

## **Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **January 27, 2020 Meeting Summary**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance**

**Members:** Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Walter Bryant, St. Nicholas Area Preservation; Richard Cardell, The Lakewood Community; Steve Clark, Blackwood Forest HOA; Ernst Cornehl, Deerwood Improvement Association; Anne Davis, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc.; Ramon Day, Northwest Quadrant Equity Owners, Inc.; Carol D'Onofrio, Deercreek Owners Association; Sharon Ervin, Riverbrook at Glen Kernan HOA, Inc.; Pamela Fraser, Blackwood Forest HOA; Manny Gonzales Akers, Pickwick Park Civic Association; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Donna Herrin, Council District 11 Representative; Will Herron, Shiloh Creek Neighborhood Association; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Ralph Hodges, Council At-Large Group 4; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Joe Luczak, Bartram Springs HOA; Jon Malmind, Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association; Sherry Marks, Kernan Mills Community Association; Art Mills, City Council At-Large Group 4; Kathleen Perera, Alumni Civic Association; Robin Pickle, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Kathy Soares, Highland Glen HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association; Betty Wolfe, Mandarin Community Club

#### **Excused:**

**Visitors:** Carlos Perera; Michael Beck; Marcie Turner; Dolores Landrum; Richard Horvath; Sarah Green, Strategic Partnerships; Richard Skule

**Staff:** The Honorable Aaron Bowman, City Council District 3; Carol Brock, City Council District 3; The Honorable Michael Bowman, City Council District 6; Robert Crawford, Municipal Code Compliance; The Honorable Leanna Cumber, City Council District 5; Nikki Evans, City Council At-Large Group 2; Lt. Richard Knecht, JSO; Gene Klingbeil, JFRD; Debbi Pataky, City Council District 5; Carisa Rooney, JPL; Paul Soares, DCPS; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

#### **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:**

Chair D'Onofrio called the January 2020 SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

#### **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:**

The December 2019 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

#### **Presentation(s):**

**Mark VanLoh, Jacksonville Aviation Authority, Chief Executive Officer**, introduced himself to the CPAC, provided a brief professional bio and informed the CPAC about the Jacksonville Airport System.

Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) owns and manages the Jacksonville Airport System. The Jacksonville Airport System is comprised of four airports; Jacksonville International Airport (JAX), Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport (CRG), Herlong Recreational Airport (HEG) and Cecil Airport (VQQ). This airport system serves the commercial, business and recreational aviation needs locally.

Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) handled 7,186,639 passengers in 2019; this was a record breaking year at JAX. Due to the increase in traffic JAA has now revived the plan to rebuild Concourse B. The new concourse could open as early as 2022, providing six additional gates and could be expanded later with another six gates. The design of Concourses A and C also

allows them to be extended to accommodate additional gates if further growth is needed. JAX is also expanding their valet parking which is located next to the terminal. Other upgrades include: adding new people movers to the terminal from the parking garage; new art in the baggage claim area; new LED lighting inside and outside; all the bathrooms will be remodeled; additional concession areas will be added; electric car parking/charging stations and renovation of The Club Jax area.

Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport; or JAXEX (CRG) is use a commuter/small plane airport. JAXEX helps to divert general aviation traffic away from Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) and its large commercial planes. Since the airport is located near a number of residential areas, JAXEX has become a noise sensitive airport. As a result, the airport continues its efforts to be a good neighbor and has established a Noise Abatement Program.

At JAXEX, JAA leases space to two Fixed Base Operators (FBOs): Craig Air Center and Sky Harbor. They and their tenants provide hangar, tie down and fueling services to more than 300 aircraft based at the airport. In addition, a wide range of support companies operate at the airport.

Herlong Recreational Airport (HEG) is Northeast Florida's primary location for light sport aircraft, skydiving, gliders and other experimental aircraft.

Cecil Airport (VQQ) is a former Navy base. Since 1999, over \$170 million has been invested in improving Cecil Airport's infrastructure and facilities. Now Cecil Airport is a general and industrial aviation public use airport and is also the first FAA-licensed horizontal launch commercial spaceport. Space travel out of Jacksonville is becoming a reality. The Jacksonville Aviation Authority was just awarded a grant that could eventually bring the latest space craft to Cecil Field. The space craft look like an airplane, take off like an airplane, fly like an airplane, but are propelled with a rocket. JAA will spend the next six months testing the space craft called "Concept Y" to make sure it is safe on the environment before it can be flown here. The first space flights out of Cecil Field will probably be to conduct experiments and this could happen in the next year. Cecil Field is one of only 12 air spaces approved for space travel in the U.S.

#### **Elected Officials Report:**

**Danny Becton, City Council District 11** – stated the presentation at the LUZ Subcommittee tonight was at his request because he wanted the CPAC to have the most accurate information.

Council Member Becton announced that his District 11 Newsletter went out yesterday and he shared a couple of items that may be of interest to the entire CPAC. Council Member Becton serves on the Duval Delegation for the North Florida TPO. North Florida TPO is finalizing their FDOT project recommendation list. The following SE District projects are on the list:

1. Extend the sound walls along I-295 in front of Twin Lakes Elementary and Middle Schools
2. Interchange improvement at Kernan Boulevard and J. Turner Butler Blvd (SR 202)
3. Interchange improvement at Southside Boulevard and Old Baymeadows/Baymeadows Road
4. Interchange improvement at Southside Boulevard at Hogan Road and Touchton Road
5. Addition of a bike lane, sidewalk and a third north bound lane on Philips Highway between Greenland Road and Southside Boulevard

Additionally, Made In Space will relocate its corporate headquarters from Silicon Valley to Jacksonville. Made In Space develops space manufacturing technology and was the first company to manufacture hardware outside of Earth. It has operated in Jacksonville since 2015 at 8226 Philips Highway in the Baymeadows Business Center. Part of the reason to relocate is

Jacksonville's proximity to Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center, joining other aerospace companies that have relocated some operations to Florida.

Council Member Becton – 904-255-5211 or [dbecton@coj.net](mailto:dbecton@coj.net)

**Aaron Bowman, City Council District 3** announced construction is underway on the first diverging diamond interchange here in Duval County. The FDOT project is to help traffic flow more efficiently in highly congested areas. The project is expected to take two years to complete and will cost approximately \$12 million. Drivers will notice traffic shifts later this year. For now, the majority of construction will take place overnight and during non-peak travel times.

The JTA Mobility Works project on San Pablo Road has completed the design phase. The project will impact the portion of San Pablo road between Atlantic and Beach Boulevards. The overview of the project is to reconstruct existing roadway from a two-lane to a three-lane. Sections will include raised medians, utility improvements, closed drainage system, bike lanes, sidewalks, and storm water ponds. From Crystal Cove to Osprey Point Drive, the roadway will be resurfaced with addition of shoulders, left and right-turn lanes for site access and continuity of the sidewalks.

Council Member Bowman – 904-255-5203 or [ABowman@coj.net](mailto:ABowman@coj.net)

**Michael Boylan, City Council District 6** stated that he held the fourth JEA Fact Finding workshop this morning and if they discussed how to prevent this situation from happening again? It was determined that the best solution would be to have charter changes to avoid similar debacles in the future. Council Member Boylan has been working with the Office of General Counsel and will be bringing a redlined document for review at the next workshop. The next questions to address are how do we move forward and how to work with the JEA Board to get past this issue.

Council Member Carlucci held the first Special Committee on Resiliency meeting today. The purpose of the committee is to comprehensively assess the resilience and health of the beaches coastline and the St. Johns River system, including its tributaries, wetlands and riparian land. Today the committee heard from the Army Corp of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency. Council Member Boylan stated this is an issue we should be concerned about. In Duval County we had 112,000 FEMA applications filed as a result of Hurricane Irma. With climate change and the expected change in sea levels Duval County needs to be prepared for the future.

An LUZ application to rezone a property that is slightly over 23 acres on Loretto Road is not supported by many in the community. Council Member Boylan will host a Town Hall Meeting on February 10, 2020 at the Mandarin Garden Club at 6:00 pm to discuss this LUZ application.

Council Member Boylan – 904-255-5158 or [MBoylan@coj.net](mailto:MBoylan@coj.net)

**LeAnna Cumber, Council District 5** introduced herself to the CPAC and informed the CPAC about the projects she is working on in her district. Flooding and drainage have been an issue in Council District 5 for many years. Council Member Cumber is currently working with the neighbors adjacent to Christopher Creek; hopefully a dredge project in the near future will correct the creek and prevent future flooding.

Traffic calming is another issue that the Council Member is working on. If you live in Council District 5 and you are interested in lower the speed limit or adding speed humps in your community, please reach out to Council Member Cumber.

River Place Boulevard is part of the Complete Streets project and the road project should be completed by the end of the month.

Council Member Cumber is holding two Lunch and Learn programs that are open to the public. The programs will be held at City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, 32202. The first class will be held on February 3, 2020, 12:00 to 1:30 pm and the topic will be Sex Trafficking. The second class will be held on March 16, 2020, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and the topic will be Homeland Security Cyber Security presentation on Combating Foreign Influence on an Election.

LeAnna Cumber 904-255-5205 or [LCumber@coj.net](mailto:LCumber@coj.net)

#### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lieutenant Knecht announced violent crime is up 6% and property crime is down 16% in Zone 3 the past 30 days. Unfortunately this past year there has been a significant increase in auto burglaries. Lieutenant Knecht stressed the 9:00 pm Routine; everyone was encouraged to not leave money, valuables, car keys, wallets/purses and guns in their vehicles unattended.

Zone 3 substation – 8875 Liberty Ridge Drive, Suite 110, 32256 – 904-828-5463

**JFRD – Gene Klingbeil, Fire Captain Suppression 40** stated the temporary Station 63 is now open at 6530 Gate Parkway. The permanent station will be located near the site of the temporary station; construction on the permanent station should be completed in two years. Once completed, this fire station will be the fifth station in Jacksonville to house specialized firefighters which are called a Squad Company. This Squad Company specialty will be to rescue fire fighters that are trapped in a fire.

JFRD plans to expand ladder trucks throughout the city. There is tentative discussion to temporarily put a new ladder truck at station 62 which is in the Bartram area until a new station is built in the E-Town area.

**JPL – Carisa Rooney** informed the CPAC that JPL is collection old yearbooks from all Duval County Schools only. Please bring any unwanted yearbooks to your local library.

Jax Book Fest 2020 will be held on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 Laura St. N., 32202. Everyone was encouraged to attend Jax Book Fest and meet Brad Meltzer; he is one of Hollywood's 25 Most Powerful Authors. Interact with more than 80 local and national authors, with books of every genre and for every age. Enjoy author presentations and signings, pop-up book store, self-publishing workshop, writing workshop, activities for kids, MOSH, music and more.

Carisa Rooney – 904-996-0325 or [CRooney@coj.net](mailto:CRooney@coj.net)

**JEA – Renee Goode** informed the CPAC that Suzanne Goss has retired and Ms. Goode will now serve as the SE CPAC JEA Liaison. Ms. Goode provided two handouts that addressed JEA water main extension in neighborhoods. Ms. Goode reviewed the handouts and confirmed two thirds of a neighborhood has to participate before a water main extension will occur.

Renee Goode – 904-665-7500

**2020 Census** – Sarah Green reviewed the importance of the census and how the statistics impact our community. An accurate count will affect community funding, congressional representation, business decisions, how we prepare for emergencies, build schools, roads and hospitals. Ms. Green also shared information about employment opportunities associated with the 2020 Census. For additional information you can call 255-5007 or visit [www.coj.net/2020census](http://www.coj.net/2020census).

**Neighborhoods Municipal Code Compliance** – Robert Crawford shared in past 30 days 864 inspections were completed and 564 snipe signs were collected in Zone 3. Code Compliance team has started a systematic inspection in the Englewood area which created 93 new cases so far.

Robert Crawford – [RobertC@coj.net](mailto:RobertC@coj.net)

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

Arimus Wells - [ArimusW@coj.net](mailto:ArimusW@coj.net)

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

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Chair D'Onofrio announced the SE CPAC LUZ Subcommittee Chair, Pete Gentry has resigned. If anyone would like to serve as the LUZ Subcommittee Chair please contact Chair D'Onofrio or Rosemary.

Arimus Wells presented the report on behalf of the LUZ Subcommittee. The LUZ Subcommittee reviewed thirteen applications and will make a motion on one application. The motion is:

Ordinance AD-20-01 at 0 Valley Ridge Blvd to deny the requested deviation which would lower the number of vehicle parking spaces, bike parking spaces and loading dock spaces in the PUD 2015-0282 Zoning District. The motion passed unanimously.

**North Florida TPO** – Jim Hill shared that the NFTPO did not have a January meeting

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Vacant- Chair D'Onofrio inquired if any of the members would like to serve as the SE CPAC TRUE Commission Liaison. If interested, please contact Chair D'Onofrio or Rosemary.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski announced the Neighborhood Department and the Neighborhood Services Office held the first CommUniverCity 2020 class and recognized the CommUniverCity participants that were in attendance at the CPAC meeting. There was a reminder about the Neighborhood Award Program and stated copies of the nomination form are available by the sign in sheets.

Rosemary Wesolowski 904-255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)

**Chairs Report** – Chair D'Onofrio presented new member Art Mills with his CPAC appointment letter from Mayor Curry. Chair D'Onofrio presented Certificates of Appreciation to that served on a subcommittee or served as a CPAC liaison in 2019. Chair D'Onofrio reminded everyone that she will be attending a quarterly meeting with the Mayor's Office on February 14<sup>th</sup>. If anyone had recommendation or changes you would like to see at the CPAC, please share with Chair D'Onofrio.

Chair D'Onofrio introduced Cyrus Zomorodian, State Attorney's Office. Mr. Zomorodian informed the CPAC that he works in Special Prosecutions and will be attending the SE CPAC meetings on behalf of the State Attorney. If anyone has any questions they can reach Mr. Zomorodian at [CyrusZ@coj.net](mailto:CyrusZ@coj.net).

**Unfinished Business** – Member Abby Howard Murphy stated litter along state roads is pretty bad. Ms. Howard Murphy stated she has witness a number of times trash blowing out of the waste haulers trucks. Ms. Howard Murphy would like our elected officials to work with FDOT to have the trash picked up and the waste hauler to enact better practices to prevent litter/waste from blowing out of the trucks.

Member Will Herron reminded everyone to look at their storm drains. Many storm drains are filled with pine straw and leaves this time of years. It is good practice to keep the drains clean, especially as we approach the summer months.

Member Manny Gonzalez Akers stated since moving to the Mandarin area in 2011 he has witnessed an increase of homeless individuals along San Jose Boulevard and the pan-handling has increased significantly.

CPAC members reminded Mr. Gonzalez Akers to call JSO at 630-0500 to report panhandling.

**New Business – none**

**Public Comment – none**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the NEFAR Office, 7801 Deer Creek Club Road, Jacksonville FL, 32256**