

District #2 – Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Patricia Schorr

Vice Chair: Eddi Parsons

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport

DATE: Monday, February 11, 2013

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Blanche, James, The Woods Community Association
Bryant, Jimmy, Queens Harbour POA
Condaxis, Maria, Southern Grove Condo Association
Davis, Michele, Council Appointee, District 1
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Hibbard, Sandi, Harbour North Civic Association
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA
Peck, David, Oak Park Neighborhood Association
Petoskey, Jerry, Old Mill Cove Community Org
Pougiouklidis, Nina, Ibis Point Owners Association
Roberts, John, The Valley at Hidden Hills
Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Condo Association
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA
Swanner, Lamar, Covington Creek HOA
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good neighbor Group

Excused:

Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Holden, Johnny, Emerald Bay HOA
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods

Elected Officials: None

Staff: Boree, Kelley; Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Lancaster, Elaine; Wesolowski, Rosemary

Guests: Gillem, Tiffany, JAA

Hipps, Alberta, JAA

Fridl, Ann, University Park Library

Miller, Pete, Indian Springs

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

Chair Schorr made verified that there was a quorum. Mike Anania made a motion to approve the meeting summary, it was seconded by Jeanne Kline; the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3. Staff Reports

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Assistant Chief Lamb is the guest speaker for the evening the report will be included in his presentation.
- Mayor's Liaison – Kelley Boree – informed the group that Mayor Brown has a reinvestment plan that will allow the City to refinance some bonds to produce approximately \$11 million; \$9 million of this will fund Downtown enhancements. This plan still had to be presented to City Council. Tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Brown will announce that Florida remains Nascar Speed State to celebrate the Daytona 500. For those that live near Mayport; there will be a national exercise going on that involves all Navy bases across the United States. The exercise will begin February 19 and last until March 4. The Navy will be working on anti-terrorism maneuvers.
- Duval County Public Schools – not present
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – stated that work has begun on the Overland Bridge project; this is on I-95 from San Diego Road to the Fuller Warren Bridge. Available for questions. Pete Miller stated that the sewer access areas are starting to sink between the 11000 and 13000 blocks of Atlantic Blvd. There is especially a problem at Girvin and Atlantic. Mr. Green stated that he would follow up with this issue.
- Neighborhoods
- Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the group that the tour of the Duval County Courthouse would tomorrow night, February 12, 2013 at 5:00 pm at the new courthouse. There are several parking garages and parking lots around the courthouse; please check with them to inquire about their hours of operations and prices. There is ample street parking at the meters and metered parking is free after 6:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP with Rosemary. For residents that live in the 32216 zip code, they are now eligible for free spay and neuter surgeries at the Jacksonville Humane Society's Animal Hospital. For more information call (904) 402-8787 or go to www.jaxhumane.org
- Municipal Code Compliance Division – Elaine Lancaster stated that she did not have a report tonight, but would be available for questions.
- Planning & Development – Paul Davis – informed the group the former Chief of Planning, Bill Killingsworth plans to retire from the City of Jacksonville later in the month; after 20 years of service. Mr. Killingsworth, AICP has accepted a position as the new Director of the Division of Community Development at the Department of Economic Opportunity with the State of Florida.
- Parks Department – Kelley Boree – Spring Break Camp will be held March 25 -29. The registration information for Spring Break Camp will be on www.JaxParks.com website soon. Summer camp vouchers will be held on May 4th at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive. Registration for summer camp will be on May 14th. Summer camp will begin June 24th and end August 2nd. The Summer Night Lights (SNL) programs will return and be expanded this year. SNL will start June 20th and end August 10th ; this year JaxParks has extended the days to include Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. On Thursday night the programming will end at 11:00 pm and on Friday and Saturday nights the programming will end at 12:00 a.m. (midnight). The 4 main sites for SNL will be R.F.Kennedy, 1133 Ionia St.; Emmett Reed Center, 1093 W. Sixth St.; C.T. Brown Center, 4545 Moncrief Road and Johnnie Walker Center, 2500 W. 20th St. There will be smaller satellite sites at centers that have swimming pools, depending on the budget.

4. Presentations:

Assistant Chief John Lamb, Patrol Division, Zone 2, introduced himself to the CPAC. Assistant Chief Lamb grew up on the Southside of Jacksonville; attended Landon Middle School and Englewood High School. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and

served his country. Lamb is married with 4 children and has been with JSO for 20 years serving in many different positions.

Assistant Chief Lamb spoke on the Red Light Traffic Cameras that will be installed throughout Jacksonville. The city is working with Redflex Traffic Systems of Arizona to install and operate cameras on at least 25 approaches to intersections identified by police as dangerous.

It was confirmed that the citation payments will be made directly to Redflex, infractions will be controlled by the Sheriff's Office and that every ticket will be reviewed by a police officer. The officer can view three photos that include a close-up of the car's license plate and high-quality video.

State law sets the minimum penalty at \$158 for red light camera tickets, but they will not cost points on driver's licenses unless unpaid for 30 days; after that the fine is \$274. Motorists can sign an affidavit claiming one of a few exemptions, such as if the vehicle was stolen or part of a funeral procession, or they may request a hearing before a local judge.

There is an appeal process; drivers will be able to determine if that is a worthwhile option after viewing the violation on an online site that will store the recordings of six seconds before and six seconds after the vehicle passes beneath the light.

INTERSECTIONS IN LINE FOR CAMERAS

(Some intersections will get more than one camera).

Baymeadows at Southside
Atlantic at Monument
Beach at University
Beach at Southside
University at Atlantic
103rd at Firestone
103rd at Ricker
Atlantic at Southside
Baymeadows at 9A
Beach at Hodges
Beach at Southside
Beach at 9A
Blanding at Argyle Forest
Blanding at Collins
Blanding at Youngerman Circle
Gate Parkway at Southside
San Jose at Claire Lane
Southside at Touchton

To accompany the presentation a handout titled *Jacksonville's Red Light Enforcement Program, Respect the Red Light* was distributed. Also there is a video of the JSO press conference on the Red Light Traffic Cameras; that video can be viewed at <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office/Docs/News-Room/JSO-News/20120829-Approaches-for-Traffic-Infraction-Detecto.aspx>

To close, Assistant Chief Lamb stated that overall crime in Zone 2 is down, but auto burglary is a problem. There was a recent arrest of a group of 3 that was burglarizing cars in the Reed Island area. There has been a rash of auto burglaries in the Mt. Pleasant/Wonderwood area

and in the Justina Road/Floral Bluff/JU area too. Most auto burglaries are committed by individuals that are working in groups of 2 or 3; one individual will be driving behind those that are on foot, walking and pulling on all the door handles to see which ones are left unlocked. 90% of auto burglaries occur to cars that were left unlocked with valuables in them. Most of the auto burglaries are committed by persons between the ages of 18 & 25.

After the presentation there was a Q&A session:

A couple of months ago there was a reported incident at Castaway Island Park, but there wasn't a follow up report as to if the crime was solved what is the status? JSO has a person of interest and they are still looking for him; also some of the follow up investigation revealed that the incident reported may have been exaggerated.

It was brought up that Neighborhood Watch Programs are very helpful to your neighborhood and being a ShAdCo member is another good organization to be a part of. Assistant Chief Lamb stated that the Neighborhood Watch programs are only as good as the neighbors participating in the program. If you need to start or re-start a Neighborhood Watch program, call 630-2160.

Special thanks were extended to JSO for assisting one CPAC member that fell outside the Yates Building on November 30, 2012. The officers saw that that she had fallen and was in urgent need of medical care; without their assistance the profuse bleeding from the fall may have exacerbated the situation.

- 5. Chair's Report** – Chair Schorr reminded the group at the last meeting there was a lengthy discussion in regard to changing meeting locations. A new site was located at the Watson Realty office located at McCormick and Monument Roads. The new proposed location provides meeting space similar in size to the Regency Branch Library and all the technology needed for presenters. Chair Schorr asked the group to vote if they wanted to change locations. The vote was in favor to stay at the Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport, by a 11 to 7 vote.

Chair Schorr also inquired if everyone had read the article about the mobility fee moratorium that was proposed by Council member Richard Clark? If so, did everyone understand the impact? It was discussed that the legislation would waive new construction fees meant to ensure the development's impact can be absorbed by public facilities such as roads and utilities.

The mobility fee is part of the 2030 Mobility Plan and replaced the transportation concurrency management system and fair share assessments. It was approved by Council in 2011.

The fees are required to be paid before approval of final construction and/or engineering plans and are meant to incentivize quality growth. The fees are based on a formula that uses costs of vehicle-miles traveled, average vehicle-miles traveled per development area and projected daily trips. The daily trips can be reduced through factors such as intersection and household density, sidewalk and bicycle infrastructure and mixed-use, among other areas.

The city is segmented into development areas, also called mobility zones. Mobility fees collected within those zones are used to fund transportation modes such as roadways, bus-rapid transit, commuter rail and streetcars.

An initial one-year moratorium was approved in October 2011 and expired in October 2012. Under the initial moratorium, projects with a value exceeding \$1 million will have 24 months until October 2014 to complete construction, while those at less than \$1 million have 12 months.

It was recommended that the CPAC members look at the COJ website to look at the City Council agenda to determine when this will be introduced to City Council as a bill.

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 5:30 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed 5 applications and made 5 motions:

Objection to Sign Waiver 13-03 at 13967 Mount Pleasant Road; they feel that the business should hold up the integrity of the City sign Ordinance.

Objection to rezoning 2013-0064 Rawls landing at 1600 Girvin Road, the CPAC denies the request because the lots are no greater than 50 feet wide. Infill residential redevelopment plan should provide the same minimum development standards as the surrounding neighborhoods with 60 feet wide lots being the minimum acceptable.

Support for Administrative Deviation AD-13-02, CPAC recommends partial approval of the request to allow reasonable redevelopment of the property to better accommodate automobile facilities, but they should adhere to the Landscape Code as practical.

Support for rezoning 2013-0098 8281 Merrill Road; CPAC recommends approval of the request subject to removing the following proposed uses from the written description: h. An establishment or facility which included the retail sale and service of beer or wine for off-premises consumption or for on-premises consumption with a restaurant; n. Filling or gas stations meeting the performance standards and development criteria set forth in part 4; o. Permanent or restricted outside sale and service, meeting the performance standards and development criteria set forth in Part 4; r. Private Clubs; u. Convenience stores'

Support for rezoning 2013-0101 at 2033 Andreau Road

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** –

Larry Belge - no report

- **Membership** – Patricia Schorr

Chair Schorr stated that the subcommittee sent letters to all the former CPAC members in the area east of St. Johns Bluff Road and North of Atlantic Blvd. and they have not heard back from any of the former members yet.

- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report

Ad-Hoc:

- **Craig Airport** – David Henry – not present

- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp

Attended the meeting and there was a lengthy presentation on the BJP: what was completed, what has not been completed and what expectations have not been met. A copy of this presentation will be sent to the group through Rosemary for the review of the CPAC.

- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella Lowe informed the group that the commission has been busy. There are 3 active subcommittees: *1. Legislation Subcommittee*– they review every bill that goes through City Council. If there is something that we should take action on this information is shared with the City Council. This subcommittee meets 2 times a month; the day after a City Council meeting. *2. The Performance Subcommittee* – this subcommittee looks at all the Divisions in the City of Jacksonville and evaluates how they handle their operations. *3. The Audit Review Subcommittee* – Marcella chairs this subcommittee and they are tasked with reviewing all the audits that the Council auditors prepare. Most recently, there were 2 divisions that they reviewed. The Municipal Code Compliance Revenue Audit was very complicated and detailed, but it revealed the challenges that Code Compliance has in working with the various/different IT Systems of the Tax Collectors Office and the Accounting Division. To avoid the mishaps and delays, the Audit review Subcommittee has made several recommendations. The recommendations are very details and the Office of General Council is writing a policy statement for it. The other area division that reviewed was the former JEDC or the new Downtown Development. The T.R.U.E. Commission met with the Audit Review Committee, Finance Committee and the City Council about concerns they had about loop holes and business incentives. Through this meeting it was determined that a complete audit on the JEDC was not finished due to a lack of staff. Finance Committee Chairman John Crescimbeni put a bill through for temporary staffing to complete the audit. The audit is now complete and it discovered \$2 million so far that they were able to recoup because of inefficiencies. The T.R.U.E. Commission has requested that they be given a copy of the current Office of Economic Development contracts to review to confirm that all the details are being completed.

8. **Unfinished Business** - None

9. **New Business** – None

10. **Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** – Harry Reagan, President, Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library, spoke on the Save Our Libraries campaign that he is involved with. There was a petition for a straw vote to create a special tax district for the libraries. The group asked numerous questions to try and verify how this special tax district would impact other city services financially.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2013 ~ 6:30 p.m.
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