

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

February 24, 2020 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance

Members: Nancy Barry, Brierwood Neighborhood Association; Joyce Brown, Pine Forest Community Action; 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.; Joanne Parker Griffin, Villa San Jose Civic; Will Herron, Shiloh Creek Neighborhood Association; Jim Hill, Greater Hood Road Community Association; Abby Howard Murphy, Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA; Debbie Johnson, The Gables HOA; Scott Koslowski, James Island Homeowners Association; 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; Gary Weise, Secret Cove Civic Association; Betty Wolfe, Mandarin Community Club

Excused: Manny Gonzales Akers, Pickwick Park Civic Association; Donna Herrin, City Council District 11 Representative; Eric Laner, East Hampton HOA; Denise Torres, The Arc Jacksonville Village

Visitors: Paul Soares, DCPS; Michael Beck; MSC; Rich Horvath, Nocatee; Mary (Marcie) Turner, Heather Glen; Richard Skule, GENA; Linda George; Amy Bosman, UNF; Anna Sorenson, UNF; Rachel Pinter, UNF; Jared Hayes, UNF; Denis Oliverio, Riverton Estates; Arden Joseph, Bartram Park

Staff: The Honorable Danny Becton, City Council District 11; Robert Crawford, Municipal Code Compliance; Mark Hohnadel, JPL; Lt. Richard Knecht; Assistant Chief Restivo, JSO; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Kara Tucker, Parks, Recreation and Senior Services; Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum:

Chair D'Onofrio called the February 2020 SE CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Presentation(s):

Daniel Henry, TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission Chair, introduced himself to the CPAC and informed the CPAC of function of the TRUE Commission.

The TRUE Commission officially started in 1994 and was created to act as an advisory body to the City concerning fiscal policy. In 2003, the powers of the TRUE Commission were expanded to allow it examine issues not directly mentioned in the ordinance code, but aligned with the commission mission. That mission is to improve the City's long-range financial soundness, planning budgeting, and management and to keep the public better informed about important issues related to city financing and budgeting. The TRUE Commission may choose to review any aspect of fiscal policy, including:

- The City's long-range financial soundness, planning budgeting, and management;
- The City's budgetary process, including taxation, revenue generation, expenditures, use of permit fees and user fees, bonding capacity, franchise fees, state and federal mandates, privatization, 'zero based' financing and other similar topics;
- The appropriateness of each revenue source the city receives to make up its annual general revenue budget;
- Potential new revenue sources, such as impact fees, and the use of any such funds;

- The pre- and post-retirement benefit structure for city employees and the potential impact on the financial status of the city;
- Recommendations that will help make Jacksonville the most fairly-taxed and financially-sound city in the nation;

The TRUE Commission consists of 18 members and the members are appointed as follows:

- Six of these members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council
- An additional six members are appointed by each of the Citizens Planning Advisory Committees in the six Planning Districts.
- The remaining six are appointed by the President of City Council and confirmed by City Council.

The TRUE Commission can issue opinions/recommendations on pending City Council legislation. With the aid of the Council Auditor, the TRUE Commission has board powers to request to conduct a financial investigation and request documents from city departments, independent agencies, and constitutional officers. It was mentioned that multiple members of the TRUE Commission in the past have gone on to become City Council Members.

Mr. Henry answered a number of questions and provided his contact information if the CPAC had any additional questions. Mr. Henry can be reached at dhenry808@gmail.com or 904-708-0749

A motion was made to nominate Ramon Day as the SE CPAC representative on the TRUE Commission; there was a second for the motion. The CPAC members voted unanimously to nominate Mr. Ramon Day as the SE CPAC TRUE Commission representative.

Elected Officials Report:

Danny Becton, City Council District 11 – provided an update on a proposed park along AC Skinner Parkway currently known as Parcel C. Approximately one year ago, Council Member Becton introduced a proposal for the City of Jacksonville to acquire Parcel C and develop it as active park space. The SE CPAC supported Council Member Becton on this proposal and sent a letter to support this effort. Parcel C has a \$12 million sales price, thus pricing the land out of reach to be developed as a city park. Council Member Becton has been working with the lead bidder on the property for the past six months and it appears if all goes as planned, the new land owners will donate 16.5 acres of Parcel C to the City to be developed as an active park. In addition, Council Member Becton has worked with JTA (current owner of Parcel C) and they have agreed to donate \$1 million of the money from the sale of Parcel C to be used for site development for the future park. Council Member Becton shared some early drafts of how the park can be developed.

Council Member Becton – 904-255-5211 or dbecton@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Knecht announced overall crime in Zone 3 is down 10% year to date and down 37% in the past 30 days. Unfortunately there has been an increase in auto thefts. It appears most of the cars that were stolen were left unlocked with the keys inside the vehicle. 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. There were a number of questions in regard to homeless camps and Lieutenant Knecht confirmed that JSO has a unit that specifically addresses homeless camps; please call the substation at 904-828-5463 or the non-emergency number 904-630-0500 to report a homeless camp. Lieutenant Knecht introduced Zone 3 Assistant Chief Paul Restivo to the SE CPAC.

Assistant Chief Restivo informed the CPAC that JSO has a new crime and safety initiative that will focus on the hotels in Jacksonville. The new initiative is called Tourism Industry and Public Safety Alliance, or TIPSA. The program is designed to get those in the hotel community to share information with each other in the spirit of "see something, say something." If an individual comes on to the property of a hotel and starts checking door locks, checking car doors and pulling on the handles, the hotel management will contact JSO and inform them of the activity.

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

JPL – Mark Hohnadel informed the CPAC that many of the public libraries will be early voting sites. The early voting sites will be open 7 days a week, 10 am to 6 pm starting 3/2/2020 and ending on 3/15/2020.

Jacksonville Public Library and AARP Foundation partner each year to bring free tax preparation to the community. AARP Tax-Aide sites are staffed by IRS-certified volunteers that provide free tax counseling and preparation services to millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. To learn more about the opportunity, please visit: <http://events.jaxpubliclibrary.org/event/2832284>

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. 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

JTA – Cheryl Riddick informed the CPAC about the Ready Ride service. Ready to Ride is a curb to curb service that is available in certain areas of the city; call JTA at 904-630-3100 for details. Ms. Riddick announced that JTA is scheduled to move their headquarters on March 30, 2020 to the new Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center (JRTC) at LaVilla. The JRTC is located in historic LaVilla across from the Prime Osborn III Convention Center. Ms. Riddick provided brochures that provided information about upcoming bus service changes.

Cheryl Riddick -904-632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com

Neighborhoods Municipal Code Compliance – Robert Crawford shared in past 30 days the Zone 3 Code Compliance team has completed a systematic inspection in the Englewood area which created 179 new cases. Since October 1, 2019, the Zone 3 Code Compliance team has collected 813 snipe signs and city-wide, 7637 snipe signs have been collected.

Robert Crawford – RobertC@coj.net

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Kara Tucker, Chief of Disabled Services provided a handout titled the *Do's and Don'ts of Handicapped Parking*. Ms. Tucker also informed the CPAC about the Mayor's Disability Council (MDC) which is comprised of a 13 member board that shares their expertise to improve the lives of persons with disabilities. The MDC council works hand in hand with the Disabled Services Division. The Mayor's Disabled Council meets every first Tuesday of the month from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, on the 4th Floor of City Hall.

Kara Tucker - 255-5472 or KaraT@coj.net

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

Arimus Wells - ArimusW@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Joanne Parker Griffin led her first meeting as LUZ Subcommittee chair. The LUZ Subcommittee reviewed nine LUZ applications and made a motion on two of the applications. The motions were:

Ordinance 2020-0135, located at 4349 Barkoskie Road to rezone 3.30 acres from CO to PUD. The membership voted to recommend limiting the height of the building structure to the maximum 35 feet which is conformance with the current land use parameters. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-0098 Conventional Rezoning of 24.22 acres of land north of Julington Creek and south of Tar Kiln Road. The membership voted to request additional information in the areas of drainage and elevations of this project to evaluate the impact of adjoining neighborhoods of Oldfield Creek, and areas north to Tar Kiln and south to Shiloh Creek. A deferral was not requested, but the membership felt strongly that this additional information is vital as part of the consideration. After some discussion, the CPAC voted 18 to 1 in favor of sending the letter.

North Florida TPO – Jim Hill stated that four new members were approved to serve on the NFTPO. One of the new members is former FDOT SE CPAC Liaison, Jim Green.

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Vacant- The CPAC nominated and voted to approve Ramon Day as the SE CPAC TRUE Commission Liaison earlier in the meeting.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski announced the Neighborhood Department and the Neighborhood Services Office have completed CommUniverCity 2020 and recognized the CommUniverCity participants that were in attendance at the CPAC meeting. There was a reminder that the deadline for Neighborhood Awards is March 6, 2020; copies of the nomination form are available by the sign in sheets. Rosemary Wesolowski and Chris Buckley, Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Chair announced the St. Johns River Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at multiple sites citywide. Most of the events will begin at 8:00 am and end by noon. A list of site locations for the clean-up was available for review.

Rosemary Wesolowski 904-255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net

Chairs Report – Chair D'Onofrio informed the CPAC that she attended the meeting with the Mayor's Office on February 14, 2020. At the February meeting, Chair D'Onofrio learned that the CPAC participation in the 2020/21 CIP Recommendation List will be postponed 30 to 60 days so staff can focus on completing the 2020 Census. The next CPAC/Mayor's office meeting will be held in May. Chair D'Onofrio announced that she and Rosemary Wesolowski will be the Site Captains for the St. Johns River Celebration Clean-Up on behalf of SE CPAC. The site for the SE CPAC will be at Walter Jones Historical Park in Mandarin. An invitation was extended to the CPAC members to come out and join us to clean up the park. The Walter Jones Historical Park is located at 11964 Mandarin Road Jacksonville FL 32223. Additional details will be forth coming. Chair D'Onofrio presented a certification of appreciation to Kathleen Perera for her work on the 2019 Nomination Subcommittee.

Unfinished Business – Member Abby Howard Murphy requested that Chair D'Onofrio speak to the Mayor's Office about the requirement of the CPAC Alternate attending three consecutive meetings before they can be nominated to serve on the CPAC. Member Howard Murphy stated she feels this requirement is excessive. Chair D'Onofrio clarified that she has spoken to the Mayor's staff about this concern and at this time they do not have any plans to change the requirement.

Member Gary Weise wanted to clarify if the SE CPAC was going to make a motion about LUZ application AD-20-13 to reduce the required landscaping and parking, and modify driveway access at the Lakewood Promenade Shopping Center located at 1526 University Boulevard West, 32207. After a brief discussion it was determined that a motion will not be made.

New Business – none

Public Comment – none

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 3 CPAC will be Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the NEFAR Office, 7801 Deercreek Club Road, Jacksonville FL, 32256