

# District #2 – Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Patricia Schorr

Vice Chair: Eddi Parsons

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport

DATE: Monday, June 10, 2013

### Attendance:

#### **Organizations/Representatives**

#### **Members:**

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society  
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA  
Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1  
Dickinson, Gary, Grove Park  
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association  
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington  
Henry, David, Kensington Association  
Hibbard, Sandi, Harbour North Civic Association  
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association  
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association  
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods  
Miller, Pete, Indian Springs HOA  
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA  
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:**

Blache, James, The Woods Community Association  
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA  
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place  
Pougiouklidis, Nina, Ibis Point Owners Association  
Roberts, John, The Valley at Hidden Hills

#### **Elected Officials:**

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

#### **Guests:**

Hipps, Alberta, JAA  
Nealis, James, Candidate Council District 3  
Cherry, Al

#### **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 May meeting summary; the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

## 3. Staff Reports

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Assistant Chief Lamb, shared some statistics on crime in Zone 2 year to date from April 7 to May 8:  
Overall crime: May -11.9% June -14.8%  
Property crime: May -13% June -15.7%  
Violent crime: May -3% June -6.8%

Zone 2 (Greater Arlington Beaches) has experienced the largest decrease in crime citywide compared to last year's numbers. Overall, crime is down, but, JSO is making more arrests; YTD arrests are up:

Carjacking arrests – up 100%  
Robbery to business – up 50%  
Property Crime Auto theft – up 83%  
Auto burglary – up 31%  
Burglary to business – up 50%  
Burglary to residence – up 39%

- Mayor's Liaison – Kelley Boree – stated that the Mayor has initiated [www.JaxReady.com](http://www.JaxReady.com). The JaxReady mobile application is now available in the iPhone and Android application stores free of charge. JaxReady will help residents monitor weather threats and plan for evacuations in the event of a natural disaster. The app also displays the latest EOC-related threat levels, weather reports and wildfire dangers. The goal of this new technology is to provide up-to-date information regarding all things storm-related.

The Emergency Preparedness Division is responsible for disaster preparedness in accordance with and in support of national and state emergency plans and programs. The division also serves as the Duval County Emergency Management agency overseeing the Emergency Operations Center. Knowing what to do before, during and after an emergency is a critical part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance: how you will get to a safe place; how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.

Mayor brown also launched "More of This, Less of That" campaign. Residents are asked to share photos and ideas on what Jacksonville does well, and where we can improve. Residents can post photos to Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #MoreofThis for things they want to see more of. They can use #Lessof That for subjects that they want improved.

The Budget will be presented to City Council on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Complete information and details will be emailed to the CPAC.
- Municipal Code Compliance Division – Elaine Lancaster informed the group that she has been working periodic evenings and weekends as needed to aide in catching violators. She also stated that she does have 4 officers that are working for her and she stated that the growing season has kept them busy. Ms. Lancaster was thanked for her commitment to the community.
- Planning & Development Department – Paul Davis – no report, but available for questions.
- Parks Department – Kelley Boree – SNL (Saturday Night Lights) will kick off on June 20<sup>th</sup>. JaxParks Summer Night Lights is the popular teen anti-crime, anti-violence program is keeping the lights on at four hub sites, two partner sites and six pool sites this summer with programming Thursday, Friday and Saturday events. SNL will run from June 10<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm and ending at midnight on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. In the GAB area there will be a SNL program at Woodland Acres Center at Warrington Park (8200 Kona Ave.) and the schedule of activities are:
  - Thursdays 7 - 9 p.m. Learn2Earn
  - 9 - 11 p.m. Punt/Pass/Kick
  - Fridays 7 - 8 p.m. Mentoring
  - 8 - 8:30 p.m. Dinner
  - 8:30 - 10 p.m. Recreation Sports
  - Saturdays 7 - 8 p.m. Mentoring
  - 8 - 8:30 p.m. Dinner
  - 8:30 - 10 p.m. Recreation Sports

#### 4. Presentations:

**Evelyn “Evie” Pankok, Duval County Extension, Florida Friendly Landscaping**, introduced herself and educated the group on Florida Friendly Landscaping. Florida Friendly landscaping consists of 9 Principles, the principles are:

1. Right Plant, Right Place ~ select plants suited for a specific location. Plants in the right place will thrive on minimal amounts of water, fertilizer and pesticides.
2. Water Efficiently ~ irrigate only when your lawn and landscape show wilt signs. Water during cooler times of day, and check your irrigation system regularly for leaks and clogs.
3. Fertilize Appropriately ~ apply fertilizers according to UF/IFAS recommendations and only when turf grass is actively growing. Never fertilize before a heavy rain.
4. Mulch ~ Maintain a 2-3” layer of mulch on landscape beds to retain soil moisture, prevent erosion, and suppress weed germination.
5. Attract Wildlife ~ Choose plants with fruits or berries to attract birds and other pollinators. Leave snags and increase vertical layering to provide wildlife habitat.
6. Manage Yard Pests Responsibly ~ Practice (Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for a healthy, sustainable approach to keeping your landscape safe from pest insects.
7. Recycle ~ Return valuable nutrients to the soil and reduce waste disposal by composting turf grass, clippings, raked leaves and pruned tree and plant parts.
8. Reduce Stormwater Runoff ~ Use features like earth shaping and rain gardens to keep

rainwater on your landscape, rather than letting it run into storm drains, carrying fertilizers, pesticides, soil and other debris.

9. Protect The Waterfront - Protect the water body you live on from chemicals and debris. Designate a 10' maintenance free zone between the shoreline and your landscape and do not fertilize, mow or apply pesticides in that area.

Ms. Pankok shared a lot of education materials with the group, provided examples of Florida Friendly Landscaping through a slide show presentation. Ms. Pankok also shared all of the services and upcoming classes that are available at the Duval County Extension Office, 1010 N. McDuff Ave. Ms. Pankok also announced that she is available to meet with any Homeowner or Neighborhood Association to help them. Ms. Pankok can be reached at 255-7450.

5. **Chair's Report** - Chair Schorr stated that the GAB had a great bus tour and she was pleased at the amount of attendees that stayed after the tour and had lunch together at Ruby Tuesday's. Also, all the CPAC Chairs meet at City Hall to meet with the international delegation from Haiti. It was a very informative meeting. One of the topics of discussion was about volunteering and it was amazing to learn that the delegation members were shocked to learn that volunteerism is as active and widespread as it is in our communities.

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 2 motions:

**Opposition to rezoning 2013-0338 13400 Arpino Drive** for the following reasons: The site and its surroundings are not consistent with the proposed use: specifically the primary access to Arpino Road for commercial activity is not consistent with the use of the surrounding properties for residential use.

**Objection to rezoning 2013-0064 , Rawls Landing at 1600 Girvin Road** and have made the following recommendations: The proposed smaller lot sizes and increased density conflict with the development pattern of the surrounding area. The smallest lot in the surrounding RLD-60 is 7000 square feet and the average lots size in the surrounding RLD90 is 14,000 square feet. The two most recent development areas to the south were development under RLD -90. The intensity and density of the proposed development will require the removal of an excessive number of existing trees and the tree canopy. This will create a development that is inconsistent with the surrounding residential area which has a substantial tree canopy. The overall purpose of the Wonderwood Connector Corridor Land Use and Zoning Study, approved by Ordinance 2002-512-E, was to ensure that any development along the corridor should be done with consideration of preserving the quality of the life of the people in the surrounding neighborhoods with the least negative impact as possible. The study separately identified this parcel as a critical site and that any further development would have an impact to surrounding neighborhoods. As proposed, this development will have a negative impact.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** - Larry Belge - no report

- **Membership** – Patricia Schorr – no report
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report

**Ad-Hoc:**

- **Craig Airport** – David Henry – no report
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – not present
  
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella Lowe stated that the meeting last week was postponed due to weather to this week. On Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, the boat launch at Goodby's Creek (San Jose Blvd. just south of Baymeadows Road) will be officially named after Marcella's late husband at 9:00 am. The J.T. Lowe Boat Launch will be the official name; this is the last launch ramp that he worked on before he passed away.

**8. Unfinished Business -**

**9. New Business –**

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

James Nealis, introduced himself and informed the group that he is running for City Council District Seat 3.

**11. Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING: July 8, 2013 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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