# Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

# Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 9, 2010

# Meeting Summary

Ben Tucker

#### **Members and Alternates**

Michael Anania Sandi Hibbard Larry Belge Johnny Holden James Blance Marcella Lowe Al Cherry Dewey Marshall Gene Crabtree Eddi Parsons David Peck Michele Davis Gary Dickinson Jerry Petoskey Patricia Schorr Kacy Evans Dave Evans Roger Sharp

#### **Members Excused**

Helen Ludwig Tami Moe Jay Olchak

## <u>Guests</u>

Tamera Branam
Sally Doherty
John Fox
Councilman Clay Yarborough
Councilman Don Redman
Samuel Garrison

#### Staff/Resources

Dennis Steele, COJ, Code Compliance Paul Davis, Planning and Development Jim Green, FDOT Randy Parmer, JSO Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development

#### Call to Order

Dewey Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., established that a quorum was present, the meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

#### **Chairs Report**

Dewey informed the group that the CPAC Chair meeting with the Mayor that was scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. At the July meeting, Dewey brought up the concern in regard to the Internet Café's and lighted bus stops (expressed that all bus stops should be treated equally). Dewey also made a request

for volunteers the Nomination Committee; please let Dewey or Rosemary know if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion to approve the July 12, 2010 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

## **Speakers**

Harrison Conyers, Veterans and Disabled Services Manager, City of Jacksonville informed the group that approximately 200 thousand veterans call Jacksonville home. Some of the services that they offer are assistance with completing paperwork, benefit claims, provide social services, assist with agency/housing/job counseling and work as an advocate for military presence. This department also provided military recognition through public events such as Memorial Day events, Memorial Wall and the Veterans Day parade and events. There is also a strong commitment to local disable veterans too. Currently a number of the special events that are provided to the disabled veterans are funded through the revenue generated through illegal handicap parking tickets. There is a strong relationship between the City of Jacksonville and the military. Military presence has a huge financial impact on our city. Most individuals are aware of that the Navy calls Jacksonville home, but since the beginning of the Iraq War US Marines have been based in Blount Island. All equipment and items that is headed to Iraq from the east coast is shipped out of Blount Island; thus bringing the Marines to Jacksonville. There has been a lot of media coverage and political debate over bringing an aircraft carrier to Jacksonville. Not only will it be a huge economic boost to the community it will also increase the safety of the Navy fleet. At this time Norfolk Virginia is the home to all of the east coast carriers and many are concerned with safety; fearing another Pearl Harbor. Also, Mayport provides better logistic and ship can be ocean bond must faster.

For any questions or concerns in regard to veterans or disabled services, please contact Harrison Conyers at 630-3621 or email <a href="https://example.com/HCONYERS@coj.net">HCONYERS@coj.net</a>

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

PARKS & RECREATION - Co-Chairs Dewey Marshall & Tami Moe - no report

**BEAUTIFICATION** – Chair Larry Belge – the flood light are being left on at the P.A.L. at inappropriate times; wasting money and energy.

**LAND USE & ZONING** – Chair Mike Anania – the subcommittee made a motion on the following items.

<u>Support for Variance V-10-19 to allow increase in the size of an accessory structure from 500 square feet to 1,500 square feet. The property is located at 2115 Forest Boulevard.</u>

- A private church school has the potential to contribute to the public health, safety and morals.
- The proposed structure will be consistent with the character of the neighborhood, in scale and not intrusive in any objectionable way.
- The existing church that adjoins the property has a proven reputation as a good neighbor and conscientious property owner through properly maintaining their property and improving it.

Opposition to Exception E-10-57 to for day care expansion into residential zoning. The established day care is located at 1820 University Boulevard and seeks to expand to 5560 Oliver Street.

- The use at 5560 represents intrusion of a commercial use into a readily identified residential neighborhood.
- This would allow a commercial use on a parcel that does not directly front University Boulevard, creating a precedent that is not consistent with the development pattern of the area.
- The proposed expansion is not consistent with the Old Arlington Neighborhood Action Plan.
- The proposed use is not consistent with the zoning and single family character of the nearby properties.

Opposition to Variance V-10-16 to allow parking of a Commercial Vehicle/Heavy Truck in a residential district. The property is located at 2220 Arland Road.

- The commercial nature is visually evident by the nature, size and extensive signage on the vehicle.
- The use is intrusive and is inconsistent with the visual character of the surrounding single family residential neighborhood.

The letters are attached at the end of the summary.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Chair: Co-Chairs Gene Crabtree and Pat Schorr – no new members

TRANSPORTATION - Co-Chairs Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel - no report

**ENVIRONMENT** – Chair Lad Hawkins – not present

**T.R.U.E Commission** – Marcella Lowe – the commission did not meet.

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – not a lot has happened at this time.

**Growth Management Visioning Plan** – Mike Anania – waiting for the final draft of the vision plan to be returned from the consultant; the draft may be here by the end of the month.

#### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO** – Randy Parmer, JSO informed the group that overall crime is down and reminded everyone that school will be back in session soon; please be careful on the roads.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT** – Paul Davis – informed the group that any one that is interested in current and recent applications for action should contact him at PDavis@coj.net or 255-7822.

**MUNICIPAL CODE** – Dennis Steele - no report ~ available for questions

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski informed the group that Selinda Keyes the Duval County School Board CPAC representative has been transferred to another area and will longer attend the GAB CPAC meetings. Also, the Housing & Neighborhood Department will sponsor a 9 week leadership training program called CommUniverCity starting August 24<sup>th</sup>. The training is beneficial in developing new neighborhood leaders and starting new associations. CommUniverCity Flyers with complete details are available in the back of the room.

A motion was made from the floor to make a motion from the GAB CPAC to City Council to have the pier at Reddie Point Park named after CPAC member Johnny Holden. Johnny shared all of his civic involvement with the group. There was a

discussion and the group voted unanimously and approved the motion. A copy of the letter sent is attached.

**Councilman Yarborough** mentioned the late Gail Melton and the room dedication to be held at the University Park Library and announced the September 8<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:30 am to honor Reddie Point Park. He also shared with the group that he has been in touch with the management company of Regency Square mall to get an update on the mall. At this time the management company does not have a confirmed plan, but they are exploring consolidating the stores to one end of the mall and opening the other end for office space. City Council starts the budget hearings this week and the proposed stadium name change will be introduced tomorrow.

"they have been consolidating some of the smaller spaces to make more squarefootage available to potential tenants who may want larger space and also that they are open to the idea of using some of the empty spaces for office uses".

Councilman Redman was in attendance and was recognized.

#### **Announcements**

Marcela Lowe informed the group that the room dedication to Gail Melton at 11:30 am on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the University Park Library. A flyer with complete details will be sent to Rosemary to be shared with the group.

#### **Public Comments**

(Comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Sam Garrison introduced himself as a candidate for running for Circuit Judge. **Adjournment** - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 13, 2010, 6:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.

## **Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

Chair: Dewey Marshall Vice Chair: Eddi Parsons



August 9, 2010

To: Gray Edwards, Chair; Planning Commission
The Honorable John Crescimbeni, Chair; Land Use and Zoning Committee

Re: Opposition to Exception E-10-57 to for day care expansion into residential zoning. The established day care is located at 1820 University Boulevard and seeks to expand to 5560 Oliver Street.

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We respectfully request that the application be denied.

Sincerely,

Dewey D. Marshall

Dewey Marshall, Chair Greater/Arlington/Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor William Killingsworth, Director, Planning and Development Department Sandy Simmons, Planning and Development Department

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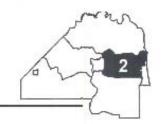
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