

# 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, May 13, 2013

### Attendance:

#### **Organizations/Representatives**

#### **Members:**

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society  
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA  
Blache, James, The Woods Community Association  
Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1  
Dickinson, Gary, Grove Park  
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  
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods  
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place  
Miller, Pete, Indian Springs HOA  
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA  
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

#### **Excused:**

Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington  
Peck, David, Oak Park Neighborhood Association  
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good neighbor Group

#### **Elected Officials:**

Wilson, Scott – Council Aide to Councilmember Redman, District 4

**Staff:** Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Lancaster, Elaine; Steele, Dennis; Wesolowski, Rosemary

#### **Guests:**

Hipps, Alberta, JAA	Randall, Vontrell
Gillem, Tiffany, JAA	Haswell, John, Queens Harbor
Nealis, James, Candidate Council District 3	Maxted, Virginia
Coucrell, Josh	Burt, Ann, Old Arlington Inc.
Cherry, Al	Barlette, Bob, Charter Point

### 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 April 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: April -8.6% May -13.4%  
Property crime: April -8% May -14%  
Violent crime: April -12% May -2%  
Robbery to individuals, auto burglaries, and carjacking are all in negative numbers. Assistant Chief Lamb answered a number of questions, but emphasized to the group that trailer theft is on the rise. If you own a trailer, please take the time to secure the trailer and invest in a good quality lock. This is a problem citywide, but the majority of the trailer thefts have occurred in Zones 4&5. If you have a questions or concerns, please call the substation.
- Mayor's Liaison – Kelley Boree – stated that last week Mayor Brown and the Fire/police pension reached an agreement on Pension Reform. The Mayor is very excited to announce that this will amount to a \$1.1 Billion dollar savings for the tax payers over the next 30 years. This will assist in our budget short fall. Also, the results from the Jax2025 Visioning are available for review this Saturday at Everbank Field in the Touchdown Club from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
- Duval County Public Schools – not present
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – presented the subsets of the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization's (North Florida TPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the five-year period from Fiscal Year 2013/2014 through FY 2017/2018. A copy of the report will be emailed by Rosemary to the CPAC members for their review.
- Neighborhoods Department:
  - Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski informed the group about the Senior Expo that will be held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
  - Municipal Code Compliance Division – Elaine Lancaster informed the group that she needs to get on the street to investigate some zoning issues, so the report will be brief. District 2 (Greater Arlington Beaches) has lost a Code Compliance Officer; this leave s 3 officers to address all the concerns. An average Officer is currently working 50-60 inspections a day.
- Planning & Development Department – Paul Davis – stated that an appeal has been filed in regard to the Liquor Store/Pharmaceutical application at the old Arthur Murray dance Studio. This will now be reviewed by a Circuit Court Judge; after the review it may be dismissed or sent back to City Council for further consideration. No dates have been assigned yet.

- Parks Department – Kelley Boree – The 2013 Jazzfest will be held over Memorial Day weekend; please visit [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) for complete details. Lastly, the 2014 budget will be presented to City Council on July 15th for their review.

#### 4. Presentations:

**Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools**, introduced himself to the CPAC and provided some professional history. Superintendent Vitti shared with the group his Strategic Plan to take Duval County Public Schools from Good to Great. The Strategic Plan has 4 goals: develop great leaders and teachers; equitable and efficient use of resources; engaging the family & care givers and developing the whole child.

Dr. Vitti clarified how he was going to reach his strategic plan. He informed the group that to:

1. Develop Great Educators and Leaders he planned to provide teachers and students with the tools and resources necessary to meet the demands of the Common Core Standards and students' individual needs. Recruit, employ, and retain high quality, diverse teachers, instructional leaders, and staff. Provide ongoing professional learning and support to develop all teachers, instructional leaders, and staff.
2. Engage Parents, Caregivers, & Community, we need to establish and sustain a culture that is collaborative, transparent, and child-centric. Create a welcoming, respectful, and responsive environment for all stakeholders that leads to open lines of communication. Expand partnerships and ensure alignment between district strategic plan and community, government, non-profit, and business initiatives.
3. Ensure Effective, Equitable, & Efficient Use of Resources to ensure the use of district funds is transparent, strategic, and aligned. Distribute district-wide programs and resources in an equitable manner. Deploy information technology that supports the academic needs of all students, teachers, and staff.
4. Develop the Whole Child we need to facilitate and align effective academic, health, and social-emotional services for students based on needs. Address the needs of all students with multiple opportunities for enrichment. Encourage positive behavior, respect towards others, and ensure safe environments throughout the school district.

There was a lengthy discussion about the FCAT and our current teaching practices; this conversation was followed up by a discussion about national testing. Superintendent Vitti stated that teachers need to teach to the standards and this will take of subjects that are on the FCAT. It was emphasized that Vitti will not allow the teachers to teach only the FCAT; he emphasized the importance as a city, that we need to get our children involved in National Standard testing. It was confirmed that Civics has re-introduced to the middle school students. Superintendent Vitti did also confirm that physical education, art and music will be a part of the curriculum for all schools once again. Superintendent Vitti encouraged all of the CPAC members to get involved in their local schools.

**Anthony Dennis, Store Manager, Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market**, introduced himself and informed the group that the Grand Opening Ceremony for the new Neighborhood Market at 8011 Merrill Road will be June 12, 2013 at 7:30 am. The new Neighborhood Market is 39,800 square feet (about the size of a Walgreens) and 95% of their merchandise will be groceries. Each store will carry fresh produce, a pharmacy, deli/bakery, Red Box, photo machines and

can have items ordered on WalMart.com shipped there as a pick up site. The store will be open 364 days a year (closed Christmas) and the hours will be 6:00 am to midnight. On June 10<sup>th</sup> the store will be open for a "Sneak Peak", but nothing will be sold.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Schorr informed the group that the GAB Bus Tour will be held this coming Saturday, May 18. Everyone interested in attending, please see Eddi Parsons or Patricia Schorr to prepay for the event. The tour will begin at Best Bet (former Garden Ridge) at 9:00 am.

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. The subcommittee reviewed 7 applications and made 3 motions:

**Support for Rezoning 2013-0259, Atlantic Beach Country Club** for the following reasons: Redevelopment of the property serves the public interest by preserving the economic vitality of the development, the property has been and will continue to be a welcome addition to the Mayport/Beaches area and the site and its surroundings are consistent with the proposed use.

**Support for Rezoning 2013-0223 1823 University Blvd. South** for the following reasons: redevelopment of the property serves the public interest by preserving the economic vitality of the development, the property has been and will continue to be a welcome addition to the Arlington area, the site and the surroundings are consistent with the proposed use in that it is bounded on all sides by property that is permitted or permissible to be residential, the proposed use represents a down-sizing from commercial activity otherwise required and reducing capacity from 75 to 35 persons.

**Support for Administrative Deviation AD-24, 13856 Admirals Bend Drive;** because the proposed use is a welcome residential addition to the Arlington area and the site and its surroundings are consistent with proposed use.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** –  
Larry Belge – reminded the group that summer is coming and JaxParks will offer summer camp again this year. There are multiple camps, camp sites and camp sessions available. Go to JaxParks.com and click on the icon for summer camps for complete details. Also Summer Night Lights (SNL) will get kicked off soon at the end of June and they will be activating Woodland Acres Park in this district. JaxParks will also offer swimming lessons too; sign up is available online. Visit JaxParks.com for all your park questions.
- **Membership** – Patricia Schorr – no report
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – not present

**Ad-Hoc:**

- **Craig Airport** – David Henry – not present
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – not present
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella Lowe stated that there was no audits for them to review, but they did review the Financial

Statements for the first quarter of this year (September 1 to December 31) and they looked pretty good.

**8. Unfinished Business -**

**9. New Business –**

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

Tiffany Gillem, JAA informed the group that Sign up now for the JAXEX Runway 5K & Fun Run on Saturday, June 8. The Runway 5K begins at 7:30 a.m. and early registration ends June 1. The Family Fun/Walk will start at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Greater Jacksonville Area USO. To register for the event visit [www.1stplacesports.com](http://www.1stplacesports.com).

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

**NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2013 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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