

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, July 8, 2013

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Blache, James, The Woods Community Association
Dickinson, Gary, Grove Park
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Haswell, John, Queens Harbour POA
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Henry, David, Kensington Association
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
Sharp, Roger, Historic Marabanong
Swanner, Lamar, Covington Creek HOA
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

Excused:

Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association

Elected Officials:

Staff: Roman, Pam, Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Lancaster, Elaine; Nader, Russell, Wesolowski, Rosemary

Guests:

Hipps, Alberta, JAA	Kelsey, Kirsten, UNF
Rodriguez, Ivan, JTA	Isis, Leonard, UNF
Kielbasa, Jennifer, UNF	Lane, Kacee, UNF
McClure, Whitney, UNF	Ulmer, Jane, UNF
Shuman, Emily, UNF	Sprauge, Scott, UNF
Correa, Natalie, UNF	Noble, Andrew, UNF

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 verified that there was a quorum. Then Chair Schorr made a motion to approve the June meeting summary; the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3. **Staff Reports**

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Nader informed the group that crime overall citywide is down 9.47%, and overall crime in district 2 is down 14.77%. Nader stated that there has been a rise in auto burglaries. Most of the auto burglaries have occurred in Atlantic Blvd./Kernan Blvd. area; there is about a 2 mile radius of residential area that has been targeted. To a lesser degree, a couple of businesses along the Arlington Expressway have also experience some auto burglaries too. JSO can't stress enough how important it is to keep your cars locked and not to store your valuables in your vehicle.
- Mayor's Liaison – Pam Roman on behalf of Kelley Boree – stated that she did not have a specific report for this area from the Mayor's Office, but she wanted everyone to know that Mayor Brown has formed a Task Force to review the legislation on pension reform that they presented to City Council. They had their first meeting last week on Wednesday. These meetings are open to the public; please go to the COJ website to get complete details about the meetings. Also, the Mayor will present the budget to City Council on July 15th.
- Duval County Public Schools – not present
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – reported that there are no new projects starting at this time. The I-95 Overland Bridge project is underway. Mr. Green was available for questions.
- Neighborhoods Department:
 - Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski recognized Eddi Parsons, Pat Schorr, Lad Hawkins and Ben Tucker for all of their time and participation on the GAB CPAC Bus Tour. Rosemary also informed the group that the Housing and Community Division will offer free training for Homeowner/Townhome/Condo Association training on July 16th. Complete information and details will be emailed to the CPAC.
 - Municipal Code Compliance Division – Elaine Lancaster informed the group that they are busy since we are in the middle of the growing period and there are a lot of inspections going on. Currently there are 900 active cases in the District 2 area and there are 4 officers and Elaine to work on them. They are working hard to keep up with it all.
- Planning & Development Department – Paul Davis – no report, but available for questions.
- Parks Department – Pam Roman – The Arlington Lions Park restroom and playground project will begin construction later this month. The Fort Caroline Pool has plans for repairs under review and construction should start in August (with all the funding in place, but construction will not be completed and scheduled to be completed next summer.

4. **Presentations:**

Paul McElroy, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, JEA

Mr. McElroy informed the group that since October 1, 2012 he has held the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director duties. Mr. McElroy joined JEA in March 2002. Prior to coming to JEA, he was the vice president and general manager of Bombardier Capital Corporation. He brings more than 30 years of experience working in the financial and operational arenas. McElroy currently co-chairs the

Large Public Power Council Tax and Finance Committee. He is a member of the Finance and Audit Committee for The Energy Authority, having also served as its chair. McElroy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

Mr. McElroy informed the group that JEA is the seventh largest municipal utility in the U.S.; serves an estimated 420,000 electric, 305,000 water and 230,000 sewer customers in Northeast Florida. He stated that JEA is not owned by investors. JEA was created by the City of Jacksonville to serve those who live here and in the surrounding communities. The sole purpose their business is to ensure the electric, water and sewer demands of our customers are met, both today and for generations to come. JEA is currently looking at our future needs and consumption; thus preparing to grow to meet our future needs.

Currently, JEA owns and operates an electric system with five generating plants, and all transmission and distribution facilities, including over 730 miles of transmission lines and more than 6,500 miles of distribution lines. JEA also produces 3.2 megawatts from a methane-fueled generating facility at the Girvin Road Landfill and 9.6 megawatts from Trail Ridge Landfill. A 12.6-megawatt solar project came online in 2010. JEA's total generating capacity is approximately 3,757 megawatts.

JEA's water system consists of 135 artesian wells tapping the Floridan aquifer, which is one of the world's most productive aquifers. Water is distributed through 36 water treatment plants and over 4,200 miles of water lines. More than 3,700 miles of collection lines and seven regional and seven non-regional sewer treatment plants comprise the JEA sewer system.

JEA is committed to improving the water quality of the St. Johns River. Our reclaimed water system, which supplies water for irrigation purposes, reduces nitrogen released to the river because the treatment-enhanced wastewater isn't put back into the river. Using reclaimed water for irrigation also reduces the demand on the potable water supply taken from the Floridan aquifer.

As a municipally owned utility company, they are not subject to the same state regulations as investor-owned utilities. They are regulated in certain areas of environmental and health matters, power plant location, electric safety and electric rate structure matters. Also, by being a municipally owned utility company, JEA contributes to the City of Jacksonville's general fund. Last year, JEA contributed \$236 million to the general fund. This contribution helps all areas of the city.

Customer satisfaction is an area that McElroy plans to focus on. JEA is dealing with low customer satisfaction ratings from J.D. Power that puts JEA at the bottom of a group of Southeastern utilities. Mr. McElroy has assigned his Six Sigma team to figure out the reasons for the low rankings. Right now, JEA can only speculate.

Mr. McElroy did confirm that JEA is in a good spot financially and stated that they would raise base rates for electricity and water-sewer in the next five years. At this time JEA will not be borrowing and money and with low fuel costs, prices should stay at this current level.

JEA has started using their website (JEA.com) to help provide consumer information and they also have 10 short (2 minute) videos on YouTube go to News from JEA. This videos are instructional on how to use water and electricity more efficiently. Mr. McElroy then took questions from the CPAC:

Florida is the Sunshine State does JEA have any involvement in solar energy? Yes, we have the 2nd largest solar installation in the state. Do you ever share you solar knowledge with other countries? Yes, contact Joy Worley for information.

The irrigation meter there is a monthly charge regardless if you use it or not. People are going to use the water regardless if they need it or not to get their \$18.00 worth and this isn't helping to promote or conserving water. There is a base charge and that is for service availability; this is to cover the capital cost.

Are you looking at nuclear energy in the future? Long term yes, we are looking to buy approximately 10% of our energy starting in 2017/2018 from a plant in Augusta Georgia. Recently, JEA entered into an agreement to purchase an additional 5% from the Duke Energy plant in South Carolina. The demand for nuclear power has decreased due to the dropping prices of natural gas.

What's up with the purple pipes? Jacksonville got a late start on this. If you live in the newer areas, JEA has laid the infrastructure and has the purple pipes in use. Other than that we don't have much purple pipes. We are currently using about 20% reclaimed water and this is primarily used at golf courses and new commercial areas.

Has JEA thought about privatization? Conservation is stressed, but if JEA is giving the city a portion/percent of the money they collect, do we want to conserve? We need to have a balance on who we sell power to. Power conservation cuts the funds that JEA collects. JEA would like to move power to the demand side management. They do have an economic development rate for companies that are growing and bringing new jobs to Jacksonville. JEA and City Council did recently look at privatization and it was determined that it still is an economic benefit to keep JEA as an authority.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Schorr stated that fortunately, we have had a quiet month in our district and it is nice to have some quiet time. Hopefully everyone is enjoying their summer and having a good time. Chair Schorr did recognize all the UNF students that were in attendance.

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 several applications and made 1 motion:

Denial of Minor Modification MM-13-012 and to amend the site plan for PUD 1990-0661-E at 6830 Atlantic Boulevard for the following reasons: The site plan that is provided indicates two dead-end parking lots causing any overflow to back up for the entire length of either parking lot in order to exit. A superior solution would be to provide a "right in-right out" on Atlantic at the west end of the parking lot and a full access connection to Agnue Avenue at the east end of the parking lot. This would allow traffic to flow through the parking lot rather than two blind dead ends and would reduce the number of vehicles accessing directly to (and weaving lanes on) Atlantic Blvd. The site plan that is provided indicates a truck loading and unloading space front and center of the development entrance. This appears to be unsightly, inconvenient and functionally dangerous location for that type of activity.

At the meeting the CPAC made another motion and voted to send a denial recommendation letter for application E13-21, but the application was withdrawn so the denial recommendation letter was not sent.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Larry Belge – reminded the group that all the pools are open and shared that the Ed Austin Dog Park is doing very well. Larry thanked the City Councilmembers for their support in the Dog Park. Member Parsons recognized CPAC Member John Roberts for all of dedication and hard work to make the Dog Park a reality in the GAB area.
- **Membership** – Patricia Schorr – Introduced John Haswell, Queens Harbour POA representative and thanked John for his interest and participation.
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report

Ad-Hoc:

- **Craig Airport** – David Henry – no report
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – There wasn't a NFTPO meeting in July, but there was a Steering Committee for the Long Range Plan Update; Member Sharp served on this steering committee. Sharp also recommended that in the future it would be a good idea to have a presentation on the Long Range Plan. Last week they were discussing the future population growth and probably employment projections. It initially seems they are a little high on the population projections, but that isn't a bad thing.
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella Lowe was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report that the TRUE Commission did not meet in July and they will resume meeting in August.

8. **Unfinished Business** - none

9. **New Business** – none

10. **Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** –

Community member Mike Sellers from the Golden Glades community stated that he and his community are reaching out to their Councilmember (Clark) to get the necessary improvements they need in their community. They would like to have the roads paved and the drainage ditches improved. Mr. Sellers states that COJ staffers give him one price for getting the improvements that they want & need for the community, but this number is very different from the numbers that they have been quoted. At this time Councilmember Clark has to initiate legislation to get the ball rolling.

Tiffany Gillem, shared 2 updates: Ms. Gillem thanked everyone that took part in the Inaugural Runway Run, JAXEX raised \$2000 for the USO. The JAXEX staff would like to extend an invitation for the community to attend the dedication of the James E. Craig Memorial Pavilion on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 10:00 am. Many members of the Craig family are scheduled to be in attendance. Also, as part of the dedication ceremony, JAXEX will present the USO with the money that was raised earlier at the run. Ms. Gillem provided handout materials to all in attendance for the dedication ceremony.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 12, 2013 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225