



Boards and Committee ANNUAL REPORTS 2023

St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

PURPOSE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

RULE 2.206 of Boards Rules and Policies States:

B. Annual Reports. Each Board/Committee must submit an Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners by April 1st indicating its activities and accomplishments for the previous calendar year. The report should include the mission statement of the Board/Committee, projections for the current calendar year and any other relevant information, such as the proposed budget.

"Communication works for those who work at it"

-John Powell

Boards & Committees

Board/Committee	Governing Doc	Staff POC	Title	Staff Ph #
Adjustment & Appeals Board	BCC Rules & Policies	Kathleen Nichols	Admin. Coord.	827-6805
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)	Ord. 2008-29	Jennifer Harvey	Comm. Dev Mgr	209-6894
Architectural Review Committee (ARC)	Ordinance 2017-41 Ordinance 2018-15	Amanda Rose	Overlay Planner	209-0693
Contractors Review Board (CRB)	Ord. 2002-48	EJ Hobbs	License Supervisor	827-6811
Cultural Resource Review Board (CRRB)	LDC 3.01.02	Hali Barkley	Environ. Specialist	209-0623
Fire Code Board of Appeals	Ord. 2016-29	Rob Dowling	Fire Marshall	209-1743
Health & Human Services Advisory Council (HHSAC)	Res. 2016-61	Mary Garcia	Admin. Coord.	209-6147
Housing Finance Authority (HFA)	F.S. 159.605 Ord 89-5 Ord. 2009-30	Jennifer Harvey	Comm. Dev Mgr	209-6894
Industrial Development Authority (IDA)	F.S.159.45	Jennifer Zuberer	Economic Dev	209-0560
LAMP Conservation Board	Ord. 2021-38	Ryan Mauch	Enviorn. Supr.	209-0621
Library Advisory Board (LAB)	Res. 2016-101	Debra R. Gibson	Library Dir.	827-6926
Mid-Anastasia DRB	Res. 2015-207 LDC 3.08.10	Amanda Rose	Overlay Planner	209-0693
North Coastal DRB	Res. 2015-208 LDC 3.10.08	Amanda Rose	Overlay Planner	209-0693
NW Communication Tower Advisory Board	Res. 2017-219	Diane Gorski	Project Specialist	209-0346
Planning & Zoning Agency (PZA)	Ord. 2002-43	Jennifer Gutt	Planning Coord.	209-0663
Ponte Vedra Zoning & ADJ Board	Ord. 2011-20	Brandon Tirado	Planner	209-0589
Recreation Advisory Board	Res. 2016-275 BCC Rules	Diane Gorski	Project Specialist	209-0346
South Anastasia Design Review	Res. 2015-206 LDC 3.07.14	Amanda Rose	Overlay Planner	209-0693
Tourist Development Council (TDC)	Ord. 1986-62	Tera Meeks	Director	209-4428
W. Augustine Nuisance Abatement Board	Ord. 2014-29	Roderick Potter	Code Enf. Supvr.	209-0726
Total of 20 Boards			148 Members	

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY
CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS
ANNUAL REPORT
2023**

DATE: December 7, 2023

COMMITTEE NAME: Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

CHAIRMAN: Keith Burney

CURRENT MEMBERS: John Ruggeri, Robert F. Blood, Dale A. Jackson II, Alex C. Clay, William Lanni, Jeffery K. Hulsburg

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Thomas Walsh, and Scott Lilley

STAFF SUPPORT: Howard White, Building Official; Charles Crain, Deputy Building Official; John Adams, Chief Plans Examiner; Roderick Potter, Code Enforcement Manager; Kealey West, Assistant County Attorney; Kathleen Nichols, Clerk of the Board.

BCC LIAISON (IF ANY): N/A

BRIEF HISTORY OF COMMITTEE: This Board was created with the first adoption of Chapter 1, with amendments, to the Florida Building Code in which this Board was referenced. The Board consists of seven members who are individuals with knowledge and experience in the technical codes, such as design professionals, contractors, and/or building industry representatives. In addition to the regular members, the Board has a place for two alternate members, one member at large from the building industry, and one member at large from the public. The suggested minimum educational or work experience as qualifications for appointment to the board is intended to ensure that the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals members possess the knowledge to make decisions involving highly technical code issues.

MISSION STATEMENT: To arbitrate any appeals of decisions and interpretations made by the building official. To hear and evaluate the application or provisions of the codes for any particular case that the enforcement would manifest injustice and would be contrary to the spirit and purpose of the technical codes or public interest. To act as the hearing board for abatement proceedings and final interpretation of the Unsafe Building Abatement Ordinance.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2023: The Board heard and upheld the Unsafe Building Abatement Code on twenty-seven cases this year, and participated in the drafting and approval of the final draft of the lien release/reduction ordinance.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR 2024: This year with the implementation of the Structural Safety Inspection (aka Milestone Inspections) the board will establish criteria and protocols related to the results of Phase I and II inspection reports for existing Condominium and Cooperative buildings three stories and more, and the treatment of unsafe structures per F.S. 553.899 and SJC Ordinance 2000-48 Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

2023

Date: 03/20/2024

Committee Name: Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

Chairman: Alex Mansur

Staff Liaisons: Joseph Cone, Assistant Director, Health & Human Services; Jenny Harvey, Manager, Housing & Community Development; Michelle Lawlor, Housing Program Specialist, Housing & Community Development; Mary Garcia, Administrative Coordinator, Health & Human Services

BCC Rep: Commissioner Roy Alaimo

Brief History of Committee: In accordance with F.S. 420.9076, this committee was established by County Ordinance 2008-29, Resolution 2008-177 and resolution 2010-92. The committee is comprised of eleven (11) members appointed for a four-year term (after an initial staggering of terms) except for the Housing Finance Authority Representative and Planning & Zoning Agency Representative whose terms run concurrent with their terms on the respective boards. An amendment was made to Ordinance 2008-29 to conform to changes made in state law regarding the composition of the committee and those changes will take effect in 2024. Annually, St. Johns County receives a grant allocation from the State of Florida to administer its local State Housing Initiatives Partnership program (SHIP). The SHIP program provides funds to local governments as an incentive to create partnerships that produce and preserve affordable homeownership and multifamily housing. The program is designed to serve very low, low- and moderate-income families. In order to participate, local governments must establish a local housing assistance program by ordinance; develop a local housing assistance plan (LHAP) and housing incentive strategy; amend land development regulations or establish local policies to implement the incentive strategies; form partnerships and combine resources in order to reduce housing costs; and ensure that rent or mortgage payments within the targeted areas in alignment with [Chapter 420 Section 0004 - 2021 Florida Statutes - The Florida Senate \(flsenate.gov\)](#) of the area median income limits, unless authorized by the mortgage lender. As part of the SHIP program, the AHAC meets monthly. At the end of each calendar year, it presents its evaluation of affordable housing issues in St. Johns County along with recommended incentives and actions to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). This process ensures that the county remains committed to providing accessible and affordable housing options for its residents.

Mission: AHAC reviews established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations and adopted local government comprehensive plan to recommend specific action or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value.

Accomplishments: The BCC accepted the AHAC annual report at the December 19, 2023 meeting.

Accomplishments included:

The AHAC supported and encouraged the development of the following additions to affordable housing in the county:

- Habitat for Humanity Canopy Oaks (22 homes) and Volusia Woods (36 homes).
- St Johns Housing Partnership First-time Homeowner's Program
- Alpha-Omega Miracle Home began infrastructure improvements to provide services to a greater number of potential residents
- San Marco Heights (132 units) Victoria Crossing (96 Units) Affordable Housing.
- Villages of New Augustine approved for 92 future units

The AHAC hosted guest speakers at their monthly meetings to inform and educate on the following topics:

- Community Land Trusts – Ashon Nesbitt, CEO, Florida Housing Coalition
- Impact Fee Deferral – Beverly Frazier, Assistant Director, St. Johns County Growth Management Department
- The Challenge of Housing for Essential Workers – Mark Nighbor, One Mark Consulting and former Chair, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce
- Affordable housing initiatives in the City of St. Augustine – Reuben Franklin, Assistant Manager, City of St. Augustine
- Preserve at Ward's Creek – proposed 288 unit multifamily affordable development – Katessa Archer, Dominion; Tom Ingram, Esq., Sodl & Ingram
- The State of Affordable Housing in St. Johns County; Challenges, Accomplishments, and Goals – Joseph Cone, Assistant Director, St. Johns County Health & Human Services

Goals and Objectives for 2024:

- Prioritize three to four strategies to encourage or facilitate affordable housing in St. Johns County and engage experts in subject matter related to these strategies in order to find opportunities to put them to work.
- Committee members will attend workshops and public meetings in order to advocate for conditions favorable to affordable housing in connection to an update to the County's Comprehensive Plan and a new Strategic Plan.



Coastal Overlays: PVARC Annual Report
2023

Date: April 1, 2024

Committee Name: Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley Architectural Review Committee (PVARC)

Chair: Sean Mulhall

Staff Support: Brandon Tirado, Planner; Sloane Stephens, Planner

Brief History of Committee

Initiated from community visioning and adopted in the Ponte Vedra Zoning District Regulations (PVZDR) in 1997 and later incorporated into the County Land Development Code (LDC) July 1999. The PVARC reviews applications for both the Ponte Vedra Overlay District and the Palm Valley Overlay District.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Palm Valley Architectural Review Committee (PVARC) is to enhance property development while maintaining and encouraging quality character of design within the Ponte Vedra and Palm Valley Overlay Districts. The PVARC achieves its mission by ensuring that applications meet the standards and criteria of the Overlay Districts as contained within Section 3.06.00 of the LDC and Section PVZDR VIII.Q.5.

Accomplishments in 2023

The PVARC held 5 regularly scheduled meetings and 2 special meetings to consider a total of twenty-five (25) applications, several of which contained multiple requests.

Applications (Ponte Vedra Overlay)	Quantity
Wall / Monument Signage	8
New Construction	1
Rezoning Exterior changes including paint	1
Nonzoning Variance	0
Planned Unit Development	1
Resolving PRIDE complaints	0

Applications (Palm Valley Overlay)	Quantity
Wall / Monument Signage	12
New Construction	2
Rezoning Exterior changes including paint	0
Nonzoning Variance	1
Resolving PRIDE complaints	0

Goals for 2024

1. To continue making a positive impact on the quality of design and aesthetics of the Ponte Vedra and Palm Valley Overlay Districts through the standards and design criteria with the PVZDR and LDC.
2. Continue to look for ways to improve the standard for site design and signage, and to suggest updates to the LDC to reduce the impact of lighting on the district.
3. Aggressively seek qualified and committed volunteer membership so that quorum requirements will be regularly met, leading to a more efficient use of processing time for applicants, County staff and ARC members related to proposed projects within the Palm Valley/Ponte Vedra Overlay District.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT
2023

Date: January 8, 2024

Committee Name: Contractor Review Board

Chairman: Tyler Lee

Staff Liaison: E. J. Hobbs

Brief Hx of Committee: The BCC established the CRB in 1976 to insure proper administration of contractor licensing and discipline of licensees. The CRB has the authority to make bylaws, rules and regulations governing its body, as it may deem necessary, provided that the same do not conflict with other regulations of St. Johns County, or the constitution and laws of the United States, or the State of Florida. The CRB consists of nine members who service without compensation, holding monthly meetings to review applications from persons desiring to obtain a County Authorized Contractor License, and to also hear discipline evidence. The CRB has authority to grant, deny, suspend and or revoke permitting of State Certified Contractors. Fines, restitutions, limited permitting privileges are disciplinary actions that may also be imposed by the CRB after a local contractor is licensed. The CRB is presently regulated by SJC Ordinance 2002-48 passed and enacted September 23, 2002.

Mission Statement: Providing qualified trades workers for the citizens of St. Johns County by upholding contractor licensing requirements to assure public safety within the construction industry.

Major Achievements, Successes etc. for 2023:

Held 11 CRB meetings.

Licensed 103 contractors/journeymen

Brought 7 disciplinary cases for review

Goals and Objectives for 2024: Continued regulation of contractors and the business of contracting. Continuing the consistent field enforcement through the Contractor Licensing Investigative team. To continue educating local contractors through the Business and Lien Law class with changing state and local licensing laws. Work together with other local jurisdictions along with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and Division of Workers' Compensation to bring equity for the licensed contractors practicing in St. Johns County.

Notes:

This voluntary board made up of seven licensed contractors and two citizen members are dedicated board members that are proud to be licensing new members of the construction field. Our numbers of licenses have gone down over the last two years due to deregulation from the State. But the new licensees are proud to be licensed by St. Johns County and the Board is proud to license them.

CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD 2023

Date: 12/28/2023

Committee Name: Cultural Resources Review Board

Chairman: Nick Jonihakis

Staff Liaison: Hali Barkley

Brief Hx of Committee: The CRRB is a 5-member board with 2 at-large positions established in 2001 and further supported when St. Johns County became a Certified Local Government in 2014. The board was established to advise the BCC regarding cultural, historical, and archaeological resources including the identification, evaluation, documentation, and designation of said resources.

Mission Statement: Protect cultural, historical, and archaeological resources that are important community assets which enrich the lives of citizens and visitors.

Major Achievements, Successes etc. for 2023:

- Reviewed and approved first newly revised Ad Valorem Tax Exemption ordinance applications (AVT 2022-01, AVT 2022-02)
- Identified multiple new Significant Cultural Resources including Haley's Court sign and Bluebird of Happiness in Vilano, and 301 and 316 N Main Street in Hastings
- Reviewed first Landmark Application since 2019 (LMA 2023-02)
- Approved first Certificate of Appropriateness since 2018 (COAMJR 2023-01)
- Reviewed Westminster Demo, Hastings Survey, Hastings Library and more

Goals and Objectives for 2024:

- Determine areas in need of Cultural Resource Assessment Surveys
- Pursue CLG small matching grants as needed
- Encourage property owners to designate known significant cultural resources as County Landmarks or nominate to National Register of Historic Places
- Spread awareness on Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program
- Develop a process for identifying priority significant cultural resources in case of emergency – resiliency efforts
- Attend available board member training opportunities

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

DATE: April 1, 2024

COMMITTEE NAME: Health and Human Services Advisory Council (HHSAC)

CHAIR: Tara Haley

STAFF SUPPORT: Mary Garcia, St. Johns County Health and Human Services

BCC LIAISON: Commissioner Krista Joseph

BRIEF HISTORY OF COMMITTEE: In 1997, the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Committee were combined to form the Health and Human Services Advisory Council to the Board of County Commissioners. The Council evaluates human services programs in the community, assists in determining the effectiveness of programs to help reduce duplication of services and assures the health and human services needs of the residents of St. Johns County are met. The Council reviews applications requesting County funding for programs that provide health, mental health, substance abuse, and social services and submit recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Council performs its functions and duties without regard to the race, religion, gender or national origin of any affected person.

MISSION STATEMENT: The health and well-being of a community is a function of its quality of life, including the delivery of health and human services supported by public policy and funding those in need of such services. Our mission is to be responsive to those needs and to recommend funding programs worthy of public support for citizens of St. Johns County.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Funding in the amount of \$2,144,395.00 for the Fiscal Year 2023 was determined by RFP process in Fiscal Year 2022 for the Health & Human Services Independent Agency Program. Priorities for funding were informed by a community survey issued by the Council and the Health & Human Services Department, in combination with data provided by LSF and Flagler Health +.
- The Advisory Council required attendance by funded agencies at monthly general meetings and received regular updates on performance of funded programs. The Council also requested a representative from Flagler Hospital, the lead agency for the Continuum of Care for Homelessness, attend Advisory Council meetings so that a monthly update would be provided to the Council concerning the CoC, the Point in Time Count, and other matters related to homelessness.
- The Advisory Council invited guest speakers on a monthly basis to cover topics such as the BRAVE Summit (Be Strong and Voice Emotions), an event hosted by Flagler Health which focused on encouraging youth to take charge of their mental health, and a GAPS analysis, conducted by the St. Johns Continuum of Care, which is an assessment of homeless needs and services available within the geographic area.

- The Council closely monitored progress on two, large, multi-family affordable housing projects, San Marcos Heights and Victoria Crossing, by requesting monthly updates and meeting attendance by the two developers.
- Funded agencies were required to provide written quarterly reports in order for the Advisory Council to be kept informed of the effectiveness of the services being provided through County funding.

The Health & Human Services Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners for the ongoing support and thank all of the County staff members who supported the HHSAC throughout the year.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR 2024:

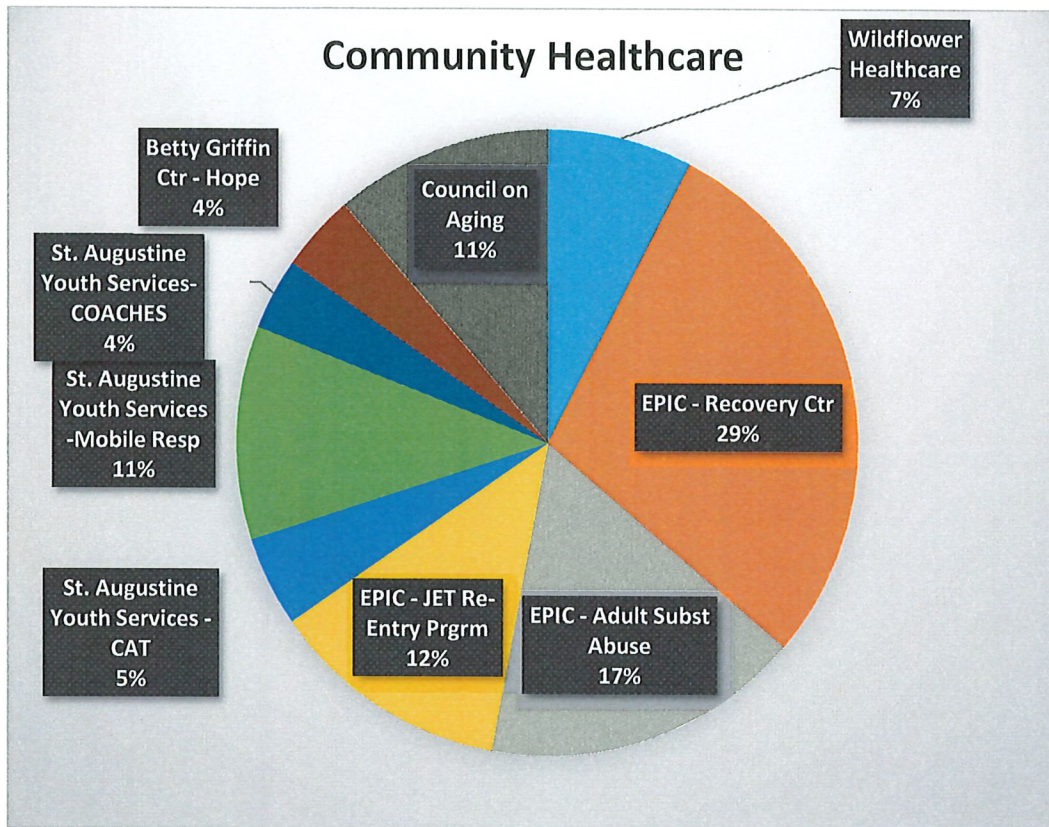
1. Request increased funding for independent agency funding for FY25.
2. Issue a Request for Proposal, score and evaluate submissions, and devise funding methodology for FY25 through the eCivis portal. Priorities will be based upon data collected through a comprehensive needs assessment completed by Flagler Health and CareConnect in 2023, in addition to staff knowledge of service gaps and needs.
3. Request the cost of a formal needs assessment and gaps analysis be built into the FY25 budget.
4. Continue to require monthly meeting attendance and updates by all funded agencies.
5. Continue to follow the Continuum of Care to ensure the effective coordination of services by all community service providers and continued participation by community stakeholders.
6. Continue to review quarterly reports by all funded agencies in order to monitor their outcomes.

PLEASE SEE FUNDING CHARTS ON FOLLOWING PAGES.

FY 2023 – Independent Agency Funding:

In preparation for independent agency funding for fiscal year 2023, the Health & Human Services Advisory Council put out a Request for Proposals in 2022. The ultimate funding methodology was based upon application scores and rankings, and community priorities and needs.

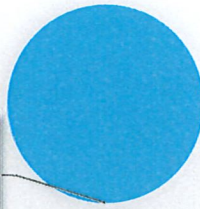
These amounts were included in the County's fiscal year 2023 budget and were formally adopted on September 20, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners. As indicated above, these funding priorities were based on data collected through a community survey, in combination with data provided by LSF and Flagler Health +.



Wildflower Healthcare Community Services	\$104,102.00
EPIC Community Healthcare (Recovery Ctr)	\$396,663.00
EPIC Community Healthcare (Adult Substance Abuse)	\$230,757.00
EPIC – JET Re-Entry Program	\$171,545.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – Community Action Team (CAT)	\$ 64,485.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – Mobile Crisis Response Team	\$152,634.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – COACHES Program	\$ 51,191.00
Betty Griffin Center – Hope Program	\$ 55,000.00
Council on Aging	\$156,430.00
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TOTAL	\$1,382,807.00

Employment Opportunities

Early Learning
Coalition of North
Florida
100%



Early Learning Coalition of North Florida – Child Care Assistance for
At Risk/Economically Disadvantaged Families **TOTAL**

\$134,000.00
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Affordable Housing and Homelessness

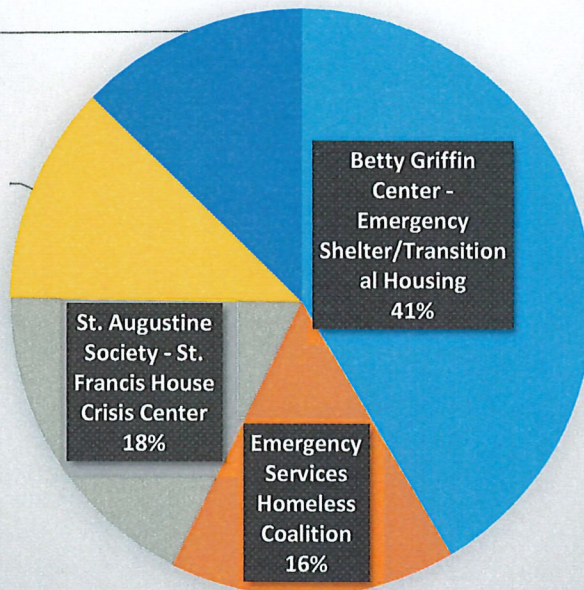
St. Augustine
Society - Street
Outreach
13%

St. Augustine
Society - Port in
the Storm
12%

St. Augustine
Society - St.
Francis House
Crisis Center
18%

Emergency
Services
Homeless
Coalition
16%

Betty Griffin
Center -
Emergency
Shelter/Transition
al Housing
41%



Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition	\$99,521.00
Betty Griffin Center Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing	\$259,956.00
St. Augustine Society – Street Outreach	\$79,951.00
St. Augustine Society – St. Francis Housing Crisis Center	\$112,560.00
St. Augustine Society – Port in the Storm	\$75,600.00
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TOTAL	\$627,588.00

HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY

2023

Date: April 1, 2024
Committee Name: Housing Finance Authority of St Johns County
Chairman: Michael O'Donnell, Chair
Report Author: Priscilla Howard, Executive Director of the HFA
Staff Liaison: Joseph Cone, Assistant Director, Health and Human Services
BCC Liaison: Commissioner Roy Alaimo, District 3

Brief History of Committee:

The Housing Finance Authority of St. Johns County (the "HFA") also known as St. Johns County HFA is a public body created pursuant to Chapter 159, Part IV, Florida Statutes, as amended. The HFA was created to help meet the affordable housing needs of the residents of the County. The HFA was established on March 6, 1980, by the Board of County Commission of St Johns County (BOCC) through Ordinance 80-7 and Resolution 80-25. The Ordinance and Resolution granted the HFA all the powers of an HFA under State law. As a result, the HFA can assist the County in stimulating the construction and rehabilitation of single-family and multi-family housing using tax-exempt and taxable bonds and other available public, private, and program resources. The BOCC appoints a seven-member volunteer board to govern the Authority. Most of the members are knowledgeable in the following fields: construction, commerce, labor, and finance.

Mission Statement:

The HFA was established for the purpose of alleviating a shortage of affordable housing facilities and to provide capital for investment in such facilities for low-, moderate-, and middle-income families in St. Johns County.

Major Achievements & Successes:

San Marcos Heights - New Construction – 132 new construction, affordable workforce development for families with income at or below 60% AMI located at 170 Hometown Lane, St. Augustine, Fl. In 2023, Construction was completed and 100% occupied. A grand opening was held. The developer: Smith & Henzy. The development has National

Green Building Standard Certification. The HFA issued \$16,000,000 in multifamily bond allocation. The other lending partners were St. Johns County; Bank of America; Florida Housing Finance Corp; Freddie Mac; Bank of America; and the Developer.

Victoria Crossing - New Construction - 96-unit, new construction, affordable workforce development for families with income at or below 60% AMI located at 1850 State Road 207, St. Augustine, Florida. In 2023, construction was completed and 100% occupied. A grand opening was held. The developer is Turnstone Development. The community center is used as an emergency shelter. The HFA issued \$15,000,000 in multifamily bond allocation. The other lending partners were St Johns County; Florida Housing Finance Corp.; National Equity Fund, Inc; RBC Capital Markets; and the Developer.

The Oaks at St John – In 2023, the HFA issued \$21,500,00 in Multifamily Bond Allocation for the Acquisition and rehabilitation of 160-unit family property. The affordability period will be extended for 40 years for families with incomes at or below 60% AMI. Of the 160 units, 25 are held for tenants whose income does not exceed 30% AMI. The property is located at 210 Nettles Ln, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The rehabilitation is scheduled to be complete the 4th Quarter of 2024. The other lending partners were Florida Housing Finance Corp.; Fannie Mae; Colliers; Polaris Capital LLC; Alliant; and the Developer.

The HFA held a Community Partners Housing Networking Event which included the Chamber of Commerce, St John County staff, developers, advocates, citizens, realtors, builders, and bankers. The event provided an invaluable opportunity for collaboration and exchange among stakeholders. The HFA plans to organize similar events annually.

Other noteworthy accomplishments: the HFA developed a website; designed a new logo; updated & distributed the Multifamily Bond applications and guidelines; hired an Executive Director; attended Board Directors training.

Goals and Objectives for 2024: Areas of Focus

- Create opportunities to partner with the County on programs that can benefit the HFA and the County.
- Build and strengthen cross-sector partnerships to ensure comprehensive approaches to provide housing that is affordable and attainable for all residents of the county. This will include hosting quarterly Housing Forums to include potential funders such as employers, the Chamber, the County, HFA, banks, etc.
- Revitalize the Own a Home Opportunity Program or collaborate with the County to establish a similar initiative.

Notes:

The HFA is dedicated to broadening and exploring pathways for affordable and attainable housing. The HFA will continue to create opportunities to utilize Bond Allocation. Additionally, we are actively monitoring the market to identify opportunities for implementing a Single-Family Bond Program, aimed at assisting residents in achieving homeownership. The HFA is poised to assume housing programs and/or resources as a sub-recipient under the County, aiming to decrease staff workload whenever feasible. Collaborative efforts with local organizations will be facilitated to explore potential partnerships aimed at leveraging resources. Furthermore, community education and advocacy initiatives will be explored to ensure access to housing for all residents in St. Johns County.

FY23
St. Johns County Industrial Development Authority

Date:

February 12, 2024

Committee Name:

St. Johns County Industrial Development Authority (IDA)

FY23 Board Members:

- Kevin Kennedy, Chair
- Chet Frith, Vice-Chair
- Geoffrey Litchney, Treasurer
- Viv Helwig, Secretary
- Melissa Churchwell, Assistant Secretary

IDA Support:

- Henry O'Connell, IDA CPA
- Mike McCabe, IDA Attorney

BCC Liaison:

- Christian Whitehurst, Commissioner

Staff Liaison:

- Savannah Rodgers, St. Johns County Economic Development Department

Brief Committee Overview:

The Industrial Development Authority (IDA) was created as a Florida public corporation in accordance with the Florida Authority Law, Part II of Chapter 159, Florida Statutes (1979), following the adoption of an approving ordinance (No. 80-9, dated January 22, 1980) by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida. The members of the IDA board are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, and each member serves a four-year term. The primary purpose of the IDA is to issue tax-exempt bond financing for manufacturing facilities and other eligible capital projects being constructed within St. Johns County. This tax-exempt financing is intended to give St. Johns County a competitive advantage by improving the economic viability of eligible projects. Since its establishment in 1980, the IDA has approved more than \$1.3 billion in industrial revenue bonds to support local projects. The IDA is a five-member board that meets on the second Monday of every month at 3 p.m. in the St. Johns County Administration Building.

Mission Statement:

The purpose of the IDA is to stimulate economic and industrial development through the use of public financing, its own efforts and through support of outside organizations. The IDA is authorized to issue bonds to fulfill its corporate purpose in principal amounts specifically authorized and approved by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

FY23 Major Achievements & Successes:

- Assisted in funding the brand development project for St. Johns County that launched in May 2023
- Funded tickets to THE PLAYERS Championship to assist with economic development networking efforts
- Invited key contacts within the community to share updates at meetings, including Robert Olson with the St. Johns County Airport Authority, Orville Dothage of Northrop Grumman, Brett Wiler with Thomas P. Miller & Associates, and Carlton DeVoght of Flagler Health+

FY24 Goals and Objectives:

- Evaluate all proposals presented to the IDA as to the benefit to the county and approve appropriate bond issues based on the criteria set forth in the Florida Statutes
- Support economic development efforts to attract targeted industries to St. Johns County
- Educate community stakeholders about the resources available through the IDA
- Deepen relationships in the community to help drive economic growth
- Build on the IDA's success experienced within the healthcare domain
- Enhance rapport with leading professionals who support bond issuances in the region
- Increase the rate of bond issuances by expanding the IDA's aperture to include new domains/industries interested in the type of funding provided

FY24 Board Members:

- Viv Helwig, Chair
- Kevin Kennedy, Vice Chair
- Melissa Churchwell, Treasurer
- Geoffrey Litchney, Secretary
- Orville Dothage, Assistant Secretary

Notes:

- At the November 14, 2022 IDA meeting, Geoffrey Dobson, the IDA's attorney, announced his retirement. Geoffrey had been the IDA's attorney since 2001. At the January 14, 2023 St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners meeting, Michael McCabe of McCabe Law Group, P.A. was approved as the new IDA attorney. Michael had worked for many years as the backup IDA attorney with Geoffrey.
- The terms expired for board members Chet Frith and Melissa Churchwell in October 2023. Melissa Churchwell was re-appointed and Orville Dothage was appointed for four-year terms.



LAND ACQUISITION & MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 2023

Date: 3/1/2024

Land Acquisition and Management Program- LAMP Conservation Board

Chair: Elizabeth Guthrie **BCC Liaison:** Commissioner Henry Dean **Staff Liaison:** Ryan Mauch

History

LAMP was reestablished in 2021 for the selection, evaluation and recommendation of environmentally sensitive lands, cultural resources and outdoor recreational lands to be acquired by the County. A 9-member Conservation Board appointed by the BOCC guides the program with a staff liaison from the Growth Management Environmental Division.

General Objectives

Acquisition and conservation of environmentally sensitive, archeological, historic and recreational lands in order to preserve wildlife habitat and green space, preserve cultural resources and maintain aquifer recharge and natural hydrology. Property acquisitions will create preserves, parks and outdoor public recreation areas for appropriate uses by present and future generations.

Budget

The annual funding for the program was \$500,000 since re-forming in 2021. In fiscal year 2024, the funding was increased to \$2 million. The current balance as of February 2024 is \$3,294,989.39.

Achievements

In 2022, the LAMP Conservation Board established a property evaluation matrix and selection process. Additionally, 6 properties were evaluated and in March 2023, the top 5 ranked properties were presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration on a property recommendation list for potential

Growth Management- Environmental Division
4040 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL 32084
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County acquisition. The approval of the 2022 properties recommendation list by the BOCC directed staff to begin negotiations with willing property sellers who applied to the program.

In 2023, 8 new properties were evaluated by the LAMP Conservation Board and the top 5 ranked properties will be presented by the LAMP Board to the BOCC in March 2024. Approval of the list will direct staff to begin negotiations with willing property sellers who applied to the program.

All previously ranked and approved properties will remain on the LAMP Conservation Board's recommended property list until acquired, selection rank has changed, or until unavailable for purchase. The 50-acre Anastasia Lakes saltmarsh property was acquired for conservation land by the County in January 2024. This property represents the first property acquired through the LAMP program since the program was re-initiated in 2021.

2024 Objectives

Establishment of conceptual management plans for properties to be acquired by the County.

Working with willing property sellers, continued seeking, selection, discussion and evaluation of available properties to add to the annual LAMP recommended properties list for presentation to the BOCC for consideration. With increasing property values and due-diligence costs for properties across the County, requisite increases in annual program funding will be important for the program to thrive.

For recommended properties approved by the BOCC in 2024, several properties have a listed price far exceeding the budget of the program. Therefore, efforts to seek creative alternatives through negotiations with the willing property owners and grant funding cost sharing partnerships from state and federal agencies for potential acquisition of these properties by LAMP Board members and County staff will be the top objective.

Notes:

With public meetings every other month that began at the Growth Management office in January 2022, LAMP has been holding televised meetings on GTV in the County Auditorium since June 2023.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
2023

DATE: 13 March 2024

COMMITTEE NAME: Library Advisory Board

Chair: Jessica Hayes

STAFF SUPPORT: Niki Johnson

BCC LIAISON (IF ANY): Commissioner Sarah S. Arnold

BRIEF HISTORY OF COMMITTEE: This Board, created by Ordinance in 1977 and, representing each BCC district and the county at-large, exists to advise the County on the establishment, operation, and maintenance of free public library services within St. Johns County. The Advisory Board plays an integral role in offering advice, ideas, and advocacy for the St. Johns County Public Library System. The Advisory Board assesses proposals from the Library Director before submitting recommendations to the BCC.

MISSION STATEMENT: The St. Johns County Library Advisory Board advises the Board of County Commissioners on the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a free public library system, which provides organized access to meet the educational, information, recreational, and cultural needs of the public.

Connect, Learn, Enjoy @ Your Library is the library system's mission statement.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2023:

- The LAB continued their advocacy on behalf of SJCPLS, appearing at budget hearings and BCC meetings, advocating for the library's budget requests and the proposed new libraries within Hastings and the World Golf area.
- Advocated on behalf of SJCPLS, with a priority for additional staffing to expand library service hours systemwide.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR 2024:

During 2024, the LAB looks forward to:

- Continue to move forward with Mill Creek Library.
- Heighten continuing need for future branch libraries. Initiate discussion on location for Nocatee Branch Library and needed funding to design/build.
- Find innovative ways for LAB to connect with targeted community audiences (e.g., Friends of the Libraries, veterans, underserved communities, etc.) to promote library access and advocacy.



Coastal Overlays: MADRB Annual Report 2023

Date: April 1, 2024

Committee Name: Mid Anastasia Design Review Board (MADRB)

Chair: Maureen Long

Staff Support: Saleena Randolph, Senior Planner; Sloane Stephens, Planner

Brief History of Committee

Initiated from community visioning and adopted into the Land Development Code (LDC) in October 2000.

MADRB members were appointed in December 2000. The Board is comprised of 5 members and 2 alternates for a total of 7 members.

Mission Statement

The mission of the MADRB is to enhance property development while maintaining and encouraging quality character of design and aesthetics within the Mid-Anastasia Overlay District, located on lands extending from the entrance of Anastasia State Park on the North, extending to Owens Avenue on the South and the Matanzas River on the West and the Atlantic Ocean on the East as described in Section 3.08.02 of the LDC. The objective of this Mission is to accomplish the goals and objectives of the St. Johns County 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

To meet these goals, the MADRB has established quality guidelines for new and altered signage, yards/buffers, paint colors, site design, landscaping and exterior building design. These guidelines, along with the specific standards and criteria of the Overlay regulations protect adjacent residential areas and maintain existing quality of design and aesthetics within the Overlay Districts. The MADRB achieves its mission by ensuring that applications meet the standards and criteria of the Overlay District as contained in Section 03.08.00 of the Land Development Code.

Accomplishments in 2023

The MADRB held two (2) regularly scheduled public meetings, which included discussion of the combination of Mid-Anastasia Design Review Board (MADRB) and South-Anastasia Design Review Board (SADRB). This recommendation was presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on August 15, 2023 and was denied with a 5/0 vote. The BCC directed staff to continue having separate meetings to hear applications as submitted.

Applications	Quantity
Wall / Monument Signage	2
New Construction	0
Rezoning Exterior changes including paint	0
Nonzoning Variance	0
Resolving PRIDE complaints	0

Goals for 2024

1. Continue making a positive impact on the quality of design and aesthetics of the Mid-Anastasia Overlay District through the standards and design criteria outlined within the LDC.
2. Adopt a preapproved color palette to allow for administrative approval for building painting, assisting businesses by reducing the time required for approval.
3. Continue to look for ways to improve the standard for site design and signage, and to suggest updates to the LDC to reduce the impact of lighting on the district.



Coastal Overlays: NCDRB Annual Report 2023

Date: April 1, 2024

Committee Name: North Coastal Design Review Board (NCDRB)

Chair: Linda LaCerva

Staff Support: Teresa Bishop, Planning Division Manager

Brief History of Committee

Initiated from community visioning and adopted into the Land Development Code (LDC) in January 2001. The NCDRB members were appointed May 15, 2001 and re-established in May of 2006 to review the new Vilano Beach Town Center Overlay, a component of the North Coastal District. The Board is comprised of 5 members and 2 alternates for a total of 7 members.

Mission Statement

The mission of the NCDRB is to enhance property development while maintaining and encouraging quality character of design within the North Coastal Overlay District and Vilano Beach Town Center Overlay District, located on those lands within the boundaries on the north by the township line that divides township 4 south from 5 south, on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, on the south by St. Augustine Inlet and on the west by the Matanzas River (Intracoastal Waterway) as described in Sections 3.09.02 and 3.10.02 of the LDC and Goal A.3 of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

To meet these goals, the NCDRB has established quality guidelines for signage, fences/walls, paint colors, site design, parking, and architecture. These guidelines, along with the specific standards and criteria of the Overlay regulations protect adjacent residential areas, establish a town center, and maintain existing quality of design and aesthetics within the Overlay Districts. The NCDRB achieves its mission by ensuring that applications meet the standards and criteria of the Overlay Districts as contained in Section 03.09.00 of the Land Development Code.

Accomplishments in 2023

The NCDRB held eight (8) regularly scheduled meetings to consider a total of four (4) applications which include new construction and exteriors changes. The new construction applications included Vilano Mixed Use, 165 Vilano Rd Restaurant and the Vilano Beach Townhomes.

Applications	Quantity
Wall / Monument Signage	0
New Construction	3
Rezoning Exterior changes including paint	1
Nonzoning Variance	0
Resolving PRIDE complaints	0

Goals for 2024

1. Continue making a positive impact on the quality of design and aesthetics of the North Coastal and Vilano Beach Town Center Overlays through the standards and design criteria outlined within the LDC.
2. Adopt a pre-approved color palette to allow for administrative approval for building painting, assisting businesses by reducing the time required for approval.
3. Continue to look for ways to improve the standard for site design and signage, and to suggest updates to the LDC to reduce the impact of lighting on the district.



NW Comm Tower Advisory Board - Resolution 2017-219 2023 Annual Report

The purpose of the Northwest Communication Tower Advisory Board (Board) is to Review proposals for expenditure of income derived from the lease of Mills Field property. These expenditures are intended for use within specific boundaries of Northwest St. Johns County. The five member Board meets semiannually and is required to hold at least one meeting a year. The Board holds additional meetings if needed. Board members must also reside within the specific boundaries of Northwest County with one member serving as the representative from the district, 3 members that represent interests as defined in the Board Rules and Policies and a Recreation Advisory Board member representing the district.

The Board is committed to determining the best possible use of the funds derived from the lease at Mills Field for the community. The board makes funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for grant applicants whose purpose is to enhance the areas parks and recreation facilities and experiences for the community.

The Board met three times in 2023 with a focus on the vacant Switzerland Community Center property. The Board decided that it was in the best interest of the community to have an architectural engineering firm determine the viability of the building since the existing study was over 5 years old. The Board agreed provide up to \$20,000 in match funds towards the cost of the project that is scheduled for 2024. The Board provided \$1300 in funding towards the Bartram Bash.

2023 Budget

1200-54801 Special Events

Budget \$2500

Expenditures \$1300

1200-56301 Improvements O/T Building

Budget: \$200,000

Expenditures: \$0

1200-59920 Reserve

Balance \$154,001

Submitted by Parks and Recreation on behalf of George Vancore, Chair



Planning and Zoning Agency Annual Report 2023

Date: April 1, 2024

Committee Name: Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA)

Chair: Meagan Perkins

Staff Support: Jennifer Gutt, Planning Coordinator; Teresa Bishop, Planning Manager,

Brief History of Committee

The Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) (established by Ordinances 81-68, 81-69, 91-15, 93-03, 2002-43; Resolutions 93-23 and 93-51) is comprised of seven voting members, each serving a four-year term, with a limit of two consecutive four-year terms. Six voting members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and one voting member appointed by the St. Johns County School Board.

Mission Statement

The Planning and Zoning Agency is to serve as the County's Local Planning Agency in accordance with Article VIII Section 8.01.00 of The Land Development Code. The primary responsibility of the Planning and Zoning Agency is to serve in an advisory capacity and recommending body to the Board of County Commissioners on matters relating to land use planning, zoning of land, Comprehensive Plan Amendments, amendment of Land Development Regulations, and Major Modifications to PUDs.

Accomplishments in 2023

The Agency held 23 public hearings during the calendar year with a total case load of 143 applications. The Agency appointed a Chair and Vice-Chair as well as recommended board members for appointment by the Board of County Commissioners. Currently all board seats are filled.

Applications	Quantity
Special Use Permits - Major	16
Special Use Permits - Minor	9
Rezoning	17
Zoning Variance	32
Nonzoning Variance	7
Major Modification to PUD	16
Minor Modification to PUD	19
Planned Unit Development	10
Small Scale Plan Amendment	7
Comprehensive Plan Amendment	8
Antenna Tower	1
DRI Mod	1

Goals for 2024

The PZA aims to provide planned orderly growth through proactive review of growth management applications and through the enforcement of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. The PZA will provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on the Comprehensive Plan update.



Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board Annual Report
2023

Date: April 1, 2024

Committee Name: Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board (PVZAB)

Chair: Megan McKinley

Staff Support: Brandon Tirado, Planner; Teresa Bishop, Planning Manager

Brief History of Committee

The Ponte Vedra Zoning District was created out of an act of the Florida Legislature in October 1965. Combining the Ponte Vedra Zoning Board and the Ponte Vedra Board of Adjustment created the Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board (PVZAB). The board is comprised of seven voting members all residing in the Ponte Vedra zoning district.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board is to review, make recommendations or take final action on applications in accordance with the Ponte Vedra Overlay District, that regulate the height and size of buildings; intensity of Land use; regulate the area of yards, courts and other space about buildings, classify and regulate the location of commerce and industries and the location of buildings designed for specified industrial, commercial, residential and other uses, within that portion of St. Johns County heretofore described as Ponte Vedra Zoning District.

The Board achieves its mission by ensuring that applications meet the goals and objectives of the St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan and the standards and criteria of the Ponte Vedra Zoning Regulations and the St. Johns County Land Development Code.

Accomplishments in 2023

The PVZAB had a total of 21 items within its jurisdiction heard during the 6 meetings held in 2023. The requests consisted of the following:

Applications	Quantity
Workshops	0
Recommendation for Amendments	0
Election (Chair/Vice-Chair)	1
Recommendation for Appointment to PVZAB	4
Zoning Variances	14
Non-Zoning Variances	0
Minor Modification	0
Major Modification	0
Planned Unit Development (PUD) / Rezoning	1
Plat	1

Goals for 2024

To continue to make a positive impact on the community and land development of the Ponte Vedra Zoning District through set standards and zoning criteria within the PVZDR and LDC.

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2023

Date: March 13, 2024

Committee Name: Recreation Advisory Committee

Chairperson: Lauren Watkins

Staff Liaison: Diane Gorski

Brief History of Committee: The Recreation Advisory Board in St. Johns County, Florida, was established by the Board of County Commissioners in 1990. It is composed of seven members who serve two (2) four (4)-year terms, with the intention of ensuring district representation within the county. This board plays a key role in advising on matters related to parks and recreation, reflecting the community's needs and interests.

Mission: The RAB advises on matters related to parks and recreational facilities within the county. This includes the development and maintenance of park facilities, the implementation of recreational programs and services, and the allocation of resources to meet the community's recreational and leisure needs. The board aims to ensure that the county's parks and recreation services effectively serve the diverse interests and needs of its residents, enhancing the quality of life in St. Johns County.

Key takeaways of major achievements, successes, efforts, etc. for Year 2023: *(Additional achievements for the Parks and Recreation Department can be found in the attached dashboard).*

- **St. Johns County Parks Foundation:** The Foundation has continued to formalize and has hired two staff to support its mission, including an Executive Director (Michael Payne) and an Administrative Coordinator (Evelyn Wilkinson). The RAB provided support by requesting fee waivers for Foundation events in P&R facilities and by supporting subsidized office space for Foundation staff. Some successes for the Foundation last year include land donation and the MLK Canright house relocation grant. Community engagement and awareness of the Foundation remains less than ideal considering how long the foundation has been in existence. The Foundation has begun holding outreach and fundraising events and continuing to do so should remain a priority to help build awareness among the community.
- **Parks and Facilities Capital Improvement and Enhancements:** Notable progress has been made in park development and facility enhancements, such as Treaty Park, Mill Creek Park, Palm Valley Boat Ramp, Disc Golf, Doug Crane Boat Ramp Expansion, four (4) regional park strategy, and Durbin Park Expansion. The County provided detailed reports on 29 active projects with a current approved budget of \$43M.
- **Staffing and Organizational Development:** Reorganization of the department to provide improved services for Beach Operations and adaptation to the growth and demand for

services over the past decade, with the addition of several new positions across various funds.

- **Community and Partner Engagement:** RAB and the Department continued to collaborate with the St. Johns County School District, Visitor Convention Center, sports associations, CRAs, community members, and other partners to enhance sports, programming, and recreational opportunities within the county. Associations continue to provide valuable support services to facilities and staff. Parks and Recreation staff continued to communicate with the RAB and community members about the Shore Drive Trail and made extensive efforts to maintain transparent communication between all parties.
- **TDC Category III Grant Requests:**
 - o For FY2023, the RAB approved \$250,000 for 21 TDC Category III requests out of a total request amount of \$309,705.
 - o Rather than approving grant requests continuously throughout the year, the RAB moved to a bi-annual approval process (January and July) to review and approve requests in batches to streamline efficiency.
- **Revised Policies:** The RAB collaborated with the Department to review and provide recommendations for improved sponsorship and naming of park and recreation facilities/assets. These policies were updated and provided clearer guidelines for applicants.

Facility Requests: The RAB heard from several residents in public comment throughout FY2023 with requests for additional space for these sports/activities:

- Pickleball
- Croquet
- Disc golf
- Beach volleyball (northwestern portion of SJC)
- Kid-friendly skate park

Upcoming initiatives in 2024:

1. RAB will collaborate with the Parks and Recreation team and the TDC to move TDC Category III grant requests to an online application platform that will make it easier to review event statistics, create consistency among applications, and streamline the application and approval process.
2. RAB will engage with SJC Leadership on SJC Comp Plan & Strategy from the perspective of P&R.
3. RAB will continue to focus on growing and strengthening relationships with Athletic Associations (who provide quality and cost efficient rec services).

As Chair, I would like to express gratitude for the support of the BOCC for supporting recreation and leisure activities in St. Johns County on behalf of the RAB. Your support for equitable, top-notch facilities that people outdoors and engaged in cultural, natural, and physical recreation is much appreciated and provides immense benefits to visitors and residents. I'd particularly like to thank Commissioner Whitehurst for your involvement in the RAB and for the

invaluable support you provide the Committee as our BOCC representative. We look forward to a productive 2024 and supporting the Parks and Recreation Department in the excellent work they do.

Sincerely, Lauren Watkins

Lauren Watkins

PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC DASHBOARD

FISCAL YEAR 2023
OCTOBER 1, 2022 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

\$5.5m

Revenue

\$250k

Sports Marketing
Grants Awarded

\$900k

Grants in Progress

Facebook reach ⓘ

231,074 ↑ 84.7%

Instagram reach ⓘ

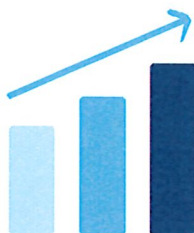
6,302 ↓ 88.3%

40,000 Social Media Followers

- 57,000 Rounds of Golf
- 74,000 Beach Passes Sold
- 91,000 Pier Admissions
- 38,000 Field Rentals

20%

Increase in
Revenues



15%

Increase in
Program
Participation

\$43M

Capital Projects Budget

29

Number of Projects



Coastal Overlays: SADB RB Annual Report 2023

Date: April 1, 2024

Committee Name: South Anastasia Design Review Board (SADB RB)

Chair: Unfilled

Staff Support: Justin Kelly, Senior Planner; Sloane Stephens, Planner

Brief History of Committee

The South Anastasia Design Review Board was initiated from community visioning and was written into the Land Development Code adoption in 1999. The Board is comprised of 5 members and 2 alternates for a total of 7 members; however, community participation has not supported having the board seats filled. There was an attempt to merge the South Anastasia and Mid Anastasia review boards which failed to receive BCC approval.

Mission Statement

The purpose and intent of establishing the South Anastasia Overlay District is to protect and preserve the "Old Florida" style, rural beach community in the South Anastasia Overlay District, and achieve specific goals and objectives of the St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan. The Design Review Board's (DRB) primary responsibility is to determine compliance with Part 3.07.00 South Anastasia Overlay of the St. Johns County Land Development Code.

Chair/Vice-Chair: There is currently no elected Chair or Vice-Chair for the South Anastasia Design Review Board (SADB RB). The terms of the previous Chair/Vice-Chair expired in April of 2023. The SADB RB has been unable to achieve a quorum since their regularly scheduled public meeting on February 23, 2023. As such, there has been no opportunity for the SADB RB to properly elect a new Chair/Vice-Chair. Currently, the Board consist of three (3) active members: Ms. Janet Patten, Mr. Austin Martin, and Mr. Stephen Lieberman.

Accomplishments in 2023

The SADB RB held two (2) regularly scheduled public meetings, approving two (2) design applications. The first was design approval of a new wall sign for the Fuzion 904 restaurant located at 6975 A1A South on January 26, 2023. The second approval was a new patio deck for The Sand Bar, located at 7025 A1A South on February 23, 2023.

Applications	Quantity
Wall / Monument Signage	1
New Construction	1
Rezoning Exterior changes including paint	0
Nonzoning Variance	0
Resolving PRIDE complaints	0

Goals for 2024

1. Aggressively seek qualified and committed volunteer membership so that quorum requirements will be regularly met, leading to a more efficient use of processing time for applicants, County staff and DRB members related to proposed projects within the South Anastasia Overlay District.

EXCLUSIONS

The following boards/committees did not submit a 2023 ANNUAL REPORT with explanation.

- **Fire Code Board of Appeals**

This board, created through Ordinance 2016-29, was established with the purpose of hearing applications for modifications of the requirement of the International Fire Code pursuant to the provision of Section 108 of the IFC.

Due to the concentrated efforts of Fire Marshall Rob Dowling and his team, this (7) member board has not been required to meet for nearly (5) years. A true tribute to Fire Marshall Dowling and his ability to work with the citizens of St. Johns County to resolve issues without requiring the appeals process, saving countless hours of staff time and resources.

BOCC staff liaison, Joanne Spencer, is currently working with the Office of the County Attorney's to determine the possibility of dissolving this board and moving any future hearings before a Special Magistrate.

- **The West Augustine Nuisance Abatement Board**

This board, established under Ordinance 2014-29, did not meet during the 2023 calendar year. Dwala Willis from the Sheriff's Office would like to also pursue utilizing a Special Magistrate on an as needed basis.

The following board did not submit a 2023 Annual Report to the BCC per Board Rules and Policies - Rule 2.206.

- **The Tourist Development Council**

Questions regarding these reports can be directed to myself, Joanne Spencer 904-209-0308 jspencer@sjcfl.us or any of the staff liaisons.