

District #2 – Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Patricia Schorr

Vice Chair: Michael Anania

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: University Park Branch Library

DATE: Monday, August 13, 2012

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Bryant, Jimmy, Queens Harbour POA
Cherry, Albert, Hidden Valley Civic Assoc.
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Holden, Johnny, Emerald Bay HOA
Jarnutowski, Sherri, Walkers Glen HOA
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
Peck, David, Oak Park Neighborhood Association
Petoskey, Jerry, Old Mill Cove Community Org
Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Condo Association
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA
Swanner, Lamar, Covington Creek HOA
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good neighbor Group

Excused:

Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA

Elected Officials:

Ray, Lake, State of Florida Representative, District 17
Redman, Don, City Councilmember, District 4

Staff:

Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Lancaster, Elaine; Nader, Lt. Russell, Wesolowski, Rosemary

Guests:

Cherry, Barbara, Hidden Valley Civic Association
Branam, Tamera, Pablo Creek Library
Doherty, Sally, Regency Branch Library
Harrison, David, Fort Caroline Civic
Walker, Jim, University Park Civic Association
Walton, Cal, Richmond Place HOA

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair, Patricia Schorr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

Marcella Lowe made a motion to approve the meeting summary; Al Cherry made the second. The members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3. Staff Reports

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Russell Nader
Lt. Nader informed the group that overall citywide crime is down 8.31 %YTD and in Zone 2 crime is down 13.61% YTD; available for questions.
- Mayor's Liaison – Kelley Boree – not present
- Duval County Public Schools – not present
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – provided an update on projects that are underway:

Dames Point Bridge Barrier Wall replacement continues. The far left lanes in both directions remain closed. Project on schedule and should be completed by the end of the year.

Resurfacing I-295 (Monument to St. Johns Bluff Road) on schedule and should be completed by this fall.

The Mathews Bridge Painting Project on schedule and should be completed late 2013.

The JEA Total Water Management Project ran into some complications and we don't have a new deadline for this project.

On Atlantic Blvd., from Glynlea to Caravan Trail, FDOT is updating the traffic signals; this project should finish next summer.

S.R. 9B (Phase I 295 to Philips Highway) is progressing on schedule and should be completed in spring 2013. For Phase 2 of S.R. 9B (Philips Hwy to I-95), FDOT has recently selected a contractor to complete the project. Phase 2 should be a 2 year project and at this time they are expecting the project to be completed in 2015.

On August 23 the NFTPO has called a special Board meeting at the request of the Federal Department of Transportation to discuss the Outer Beltway.

Chair Schorr inquired about the meeting in regard to additional an extra lane at Hodges Blvd. and J. Turner Butler Blvd; Mr. Green stated that he did not attend that meeting, but he believes they will be widening or adding a lane on Hodges Blvd. and additions signals will be added to improve traffic flow.

Lad Hawkins inquired about the status of the Mayport Ferry and the FDOT. Mr. Green informed him that the FDOT decided that the ferry was a local issue because they have not funded or operated the ferry in 17 years.

- Neighborhoods
 - Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski informed the group that the November CPAC meeting will fall on Veteran's Day, which is a holiday and the library would be closed. The group discussed if or when would the group like to hold the November meeting. The group voted to hold the meeting on November 5th (the first Monday of the month). Rosemary also brought it to the attention of the group that due to budget cuts, it is proposed to close all libraries on Sundays and Mondays. September would be the last month the GAB CPAC could meet on a Monday at the Regency Branch library. The group discussed changing the day of the week as well as changing the location. After

much discussion and a vote, the group voted to keep the meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month, but meet at a new location. There were several meeting site location suggestions and Rosemary will follow up on meeting site options during the month.

- o Municipal Code Compliance Division – Elaine Lancaster stated that she did not have a formal report, but informed the group that due to the time of year they are averaging 900 cases a day. Calls are really up and they are doing their best to keep up with the calls. Lad Hawkins inquired about where the new larger trashcans are to be stored when they are not out on the street for collection? Elaine stated that questions should be presented to solid waste. Mr. Hawkins asked if it was a LUZ issue and Planner, Paul Davis, stated that the Planning and Development Department does not address this issue.
- Planning & Development – Paul Davis
No report – available for questions.

4. Presentations:

Brian Phippen, JEA, Conservation and Efficiency Specialist, addressed the #1 way we consume electricity, heating and cooling our homes. A typical house hold spends 43% of their monthly bills on heating or cooling their homes. By controlling our thermostats we are controlling our expense. Heating and cooling systems in the United States together emits 150 million tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year adding to global climate changes. They also generate about 12% of the Nation’s sulfur dioxide and 4% of the nitrogen oxide.

It was recommended that we need to take charge of our thermostats and there are 8 steps that we can do to help us regain control of our thermostats.

A. First, it is recommended that we seal leaks in air ducts. As heating and cooling systems age, leaks can develop in the ducts. These leaks can contribute tremendously to your energy bill.

B. Install Energy Star Ceiling Fan(s) to use while the air conditioner is running. By using the two together, you can raise your thermostat about 4 degrees and experience any reduction in comfort. Also, running an energy star rated ceiling fan 24/7 will typically only cost about \$6 per month.

C. Set thermostats at 68 degrees and 55 degrees in the winter and 78 degrees in the summer. It is recommended that you set your thermostat at 68 degrees when you’re home and at 55 degrees when you’re in your cozy bed. For hot summers, set the thermostat for the air conditioner at 78 degrees or higher. Avoid placing a lamp or a TV set near the thermostat. For each degree above 78 degrees that you raise your thermostat you can expect to save 3%/degree.

D. Clean and replace filters in your heating furnace and air conditioner. Filters should be changed monthly and can be purchased in bulk. This action can save you up to 5% of energy used.

E. Programmable Setback Thermostat. Install an Energy Star programmable setback thermostat (also called clock thermostats) to reduce temperatures when you are away or at night. Setback thermostats will save up to 20% on your energy bill, and they are available for \$30-\$150 at hardware stores.

F. Dress Accordingly. Instead of turning the heat up or the AC down, consider dressing to increase your comfort level; less layers in the summer, more layers in the winters.

G. Passive Cooling. The most important way to reduce your cooling /heating bills is to use natural passive cooling. You can plant shade trees and install awning and blinds. Trees should be planted on the south and west side of your house. Open windows at night to cool your home and close them during the day to keep the heat out. Whole house fans help to cool the house too.

H. Look into Solar Powered Electricity. Look into ways to harness the sun's energy especially for heating.

Mr. Phippen also reminded the group that they can contact JEA for a free Energy Audit and a free inside water audit. Call 665-6000 to schedule a free Energy Audit.

5. **Chair's Report** – Spoke on LUZ application. Chair Schorr recognized Michael Anania, David Peck, Ben Tucker, Al Cherry, Lad Hawkins and Ed Maxted for going to the City Council meeting and/or the City Council LUZ Commission meeting to support the CPAC's and citizens in the community opposition to 2012-0370 (Tamaya) PUD. There was also a special LUZ meeting called on July 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to meet with a Tamaya representative at the Pablo Branch Public Library. Former Councilmember Jerry Holland was present and has become active and he is supporting the CPAC and community in their opposition of this application. Mr. Holland was involved with the original application for the proposed project that was submitted in 2005. Media from the Daily Record and the Times Union newspaper were at the meeting; the story will be printed in a future article.

As discussed at the July meeting; the project originally was permitted up to 2400 units and now the developer is trying to increase the number to 3500 units. Duval County Public School was not aware of the project and the impact that it will have on the already over capacity local schools. FDOT has reviewed the project and does not agree that the access road TO Hodges Blvd. should be eliminated. If the project is approved as revised, the traffic on Beach Blvd. will exceed its capacity, access point to and from the community until it reaches 1800 units. The next City Council LUZ Commission meeting will be held on August 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the opposition. At the last meeting, Pat & David learned that the garage at Main & Duval accepts validated party stubs. Please take your parking stub into City Hall with you and have them validate the parking ticket.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** –
None present

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Michael Anania

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:00 p.m. and the subcommittee made 3 motions; the CPAC voted to:

2012-0425 PUD Episcopal School of Jacksonville Office PUD; the group support the request, especially in light of the recent shooting at the school.

AD-12-41 at 1650 South San Pablo Road; existing shopping center (old Food Lion) to open as a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Grocery store. No position was taken.

AD-12-43 at 13846 Admiral Bend Drive; regarding drive way access. No position was taken .

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** –

Lad Hawkins shared that he will be attending an environmental conference this coming Friday at UNF.

- **Membership** – Patricia Schorr
No further actions have been taken in regard to the membership recruitment.
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker
Informed the group that Councilmember Crescimbeni was announced as the Chair of the new Ferry Commission. Councilman Crescimbeni and Elaine Brown are working on an email/letter writing campaign to send to the state/Governor. When more details are available we will send that information to everyone. On August 25, 2012 there will be a Support the Ferry Event in Historic Mayport Village to show support for the ferry. The event will start at 1:00 p.m. and last until 9:00 p.m. There will be food, beverages and entertain there; we hope everyone comes out and rides the ferry.

Ad-Hoc:

- **Craig Airport** – No Chair
 - **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp
Not present
 - **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella informed the group that the T.R.U.E. Commission has a lot of work to do on pension reform. Currently, Marcella is attending 2 workshops a day on the budget. She also stated that Councilmember Crescimbeni has a keen eye for numbers and he is the right man to lead the Budget Subcommittee.
8. **Unfinished Business** - None
9. **New Business** – None
10. **Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** –
11. **Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: Regency Branch Library
9900 Regency Square Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32225**