

## Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

### August 26, 2019 Meeting Summary

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

## Meeting Attendance

### CPAC Members:

Deercreek Owners Association – Carol D'Onofrio Chair  
Oak View Corner Oaks Owner Association – Jon Malmind  
Alumni Civic Association – Kathleen Perera  
Bartram Springs HOA – Joe Luczak  
Brierwood Neighborhood Association – Robin Pickle  
Blackwood Forest HOA – Pamela Fraser  
City Council District 11 – Donna Herrin  
Deercreek Owners Association – Peter Gentry  
Deerwood Owners 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  
James Island HOA – Scott Koslowski  
Mandarin Garden Club – Betty Wolfe  
Pine Forest Community Action Corp – Joyce Brown  
Secret Cove Civic Association – Gary Weise  
Shiloh Creek Neighborhood Association – Will Herron  
St. Nicholas Area Preservation – Walter Bryant  
The Arc Jacksonville Village – Denise Torres  
The Gables HOA – Debbie Johnson  
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Joanne Parker Griffin

### Excused –

Brierwood Neighborhood Association – Nancy Barry  
The Lakewood Community – Dick Cardell  
Pickwick Park Civic Association – James Daniel  
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Marj Rothstein

### Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 11 – Danny Becton  
JPL – Carisia Rooney  
JSO – Lt. Dash  
JTA – Cheryl Riddick  
Military Affairs – Caroline Adkins  
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Robert Crawford  
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski  
Parks, Recreation and Community Svcs – Keith Meyerl  
Planning & Development Department – Arimus Wells

### Guests:

Carmen Mazzeo – Fl. Atlantic  
Arthur Mills – Council Member Carlucci  
Manny Gonzales – Pickwick Park  
Anne Davis - Riverbrook  
Sharon Ervin - Riverbrook  
Joe Jackson - Campfield  
Ray Graham - Campfield  
Paul Soares – Highland Glen  
Sherri Marks – Heather Glen  
Ramon Day – NW Quadrant Equity Owner

**Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair D'Onofrio called the meeting to order. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** A motion was made by Ernst Cornehl to approve the July 2019 meeting summary and Jon Malmind made a second; the summary was approved.

**Presentation(s):** Victor Cora, U.S. Census Bureau introduced himself and provided background on the history, function and purpose of the U.S. Census.

Data collected from the census has an economic and political impact. Census data is used in Congressional Apportionment every decade. The numbers are used to determine how many congressional seats are allocated to each state. The drawing of voting districts and congressional districts are also heavily dictated by census data. The data collected is also used to allocate billions of dollars in federal funds to each state and local governments through federal programs and grants. Some of those programs include: transportation needs; eligible for housing assistance; education; healthcare; social services; emergency response; and the needs of people with disabilities, the elderly and children.

The Census Bureau has established a strong and secure IT system to protect information that they collect. It was stressed that the Census Bureau will never share a census respondent's information with others. Mr. Cora assured the group that all information is encrypted as soon as the information is entered into the computer.

The Census Bureau has implemented a couple of new initiatives for the 2020 Census. One major initiative change is to optimize self-response. With technology, people are able to respond anytime, anywhere, via phone or internet, and maximizing internet self-response. Through

testing, results have shown internet response is the most cost effective and the most accurate method to conduct the census.

Additionally, the U.S. Census is hiring a wide variety of positions. Everyone was encouraged to apply online at: [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs). Or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

Mr. Cora is available to meet and present to other groups that are interested. Mr. Cora can be reached at: 813-992-6881 or [victor.m.cora@2020census.gov](mailto:victor.m.cora@2020census.gov)

#### **Elected Officials Reports:**

**City Council Member Danny Becton, District 11**, stated census data is used to establish City Council district boundaries. The City Council boundaries changed after the 2010 data was released and the boundaries will change again once the 2020 data has been tabulated and released. The changes are due to growth and shift in the population.

The 2019/2020 budget has been presented to City Council. It appears that there will be a \$1.3 billion budget. City Council has until September 30, 2019 to approve/pass the budget.

City Council Members and Legislative Services staff received an update to their computers/technology. Technology was upgraded in City Council Chambers too. The upgrades/new system has all City Council Members voting on iPads at the various city council meetings and subcommittee meetings. Council Member Becton will share how to locate City Council bills, council meeting agendas and videos of city council meetings online on his website ([www.dannybecton.org](http://www.dannybecton.org))

Council Member Becton shared the following updates on CIP projects in City Council District 11. The projects include:

- Funding is in place for a new fire station that will be located in the Baymeadows East/Gate Parkway East area; construction on this fire station is expected to begin in the near future. Council Member Becton stated it was determined that a second new fire station is needed in his council district due to new growth and future growth that is planned. Council Member Becton will share the details once the second fire station location has been identified.
- Deerwood Park Bridge will be widened from 2 to 4 lanes; construction should begin soon.
- Fort Family Regional Park at Baymeadows will be enhanced with a new quad-plex baseball fields.
- Deerwood Rotary Children's Park (7901 Baymeadows Rd E) will receive a new splash pad
- The proposed park project off AC Skinner Parkway (between Southside Blvd. and Belfort Road) has not been confirmed. Council Member Becton will share updates with the CPAC as they occur.

There is a new 630-CITY/MyJax website. The update to 630-CITY/MyJax has a new look and is easier for the public to enter their concerns or issues online. Council Member Becton plans to share more information on the 630-CITY update on his website: [www.dannybecton.org](http://www.dannybecton.org)

FDOT is landscaping Baymeadows Road from Embassy Suites (near I-95) and continues east to Deerwood (near Southside Boulevard). This is landscaping project is part of the Baymeadows Road Improvement project. Council Member Becton has requested that FDOT extend the landscaping past Deerwood and end the project at I-295.

Member Howard Murphy inquired if additional lanes will be added to the Phase 2 of the I-295 Express Lane project FDOT will need to expand the sound-wall in front of Twin Lakes Elementary School. Additionally, Ms. Howard Murphy expressed concern for the removal of an island near I-295 and Baymeadows Road to add an additional turn lane. The removal of the island creates a safety issue for those trying to cross the street. Lastly, it

was stated that the addition of fire stations is great for the high growth areas, but land needs to be identified and set aside for community centers, post offices, parks and infrastructure to support the growth. Council Becton stated he would reach out to Ms. Howard Murphy.

Contact Council Member Becton at [dbecton@coj.net](mailto:dbecton@coj.net) or 255-5211

**City Council District 3, Executive Council Assistant Carol Brock**, sent the following report:

The brand new senior living community at Tamaya will have a grand opening tomorrow. This is one of the few senior living communities serving Council District 3. All are welcome to attend the City Council meeting tomorrow evening or watch it live on [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

Contact Council Member Bowman at [ABowman@coj.net](mailto:ABowman@coj.net) or 255-5203

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

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lt. Dash stated in the SE District (Zone 3) there has been a rise in auto burglaries, auto thefts, residential burglaries, business burglaries and aggravated batteries in the last 30 days.

Everyone was encouraged to participate in the 9pm Routine; remove your valuables/guns from your car and make sure your vehicle is always locked.

Contact JSO at Zone 3 Substation-630-8100

**JPL (Jacksonville Public Library)** – Clarissa Rooney announced she has been assigned to serve as the JPL Liaison to the SE CPAC. Ms. Rooney informed the CPAC the next Big Bag Book Sale will be held September 13, 2019 4:00 to 8:00 pm and September 14, 2019 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The sale will be held at the University Park Branch library located at 3435 University Blvd. North, 32277. Buy one bag for \$15 get the second bag free! There is not a limit on the number of bags that can be purchased. Books will be continually restocked throughout the sale.

JPL offer free GED prep classes. The classes offered include math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, understanding decimals and percentages) and reading comprehension (basic skills for fluency, understanding main idea, and words in context). Registration is required. Please call 630-2426 to register.

The Jacksonville Public Library's E-Services Department is dedicated to helping users learn and master the technology needed in today's economy. All classes are free and everyone is welcome. JPL offers multiple services at various library locations to suit many learning styles and many topics. There are drop-in help sessions and one-on-one help sessions that are made by appointment.

For complete details for all upcoming events and activities offered by JPL, please visit: <https://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org>

**JTA** – Cheryl Riddick informed the CPAC that JTA will offer Gameday Xpress again for the 2019 Jaguars Football Season. Gameday Xpress starts operating two hours before kickoff and stops service one hour after the end of the game. Continuous service is offered during the game. All JTA Gameday shuttles are wheelchair accessible. For a reduced shuttle fare, download and purchase shuttle tickets the MYJTA mobile app.

Contact Cheryl Riddick at 632-5522 or [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)

**Military and Veterans Affairs** – Caroline Adkins provided the following events:

Job Fair, September 17, 2019, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St, 32204. Companies will be hiring for hundreds of jobs in a variety of industries. Parking and admission are free. Meet one-on-one with recruiters and hiring managers.

Homeless Veterans Stand Down and Resource Fair, October 12, 2019, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, 510 Fairgrounds Place, 32202. All homeless and at-risk Veterans are invited to attend. The Resource Fair provides homeless Veterans with a safe haven so that they may receive dental/healthcare screenings, food/clothing, haircuts, disability claims assistance, supportive services, and other various types of counseling (mental health, substance abuse, and military sexual trauma).

The Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade is one of the largest parades in the Southeast. Applications to participate are now open. The parade participation deadline to apply is September 15, 2019 at 11:59 pm. The Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 11, 2019 in downtown Jacksonville and will begin at 11:01 am.

Contact Military Affairs and Veterans Department at: Military Affairs matters (904) 255-5522 or Veteran Services (904) 255-5550 or visit.  
<https://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs.aspx>

**Neighborhoods Code Compliance** – Robert Crawford stated in Zone 3, Code Compliance completed a systematic inspection in the San Jose area. This systematic inspection netted 71 new cases with 89 violations. Year to date Code Compliance has picked up 3263 snipe signs in the SE District and 23,992 snipe signs were collected citywide. Code Compliance has completed 1,359 inspections since July 26, 2019.

Contact Robert Crawford at 255-7042 or [robertc@coj.net](mailto:robertc@coj.net)

**Parks, Recreation, and Community Services** – Keith Meyerl provided the following updates:

- Construction at County Dock Park has started; 80% of the new pilings have been installed.
- Mandarin Community Center is closed temporarily to be renovated.
- The future Beach/Peach Park Community Center has entered into the design phase. Construction should begin late 2019 or early 2020.
- Mandarin Park restrooms are closed for renovations. Port-a-lets were placed in the park until the restroom renovations are completed.
- There are plans to add a kayak launch at the Fort Family Park.
- This upcoming weekend is the last weekend all area swimming pools will be open. For the month of September, four swimming pools (Pine Forest Pool, Charles Clark Pool, CT Brown Pool and Julius Guinyard Pool) will remain open. Additionally, free swimming lessons will be provided during the month of September at the four pools listed above. Contact the Aquatics Office at 904.744.5557 to pre-register for the swimming lessons.

**Planning and Development Department** - Arimus Wells no report, but available for questions. Arimus Wells at 904-255-7824 or [arimusw@coj.net](mailto:arimusw@coj.net)

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

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)** – Pete Gentry stated the subcommittee reviewed six applications; no motions or actions were taken.

**Ad-Hoc:**

**North Florida TPO** – Jim Hill informed the CPAC that the draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was reviewed at the August monthly meeting. The purpose of the LRTP is to maintain and enhance current transportation needs and forecast future growth. The LRTP is updated every three to five years with projects that are most needed and can be funded. Additionally, the LRTP considers new growth trends, developments and technologies. Mr. Hill displayed a map from the NFTPPO 2045 LRTP and that focused on the Southeast District.

Mr. Hill discussed two proposed roads located in the eastern section of the Southeast District. One of the proposals is to add a road from Valley Ridge (in the Nocatee area) heading north to the E-Town/9B area. The other proposed road discussed would start in the area where Hodges

Boulevard currently dead-ends at JTB and extend Hodges Boulevard south toward the Nocatee area. Again, these are proposed lanes in an undeveloped area of the district and the lanes may or may not be completed in the future.

Mr. Hill stated there has been a change in the plans to develop future managed lanes in and around Jacksonville. If ground has not been broken on a managed lane project, the design has changed. Instead of constructing two managed lanes, the project will be built with the addition of a single free lane.

Funding is not currently available, but there is a proposed plan to add a third span to the Buckman Bridge.

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Jimmy Daniel – not present

**Neighborhood Coordinators Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski stated the release of the 2019/2020 Neighborhoods Matching Grant Application should occur very soon. Please remember to make sure your association is registered on the City of Jacksonville's Directory of Neighborhood Organizations: <https://jaxneighborhoodorganization.coj.net>

We are approaching the height of hurricane season. You may want to download the JaxReady app. The JaxReady app will help you monitor weather threats and plan for evacuation in the event of a natural disaster. JaxReady provides access to current threat levels, weather reports, and wildfire updates, as well as up-to-the-minute news feeds for emergency preparedness and evacuation. The app is available for Android and Apple devices; please check your app store. Special Needs Shelters are available, but you must be pre-register for Special Medical Needs Shelter every year with the City of Jacksonville Emergency Preparedness Division. The web address is: <https://www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue/emergency-preparedness/get-prepared/special-needs-registration.aspx>  
Contact Rosemary Wesolowski at 255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)

**Chairs Report** – Chair D'Onofrio informed the CPAC that she attended the quarterly CPAC Chairs meeting with the Mayor's Office on August 9, 2019. At the CPAC Chairs meeting a wide variety of topics were discussed. The Mayor's Office representatives provided an explanation of the new 630-City system; confirmed that all Internet Café's will be closing; discussed the challenges many communities are facing with their retention ponds; and the future of AirBNB's. Chair D'Onofrio reminded the CPAC members that it is time to form a Nomination Subcommittee for the November CPAC Chair and Vice Chair election. Anyone that would like to volunteer to serve on the subcommittee or make a nomination, please contact Rosemary.

**Unfinished Business** – Member Abby Howard Murphy stated her community recently received ADA compliance modifications to their sidewalks. Ms. Howard Murphy stated her neighborhood received notice of the construction seconds before construction began which is a violation of the Neighborhood Bill of Rights. Ms. Howard Murphy shared that due to this construction her sprinkler system was damaged and the project has encroached onto her personal property.

Member Eric Lanier concurred with Ms. Howard Murphy's experience associated with ADA sidewalk modifications and stated his community experience similar problems.

**New Business** – Member Will Herron shared he has a passion for water management and he would like to express concern for our aquifer. The water levels in the aquifer has dropped and with all of the new/future growth that is expected in our district we need to be mindful in regard to what impact this will have on our aquifer.

**Public Comment** – Paul Soares announced since the July SE CPAC meeting there was a joint committee meeting between Duval County Public School Board members and the City Council members to discuss the sale tax referendum. The sales tax referendum went before the Rules Committee; the Rules Committee voted in favor of the School Board's request for a November

5<sup>th</sup> special election. Next this issue was discussed by the Finance Committee and they voted last week in favor of withdrawing the referendum legislation. The School Board plans to bring this issue up again tomorrow night at the City Council Meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

**NEXT MEETING: September 23, 2019 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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