

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, November 5, 2012

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Bryant, Jimmy, Queens Harbour POA
Cherry, Albert, Hidden Valley Civic Assoc.
Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA
Petoskey, Jerry, Old Mill Cove Community Org
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:

Hibbard, Sandi, Harbour North Civic Association
Holden, Johnny, Emerald Bay HOA
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
Peck, David, Oak Park Neighborhood Association

Elected Officials:

None

Staff:

Boree, Kelley; Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Nader, Lt. Russell; Steele, Dennis; Wesolowski, Rosemary

Guests:

Gillem, Tiffany, JAA
Holton, Walter, Charter Point
Jones, Debbie, JAA
Henry, David, Kensington
Alberta Hipps

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 a motion to approve the meeting summary; there was a change noted to be made. The members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

3. Staff Reports

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Russell Nader
Lt. Nader informed the group that overall citywide crime is down 6.19%YTD and in Zone 2 crime is down 11.42% YTD. Lt. Nader announced that both Club Icon and Mascaras have been closed.
- Mayor's Liaison – Kelley Boree – informed the group that Mayor Brown has kicked off a Week of Valor to celebrate our Armed Forces. The Week of Valor events include:
 - Monday, Nov. 5
 - Military Appreciation Luncheon
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Prime Osborn
 - Active Duty Military and Veteran School Visits
Monday – Friday
 - Tuesday, Nov. 6
 - No Events. Election Day
 - Wednesday, Nov. 7
 - Veterans Summit
10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., UNF University Center
 - Thursday, Nov. 8
 - Media Luncheon
11:30 a.m., USS Bataan, Naval Station Mayport
 - Jaguars vs. Colts NFL Thursday night military appreciation game
8:20 p.m., EverBank Field
 - Friday, Nov. 9
 - Veterans Jobs Fair
8:30 a.m., Prime Osborn Convention Center
 - Mayport Music Concert
4:30 p.m., Naval Station Mayport
 - Navy-Marine Corps Classic – Florida vs. Georgetown
9:00 p.m., Naval Station Mayport
 - Monday, Nov. 12
 - Veterans Recognition Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Times Union Center
 - Veterans Day Parade
11:01 a.m., Downtown
- Duval County Public Schools – not present
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – all current projects are continuing. On November 19, 2012, FDOT will host a community meeting to discuss the new University Blvd. Bridge (in Clifton). The meeting will be held Arlington Congressional Church; the open house will start at 4:30 pm and the open comment portion will begin at 6:30 pm.
- Neighborhoods
- Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski inquired how the group would like to conduct the December CPAC meeting. The members voted to hold a Holiday Potluck dinner in lieu of a meeting. It was also determined that the LUZ Subcommittee would hold a meeting prior to the celebration. Also, there was an inquiry if the group would be interested in taking a tour of the new Duval County Court House. The group said that they would like that opportunity depending on the date and time. That information will be provided at the next meeting.
- Municipal Code Compliance Division – Dennis Steele on behalf of Elaine Lancaster informed that we have started a new fiscal year and the special projects will be starting soon. Mr. Steele did request that if you are reporting multiple snipe signs through the C.A.R.E. system to please enter one case per each advertiser.
- Planning & Development – Paul Davis – no report, available for questions.

- Parks Department – Kelley Boree – Informed the group that the Boat Parade and fireworks will be held on Saturday, November 24th. The event can be enjoyed from both the North and South River bank.

4. Presentations:

Craig Erskine, Executive Director, Art League Jacksonville, Inc., informed the group about the various art programs that they offer through JaxParks, to Adult and Senior programming, for children that are home schooled and to groups by request.

The Art League also provides ongoing classes at all area Hobby Lobby stores. The classes are held throughout the year and typically consist of 6 sessions. Prices vary for these classes depending on the cost of materials. Please visit any of the local Hobby Lobby stores to obtain a list of classes that re offered.

The Art League also works free of charge with many of the areas non-profit organizations, public schools and the Riverside Arts Market. They have helped Daniel Kids raise money by working with their kids to create masks which were auctioned off to raise money for Daniel. They offer scholarships to students of all ages and abilities to take classes at the art league.

For additional information or for customized programming for your community, contact Craig Erskine at Craig@artsjax.org.

Susanna Barton, Greenscape, Board of Directors, provided information and discussed the nomination process for the Truckload of Trees programs. The Truckload of Trees is a program that will gift a neighborhood with 100 free trees, which will be delivered to the residences in their community.

5. Chair’s Report – No report

6. Elected Officials Reports – None present

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Michael Anania
The subcommittee discussed a number of applications and made a motion on 2 of the applications. Those motions are:
Approval of Exception E-12-067, to allow a nursing home facility at the intersection of Alderman Road and Arlington Road. The CPAC feels that the location is appropriate for the use in that it forms a transition between residential and institutional uses. The development will have minimal impact to the wetlands, while providing a marketable use for the property. The roadway will be improved in conjunctions with the development, thereby encouraging infill residential development of nearby vacant lots. Mike Anania made the motion, Al Cherry made the second; the group voted unanimously to send the letter.
Denial to E-12-068, to allow motorcycle sales at 2775 Mayport Road. The CPAC recommends denial because fuel that is onsite could be a potential fire hazard and is located within the same building occupied by a child care facility. There is no rear emergency exit from the building and no room to install one. Prohibition against the

outside display of motorcycles is not enforceable and any outside display will be a visual nuisance and traffic hazard along Mayport Road. Prohibition of mechanical services is not enforceable. Loading and unloading of motorcycles will obstruct traffic in the shopping center and test rides by prospective buyers create a hazard to traffic in the shopping center. Mike Anania made the motion and Ben Tucker made the second; the group voted unanimously to send the letter.

The LUZ Subcommittee also discussed application MM 12-21; this is a driveway modification at Christ the King Church and the subcommittee decided to not take any action on this application because the modification will only impact church property.

Subcommittee Chair Anania stated that the subcommittee discussed some of the older applications that came before the subcommittee in recent months. As an update:

The application for the old Harley's Rack and Cue was voted down, the applicants have appealed; a date has not been rescheduled for the next hearing.

2012-658, application for a liquor store to go in the Arlington Plaza on Arlington Road (across from Bert Road) was denied by the Planning Commission. The applicants have filed an appeal and this application will be heard on November 20, 2012, 5:00 pm in City Council Chambers.

The PUD Change at Monument and Lee Road that involved the internet café may possibly resurface.

7707 Arlington Road (former Arielle's); a major theft has occurred there and there is a lot of problems associated with this property so it doesn't appear that it will be rent or sold any time soon.

Lastly, it has been brought to Subcommittee Chair Anania's attention that some of the LUZ letters have not made it to the appropriate person in a timely manner always. It was further discussed that the council and commissions that are hearing these applications feel that having persons attend the meetings to support or oppose an application is almost more important. At this time the LUZ Subcommittee is trying to schedule to have a representative from the CPAC at each of the meetings that have hot items issues/applications. If any of the CPAC members are interested in helping in this manner, please contact Mike.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment –**

Larry Belge was not present, but Kelley Boree stated that they are working on the dog park at Ed Austin Regional Park, but the funding is not in place yet. Ms. Boree asked CPAC member and dog park activist John Roberts to update on the group on the progress that he and his volunteers have made.

Mr. Roberts stated that there are currently 100+ volunteers signed up to assist with the agreement that the community made with the City to clear the area. The area starts at the JEA High line and Monument Road and encompasses approximately 4 acres. The volunteers agreed to clear the area and there have been 2 work days so far. If you are interested in helping, please contact John.

- **Membership –** Patricia Schorr

After the first of the year the subcommittee will re-start their subcommittee activities.

- **Nomination** – Lad Hawkins

Lad informed the group that nomination subcommittee was comprised of Jerry Petoskey, John Roberts, Mart Anne Saadeh and Lad chaired the subcommittee. The subcommittee met on October 5, 2012 at a noticed meeting at the Regency Branch Library. They took nominations from the CPAC membership and there were 2 nominations for Chair: Patricia Schorr and Michael Anania. Subcommittee Chair Hawkins made 3 requests for additional nominations from the floor; no additional nominations were made. Hawkins then announced that they had one nomination for Vice Chair, Eddi Parsons. These nomination announcements lead to a discussion.

CPAC Member Ludwig inquired if Nominee Parsons would progress up to serve as Chair. Nominee Parsons stated that she would not serve as Chair. Member Lowe expressed her concern that the natural leadership progression would have the Vice Chair serve as Chair. Member Lowe also inquired if the nominee that did not win the election for Chair could serve as Vice Chair. Subcommittee Chair Hawkins stated that he would present the slate of officers and if they wanted to make a nomination from the floor for Vice Chair please do. Hawkins made 3 requests for additional nominations from the floor. Member Ludwig inquired a couple of individuals if they would accept the nomination of Vice Chair and they were decline.

The ballots were distributed, members voted, the ballots were collected and counted by the Nomination Subcommittee members. There was a tie. In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order and the CPAC By-Laws it was confirmed that CPAC will vote until the tie is broken. A new set of ballots were distributed, members voted, the ballots were collected and counted by the Nomination Subcommittee members. The results of the second vote were announced and it was a second tie. One of the CPAC members did leave after the results from the second vote was announced. A third set of ballots were distributed, members voted, the ballots were collected and counted by the Nomination Subcommittee. Subcommittee Chair Hawkins announced that Patricia Schorr would serve as Chair and Eddi Parsons would serve as Vice Chair in 2013.

- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker

No report – available for questions.

Ad-Hoc:

- **Craig Airport** – No Chair

- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp

Not present

8. **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella stated that there were 2 audits since the last meeting: the Ocean Front Parks and the Property Appraisers Office. The Property Appraiser came in and answered questions; it was very interesting to learn how the assessments were made. Tera Weeks from Ocean Front Parks also met with the Commission. The Commission identified a few things that needed to be taken care of and they have been addressed. Tomorrow, November 6, 2012, Marcella stated that she will be at the City Finance Committee meeting representing the T.R.U.E. Commission to give their report on the 2 audits. Marcella thanked Rosemary for attaching the report that the Property Appraiser to last months' meeting summary; the report contained a lot of good information.

9. **Unfinished Business** - None

10. **New Business** – None

11. **Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** – Tiffany Gillem introduced herself as

the Airport Manager at Craig Airport. Ms. Gillem stated that the Craig Airport Citizen Advisory Committee (CACAC) has plans to improve communication with the neighborhoods that are around the airport. Ms. Gillem extended an invitation CPAC have a representative on CACAC or to have Ms. Gillem give a report at the monthly meetings. Ms. Gillem recognized that Member Eddi Parsons is a member of CACAC and she looks forward to working with everyone in the New Year.

12. **Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 10, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225
Holiday Potluck Dinner