

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard
6:30 p.m. Monday, July 12, 2010**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania
Larry Belge
Al Cherry
Maria Condaxis
Gene Crabtree
Kacy Evans
Dave Evans
Lad Hawkins
Sandi Hibbard

Johnny Holden
Marcella Lowe
Dewey Marshall
Tami Moe
David Peck
Jerry Petoskey
Mary Anne Saadeh
Patricia Schorr
Roger Sharp

Ben Tucker
Richard Witzel

Members Excused

James Blache
Al Cherry
Michele Davis
Helen Ludwig
Ed Maxted
Jay Olchak
Eddi Parsons

Guests

Tamera Branam
Marshelle Berry
Sally Doherty
Heiner Grossmann
Lake Ray

Staff/Resources

George Tawes, COJ, Code Compliance Supervisor
Paul Davis, Planning and Development
Jim Green, FDOT
Scott Dingee, 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 29th was rescheduled to July 22nd. Again, Dewey extended an opportunity share any topics or concern that the group felt should be expressed to the Mayor.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the June 14, 2010 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Quinton White, Jr., Ph.D., Professor of Biology and Marine Science, Executive Director, Marine Science Research Institute, Jacksonville University informed the group about the new Marine Science – Research Center that will be opening in August 2010 at JU. The new 2 story building is built to be “green” as possible the design and building location was also selected to ensure minimal impact on the land and the river. On the first floor of the building, there will be a lot of open space, showers, storage and drying space for wet gear and house components of the sailing program. On the second floor there will be classroom, research facilities, reading rooms and offices. Currently JU is working on a solar powered laboratory. The group also had a detailed discussion in regard to the current algae bloom and fish kill in the St. Johns River. There was also an in depth discussion about the BP oil spill and the impact that it can / will have on the Gulf of Mexico, the Florida Keys and the East coast of Florida.

Lex Waters, Program Manager Pre-College, Marine & Environmental Studies, Duval County Public Schools discussed his relationship with JU and how his work with the Duval Public Schools to get high school students involved in the field of marine science. Currently, high school students that are enrolled in the Advanced Placement Environment Science (A.P.E.S.) are involved in water testing on water quality. The testing does cover a fairly lengthy portion of the St. Johns River and involved high school students from the St. Johns Sound to the Matanzas Inlet. Terry Parker is one of the high schools that are apart of the A.P.E.S. program and encourage the marine sciences for post-high school studies.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall – no report, but noted that the budget cuts on park maintenance is obvious; most parks look like they could be mowed and trimmed.

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Larry Belge – supported the Wonderwood Landscaping and stated that the landscaping enhanced the area.

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

The LUZ Subcommittee made the following motions:

Support for rezoning 2010-0372 for St. Barnabas Anglican Church PUD. The property is located on St. Johns Bluff Road. The CPAC supports the rezoning because:

- A church can contribute to the moral and social strength of the community.
- A church at this location is consistent with surrounding uses of land.

- A church at this location can be developed in a manner that is consistent with the Land Development Regulations.
- A church at this location will not be a nuisance or interfere with the rights of others.

Opposition to Exception E-10-48 to allow home occupation as small arms manufacture, distribution and online sales. The property is located at 1813 Mauva Juan Road. The CPAC opposed because:

- **Manufacture or sale of firearms as a home occupation is not an appropriate use at this location.**
- **Citizens have expressed concerns regarding immediate neighborhood safety due to on-site processes.**
- **Citizens have expressed concerns regarding lack of controls over further distribution.**

Support for Exception E-10-53 to allow retail sales to exceed 50% of the building of which it is a part. The property is located at 3007 St. Johns Bluff Road South.

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 – not present

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – informed the group that there will be a Community Conversation on the Health of the St. Johns River hosted by City Council President Jack Webb, in City Council Chambers on Thursday, July 15th ~ 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

T.R.U.E Commission – Marcella Lowe – informed the group that the commission does not hold a meeting in July. Marcella did extend an invitation to all CPAC members to the University Park Library Community Room dedication to Gail Melton, on Friday, August 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – not a lot has happened at this time, the attorney has had a heart attack.

Growth Management Visioning Plan – Mike Anania – completed the final draft and submitted it to the consultant. At this time the Visioning committee is expecting to have the draft reviewed and returned to them sometime in August or September.

Representative Lake Ray- informed the group that a special session has been called in Tallahassee next week to consider introducing an amendment in regard to offshore drilling. Currently, there are laws in place for offshore drilling; more information is needed before the most effective decisions can be made. No one wants to underestimate the impact and significance the oil spill will have on the economy and environment, but we need to have a contingency plan in case the oil does reach Jacksonville. Besides the obvious impacts on nature and economy, the oil spill can greatly impact our ports which could add to our economic challenges. We are at a time where we should look at deepwater ports statewide and try to increase trade, jobs and technology; reinvest in an industry that has tremendous growth opportunities. The

current economic crunch has illustrated the current state structure is no longer working and we need to look at railroads, ports and other infrastructure improvements to develop a new state structure.

Councilman Bishop was in attendance and recognized.

Staff Reports:

JSO – Scott Dingee, JSO informed the group that Lt. Jankowski has transferred. Crime is down overall by 29% and property crime is down by 15%, but auto burglaries have increased (due to the kids being out of school). JSO is also working to enforce curfew to minors and if you have a problem in your neighborhood, please call the non-emergency number. Again, please remember to keep your doors and cars locked at all times, keep valuable out of sight.

FDOT – Jim Green, informed the group that Dames Point Bridge rehab is causing lane closures; and will continue to cause lane closures through the fall. On the Arlington Expressway at Regency (near Sears) mast arm signal replacement continues and should be completed this summer. Cesery Road from the Arlington Expressway to Arlington Road will be repave and restriped that will include a center turn lane this summer. 9A and 295 still waiting on completing the re-signage because of the Federal Government Highway Administration is looking at the current signage and there seems to be a little with the older signs. The first portion of 295 was completed over 20 years ago and the signage requirements since then have change. This is a situation that is hoped to be resolved soon after it is proven to the Federal Government that the roads are safe.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Paul Davis – informed the group that he prepares a spread sheet on our zoning actions and is trying to create a database to share the information; please contact Paul with your information if you are interested in receiving this spreadsheet. PDavis@coj.net or 255-7822.

MUNICIPAL CODE – George Tawes - no report ~ available for questions

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski introduced Marshelle Berry, Supervisor at the Regency Branch Library to share with the group the joint landscaping project that they are working on.

Jacksonville Public Library – Marshelle Berry informed the group that a long time Arlington resident passed away and donated money to the Jacksonville Public Library to be used at the Regency Branch Library. The donor was an avid gardener and the library would like to add a memorial garden to the front of the library in her memory. At this time we are looking for volunteers to help create a plan for a memorial garden. CPAC member Lad Hawkins volunteered to help be on the planning committee.

Announcements

Public Comments

(Comments are limited to 2 minutes)

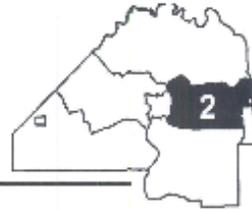
Bill Britton – paid lobbyist for the Jacksonville Greyhound Racing, Inc. was there to support Ordinance 2010-326. There was some discussion the whole CPAC voted to

send a support letter to the City Council. The letter is attached at the end of the summary.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 9, 2010, 6:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.

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Chair: Dewey Marshall Vice Chair: Eddi Parsons



July 13, 2010

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

Re: Support for Exception E-10-53 to allow retail sales to exceed 50% of the building of which it is a part. The property is located at 3007 St. Johns Bluff Road South.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in support of the above Exception for the following reasons:

- Retail sales of baked goods is a general asset and convenience to the community.
- The use is consistent with surrounding property uses and the location.
- Traffic will not significantly impact access to surrounding properties or the road network.

We request that the application be approved.

Sincerely,

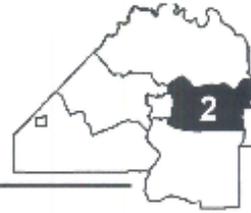
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- Manufacture or sale of firearms as a home occupation is not an appropriate use at this location.
- Citizens have expressed concerns regarding immediate neighborhood safety due to on-site processes.
- Citizens have expressed concerns regarding lack of controls over further distribution.

We respectfully request that the application be **denied**.

Sincerely,

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- A church can contribute to the moral and social strength of the community.
- A church at this location is consistent with surrounding uses of land.
- A church at this location can be developed in a manner that is consistent with the Land Development Regulations.
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We also note that a shared parking lot with the neighboring church could serve with advantage to both, and could under certain conditions reduce traffic congestion on St. Johns Bluff Road.

We respectfully request that the application be **approved subject to the following condition:**

1. **That a cross access drive connect the property with the adjoining church to the south.**

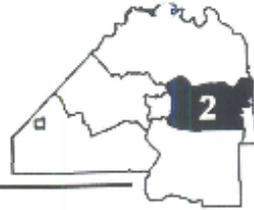
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TO: Jacksonville, FL, Council Members
117 West Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Re: Ordinance 2010-326

Dear Members of Jacksonville, FL, City Council

At our July 12, 2010 meeting of the Greater Arlington District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC), members voted to support of Ordinance 2010-326 and in full support of Council Members; Hyde, Redman, Holt, Yarborough, Davis, Shad, Corrigan and Graham, sponsors of this legislation.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Dewey Marshall".

Dewey Marshall
District 2 Chair