rogers made a second; the summary was approved.
- 3. Presentation(s):** Matt Carlucci, Co-chair of Jacksonville's 50th Anniversary Consolidation Task Force provided historical facts and insight on how the City of Jacksonville became a consolidated government.

Former City Council President Matt Carlucci acknowledged that Earl M. Johnson Jr. was also a co-chair for the 50th Anniversary Consolidation Task Force and had planned to attend the SE CPAC meeting. The fathers of Mr. Carlucci and Mr. Johnson Jr. served on a committee that was responsible for creating our local consolidated government. Mr. Carlucci provided the following history and facts.

Just prior to consolidation, the city and the county governments were in a state of disarray. An astounding 11 Jacksonville public officials were indicted on 142 counts of bribery and larceny; Duval County's public school system lost its accreditation; 120 million gallons of raw sewage was pumped into the St. Johns River daily; and neither the city nor county government was functioning well.

It was stated that mid 1960's Jacksonville suffered due to multiple layers of governmental bureaucracies that existed throughout the county. There was a City of Jacksonville Mayor, a Duval County Commission and a Jacksonville City Council, a Duval County Sheriff's Office and a City of Jacksonville Police Department, a city fire department and a county fire department, a city recreation department and a county recreation department; most services were duplicated and inefficient. To complicate the layers of bureaucracies, none of the city and county agencies were required to communicate with each other, much less cooperate or even plan with one another.

Mr. Carlucci stated in the old core city, things were becoming dismal. The residents that continued to live within the old city boundaries felt neglected. There were many complaints that first responders, garbage, sewage and the paving of roads, some of the most basic obligations of a city government were not being met. Similarly, rural parts of the county like Mandarin and the Westside often lacked basic sewer, water, roads or garbage pickup at all.

By state legislative action, the Local Government Study Commission was created on October 1, 1965 with a report due to the members of the Florida legislature from Duval County on or before March 1, 1967. The Commission was comprised of a group of 50 nonpoliticians who were tasked with designing a better local government, and it was this group that guided the city through formation of a new government.

On August 8, 1967 the citizens of Jacksonville went to the polls and they voted overwhelmingly in favor of consolidation. The consolidation referendum was able to cut duplication, increase efficiency and restore confidence in local government. On October 1, 1968, the governments merged to create the consolidated City of Jacksonville. The day was highlighted by a parade and fireworks that attracted 200,000 people. The new city limits covered an area of 841 square miles, 20 times its former size. Overnight Jacksonville became the largest city in land area in the entire world. Mr. Carlucci noted that Jacksonville held the record for many years until a sparsely populated Juneau, Alaska, annexed itself in to the record book.

Mr. Carlucci extended an invitation to the SE CPAC to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony which will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018, at the Jessie Ball DuPont Center, 40 East Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. The event will be held 5:30 – 9:00 pm. All were encouraged to RSVP for the ceremony.

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

**Lori Boyer, City Council District 5** – stated District 5 is plagued with drainage issues. In effort to eliminate drainage issues citywide, City Council approved funds in the 2018/19 budget to allow the Public Works Department to purchase an additional Vac-Con Truck that is used to clean street sewers. Council Member Boyer mentioned the Army Corp of Engineers in coordination with other federal and state agencies will implement a joint study to look at the increase of water levels in the St. Johns River. The study is expected to begin in October 2018.

Contact Council Member Lori Boyer at 630-1382 or [LBoyer@coj.net](mailto:LBoyer@coj.net)

**Samuel Newby, City Council At-Large Group 5** – introduced himself to the CPAC and shared that the City will present a \$1.2 billion budget tomorrow night at the City Council Meeting. Council Member Newby stated he has worked on the Finance Committee and he feels that the city is presenting a good budget.

Contact Council Member Newby at 630-1387 or [SNewby@coj.net](mailto:SNewby@coj.net)

**Danny Becton, City Council District 11** – provided the following updates:

The District 11 Annual North District Town Hall meeting will be held on October 11, 2018 at the SE Regional Library from 6 to 8 pm.

The District 11 Annual South District Town Hall meeting will be held on October 25, 2018 at the Nocatee Welcome Center from 6 to 8 pm.

Koffee with Katie will be held on October 8, 2018 at Sweetwater of Del Webb.

Council Member Becton is currently working on a truck route bill that is expected to address/create truck routes on City of Jacksonville roads. The trucks have the right to be on state roads.

Council Member Becton is chairing a special committee that was created to address short term rentals such as Air BNB's or any rental that is shorter than 6 months. Currently, the city does not regulate, permit or tax this type of rental. If you are interested in this topic, please attend the first meeting on October 11, 2018 from 9 to 11 am in City Hall.

For additional information or updates, please visit Council Member Becton's website at: [www.DannyBecton.org](http://www.DannyBecton.org)

Contact Council Member Becton at 630-1383 or [dbecton@coj.net](mailto:dbecton@coj.net)

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

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lt. Dash provided the last 30 days crime statistics for Zone 3. The stats are as follows: 0 homicides; 0 kidnappings/abductions; 2 sexual batteries; 10 robberies to individuals (primarily Hispanic males were the victims); 0 robberies to businesses; 2 car-jacking; 30 aggravated batteries; 11 business burglaries and 40 residential burglaries. Lt. Dash reminded everyone to be mindful of your whereabouts and secure all of your property. 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)** – not in attendance

**Duval County Public Schools** – not in attendance

**FDOT** – not in attendance

**JPL (Jacksonville Public Library)** – Keli Likins thanked Matt Carlucci for presenting on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Consolidated Government at the Beaches Library. Ms. Likins provided the following updates:

The Jacksonville Public Libraries won the \$25,000 in the Jet Blue Reading Room Contest. At this time JPL does not have any details on how or where they will spend the money.

The Mandarin Branch Library (3330 Kori Road) is now offering Chair Yoga. A flyer with dates and times of the classes was distributed to the CPAC members.

On Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the South Mandarin Branch (12125 San Jose Blvd) JPL staff will demonstrate how to get downloadable media from the JPL.

**Neighborhoods Department** – Stephanie Burch informed the CPAC that the Matching Grant program is open for a new cycle. Applications are due December 3, 2018. The sixth confirmed case of the West Nile virus was recently confirmed on the west side of Jacksonville. Ms. Burch reminded everyone to drain standing water. Don't forget to drain standing water in the bottom of planters, in bird baths, bar b q grill covers or any place that can catch water. Ms. Burch also shared Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) are in dire need of individuals to adopt or foster cats and dogs. In the near future, ACPS will host a mega pet adoption; the CPAC was encouraged to attend the adoption event.

**Neighborhoods Code Compliance** – on behalf of Robert Crawford, Gary Roberts informed the CPAC that there are currently 530 cases of nuisance properties in the SE District. The growing season this year has been particularly heavy and fast with all the rain that we received.

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](mailto:arimusw@coj.net)

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

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)** – Pete Gentry stated the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed a manageable amount of applications this month and no motions were made.

**Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Dick Cardell – not in attendance, but Mr. Ralph Hodges stated he attended the Environmental Symposium at UNF on September 14, 2018. At the symposium, Mr. Hodges attended several of the sessions; in particular gained a lot of insight from State of the River Report.

**Economic Development** – vacant

**Education** – George Banks – did not have a report

**Membership** – vacant

**Safety** – Betty Wolfe – not in attendance

**Ad-Hoc:**

**North Florida TPO** – Jim Hill – stated all of the North Florida TPO were cancelled in September.

**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 inquired if the CPAC has received email from the past couple of days? The NSO team is using a new email distribution list/server and she wanted to confirm everyone was receiving emails. As a reminder, 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. An invitation to the 25<sup>th</sup> CPAC Anniversary was extended. The celebration will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at City Hall. A reception will kick off at 4:00 pm in the Lynnwood Roberts Room followed by a Proclamation held in City Council Chambers at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to 255-8250 to attend.

Contact Rosemary Wesolowski at 255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)

- 8. Chairs Report** – Debbie Johnson thanked Matt Carlucci for attending the SE CPAC meeting and presenting on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Consolidated Government in Jacksonville. Chair Johnson clarified that anyone interested in attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Government Anniversary event should RSVP by calling 904-703-0999.

**9. Unfinished Business -**

**10. New Business –**

- 11. Public Comment-** Visitor Will Herron stated he wanted to add to the August 2018 SE Summary. On page 4 there is mention of an issue brought up about the \$250 fees that the COJ collects in regard to recreation space. Mr. Herron researched this topic and it can be found under COJ Ordinance 656.420. The updated /correct information in regard to reference for Recreational for Open Space Standards is:  
Acknowledgement of Required \$250 per Lot Recreational Fee or Fee Simple Dedication of Recreational Land Prior to Final Plat Approval.

Pursuant to City of Jacksonville Ordinance 2008-969-E, Section 656.420, I/we hereby acknowledge that Developer will be required to pay recreation fees or dedicate in fee simple recreation land identified at the 10-set review and approval stage of said project, as follows:

(a) Residential subdivision of 100 lots or more shall provide at least one acre of useable uplands for every 100 lots (and any fraction thereof), or 5% of the total useable uplands area to be platted, whichever is less, to be dedicated as common area and set aside for active recreation. There may be up to two areas for each 100 lots, and the areas shall be a minimum of 0.5 acres in size, unless otherwise approved by the Planning and Development Department, or by the City Council as part of a Planned Unit Development Zoning District.

(b) Residential subdivision of 25 lots to 99 lots shall pay a recreation and open space fee of \$250 per lot, or provide at least 435 square feet of useable uplands for each lot (and any fraction thereof), to be dedicated as common area and set aside for active recreation. The City shall use recreation and open space fees collected pursuant to this subsection to improve, enhance, expand, or acquire recreation areas within the same Planning District in which the fees are paid.

(c) Residential subdivision development of fewer than 25 lots is not subject to this recreation requirement.

(d) Multiple-family developments of 100 units or more shall provide 150 square feet of active recreation area per dwelling unit. There may be one area for each 100 units, or the areas may be combined, subject to approval by the Planning and Development Department.

Mr. Herron stated that it may be beneficial to investigate this issue further.

Member Kathy Soares stated that she has not been able to identify any COJ parks that have a volleyball court for children and or teams to play and practice on. Neighborhoods Director Burch informed Ms. Soares that Rosemary Wesolowski would research that request for her.

Visitor Ann Clapp inquired if a WaWa gas station was going to be built at the southeast quadrant of the Emerson Street and Spring Park Road? Ms. Clapp was informed that the LUZ application was deferred.

Member Abby Howard Murphy stated Council Member Becton has mentioned the demise of concurrency in recent meetings. In researching this issue, Ms. Howard Murphy discovered that there have been a number of meetings that have occurred on the Comp Plan. These meetings date back to late 2017 and seemed to have ended in the spring of 2018. Ms. Howard Murphy asked Neighborhoods Director Burch why the CPAC was not invited to participate and allowed to provide input. Director Burch stated that this issue was on the Service Response Report and an inquiry on this issue has started. At this time all departments have not sent a response, but the Planning and Development Department has responded and it appears that department has approached the CPAC's in regard to the Comp Plan on several occasions in one form or another.

Additionally, the Planning and Development Department has sent a link to Director Burch when the CPAC's were approached. Director Burch stated she planned to compile a report and send to the CPAC's. Ms. Howard Murphy expressed her displeasure with the lack of communication to participate in the meetings and the response to her concerns.

Member Henry Rogers stated that drainage has been an issue for the City of Jacksonville for many years.

Member Gary Weise stated he feels he can be considered a benefit of our consolidated government. Mr. Weise originally moved to Jacksonville with a company to build a power plant as part of the consolidated government economic development programs. As it turns out, Mr. Weise went to work for the City of Jacksonville in 1975 in the Environmental Quality Division and retired 37 years later. Mr. Weise stated that Matt Carlucci's comments reminded him of all the positive changes that have occurred since consolidation.

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

**NEXT MEETING: October 22, 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**