

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, October 14, 2013

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Dickinson, Gary, Grove Park
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Henry, David, Kensington Association
Hibbard, Sandi, Harbour North Civic Association
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods HOA
Miller, Pete, Indian Springs Community Association
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
Saadeh, Mary Anne, Oak Haven Preservation Association
Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Condo Association
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

Excused:

Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place

Elected Officials:

Staff: Taurean Sinclair for Roman, Dave; Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Steele, Dennis; Lamb, Asst. Chief, Simmons, Shaniqua; Wesolowski, Rosemary

Guests:

Hipps, Alberta, JAA	Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove
Freeman, Terrance, Ellington Place	Danford, Joyce
Leis, Barbara	Gillem, Tiffany, JAXEX -JAA

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair, Patricia Schorr, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting began with a Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

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

3. Staff Reports

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Chief Lamb extended an invitation the CPAC to participate in a Sheriff's Walk on Oct. 21st at 5:30 pm on Mayer Drive (near the Regency Inn) off the Arlington Expressway. Also, on November 19th, ShAdCo will host their Annual Citywide ShAdCo Meeting, downtown at First Baptist Church, 125 W. Ashley Street. The doors will open at 5:30 pm, 6:00 – 7:00 pm dinner will be served and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be free parking in parking garage #1. On Tuesday, October 15, 2013, there will be a ShAdCo Neighborhood Watch Coordinators meeting at 6:00 pm at the Police Memorial Building, 501 Bay St. at 6:00 pm. JSO is requesting that the coordinators enter through the Catherine Street doors.
- Mayor's Liaison – On behalf of Dave Roman, Taurean Sinclair informed the CPAC that construction has begun to modernize Downtown's Southbank Riverwalk. Workers have begun demolition to make way for a newly designed, pre-cast concrete walkway with energy-efficient LED lighting, new shade structures, benches, floating docks and a revamped Navy Memorial. Mayor Brown has appointed a new Education Commissioner, Dr. Annmarie Kent-Willette, an award-winning educator and communications expert. Dr. Kent-Willette will serve on-loan from Jacksonville University for a term of two years. The City of Jacksonville has been honored by the veterans' organization the Forty & Eight as its National City of the Year. City Councilmember Don Redman accepted the award on behalf of the city at the organizations convention in Phoenix, Arizona on Sept. 13. The city earned national recognition for its many efforts supporting the military and Veterans community in Jacksonville. Through the Jobs for Veterans program, the city helps veterans transition into civilian careers by partnering online with more than 160 companies for job opportunities. More than 141 homeless veterans have enrolled in the city's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, helping veterans in need to find employment and housing. The City of Jacksonville's Building Inspection Division (BID), which is part of the city's Planning Department, has become one of the nation's select few building departments to earn accreditation from the International Accreditation Service (IAS), a subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC). Mr. Sinclair also extended an invitation to the CPAC to visit the COJ website to read the Mayor's Newsletter.
- Duval County Public Schools – not present
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – discussed the damage done to the Mathews Bridge and the explained the severity of it. Mr. Green did acknowledge that JSO did a stellar job in getting the bridge close and everyone off safely after the ship hit the bridge. It was announced that FDOT is working on this quickly and that on October 1st a contract was awarded to Superior Construction to complete the repair. Mr. Green pointed out that the contract was awarded 76 hours after the accident. There are financial incentives included in the contract to hopefully get the construction completed faster. After the construction is completed, structural engineers will inspect the bridge. The bridge will not reopen until the engineers validate the safety of the bridge. State Senator Gibson will host a community meeting tomorrow night at Jacksonville University at 6:00 pm to discuss the Mathews Bridge. Lastly, North Florida TPO will be hosting a program on

Alternative Fuel Vehicles on October 31st at UNF 9:00 – 11:30 am; enter onto the campus on the Kernan Blvd. side.

- Neighborhoods Department:
- Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski informed the group that the November CPAC meeting has been pushed back to November 18th. November 11, 2013 falls on Veteran's Day. In order to honor our Veteran's the meeting will be 1 week later. Also, the Nomination Subcommittee has been formed, if you would like to nominate someone to the 2014 Chair or Vice Chair position, please send me your nominations so I can share them with the Subcommittee.
- Municipal Code Compliance Division – Dennis Steele, no report, but available for questions.
- Planning & Development Department – Paul Davis – no report, but available for questions.
- Parks Department – Shaniqua Simmons informed the group that new hours have been established for community centers. It is encouraged that everyone double check the hours of operation before visiting your community center. Shaniqua also reminded the group that all the National Parks are closed due to the Federal Government Furlough.

4. Presentations:

Steve Grossman, JIA, CEO, spoke about the 4 area airports: Jacksonville International Airport (JIA), Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport, Herlong and the Cecil Commerce Center.

Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) provides non-stop flights to major U.S. cities, including those that serve as international gateways. Eight major airlines and a network of regional carriers provide some 200 daily arrivals and departures at JAX. While travel is still down since the recession there has been an increase in passengers; on average there are 5,601,500 passengers through JAX annually.

Embraer Defense & Security Inc. has moved into an old hanger on the property of JIA. To date the company is on schedule with its Jacksonville, Florida, assembly facility to begin deliveries in mid-2014 of A-29 Super Tucano aircraft to the U.S. Air Force for the Light Air Support (LAS) program. At this time, the contract is for 20 aircrafts, but it has options to be expanded to 40.

Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport (CRG), this airport is ideally situated for quick access to the city's beaches and downtown business district. Because of its location, size and capacity, Jacksonville Executive (CRG) helps to divert general aviation traffic away from Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) and its large commercial planes.

Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) leases space to two Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) at CRG: Craig Air Center and Sky Harbor. They and their tenants provide hangar, tie down and fueling services to more than 300 aircraft based at the airport. In addition, a wide range of support companies operate at the airport.

With this airport being located near a number of residential areas, Jacksonville Executive (CRG) has become a noise sensitive airport. As a result, the airport continues its efforts to be a good neighbor and has established a Noise Abatement Program.

Mr. Grossman acknowledged that clearing the trees was necessary to maintain a safe amount of clearance for pilots using the runway that extends toward the intersection, not to extend the runway. He stated that it was JIA's mistake for not bringing the plan forward sooner to the community. Mr. Grossman brought diagrams of the proposed replanting for the area and encouraged the meeting attendees to share their views and opinions.

Herlong Recreational Airport (HEG) is a general aviation recreational and sport flying airport. The airport property covers 1,434 acres of land, is home to approximately 140 based aircraft and features 3,500-foot and 4,000-foot runways. Activity at Herlong includes single and twin-engine aircraft, gliders, helicopters, ultra-lights, corporate jets and turbo-prop aircraft, and skydiving operations. The JAA serves as the Fixed Base Operator at Herlong, providing a terminal for pilots, hangar space, tie-down areas and fueling. Last year, Herlong Recreational Airport reported more than 75,000 operations (take-offs and landings). And in 1999, JAA opened a new 20,400-square-foot bulk hangar capable of housing multiple aircraft as well as office space for tenants. The existing terminal was renovated in 2001 to add more pilot amenities and a self-fueling island for pilots to fuel aircraft before and after normal hours of airport operations. The JAA recently built 24 new individual T-Hangers to meet the demand for aircraft storage.

Cecil Airport (VQQ) With easy access to air and rail connections and a deep water port, Cecil Airport's facilities are ideally suited for aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operations and a variety of aviation-related industrial and commercial development.

Cecil Airport provides an effective base of operations for corporate aircraft, general aviation, air cargo and National Guard and Reserve aviation. The airport has four, 200-foot wide runways, three of which measure 8,000 feet. The fourth runway is 12,500 feet in length, one of the longest in Florida. There are also twelve hangars totaling over 1 million square feet and over 350,000 square feet of general office and support facilities.

Cecil Spaceport has been approved and license as a spaceport for commercial launches of spacecraft like Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo. The Cecil Field Spaceport will complement launch capabilities at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Kennedy Space Center. Cecil Field's license makes it the nation's seventh commercial spaceport. It permits "horizontal" launches of vehicles that would take off and land like planes at the site's 12,500-foot runway.

From the Spaceport, rockets would ignite some 40,000 feet over the Atlantic Ocean to begin suborbital flights for passengers paying about \$200,000 each, offering several minutes of weightlessness and a view of the blackness of space. Initially, the operations will be for your upper-end leisure traveler, the person who wants and can afford an exciting ride. Later, the market could expand to microgravity research flights and launches of small satellites.

Boeing is one of the companies working at Cecil. Boeing is testing the U.S. Air Force's new drones will be built by Boeing at Cecil Field. This entails the modification of F-16 aircraft into 126 QF-16 drones. Boeing started working on the drones at Cecil in May 2011. The drones, which are designed and developed in St. Louis, will be used to test the military's newly developed weapons and its aircraft fighters. The drones can be flown manned or unmanned.

After Mr. Grossman's presentation he was available for Q&A.

The questions were few and all focused on the tree removal at Jacksonville Executive Craig Airport.

There was an inquiry to the amount of money that JAA spent to remove the trees; it was stated that it was \$70,000.

There was a question to the size of tree that would be replanted. Mr. Grossman stated that they would use 65 gallon trees; these trees range in size of 8 to 12 feet in height. Grossman also stated that oleander would also be planted due to the rapid growing tendencies of this plant.

It was questioned, why didn't they just trim the trees instead of removing them? Grossman confirmed that over 20% of the trees height need to be removed. When removing this amount of wood it is unlikely that the tree would live.

It was asked why the trees were cut at night? Both Steve Grossman and airport manager Tiffany Gillem confirmed that no cutting was performed at night. Sometimes the trucking company started very early in the morning while loading and driving the cut trees, but none were cut at night.

When will the replanting begin? In approximately 45 days.

Mr. Grossman stated that he would stay until the end of the meeting to answer any additional questions.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Schorr shared with the CPAC that she received a letter from the NW CPAC in regard to getting students involved with CPAC's. Chair Schorr read the letter to the group. There was a lengthy discussion about student involvement, community service hours and the role the students would have at CPAC's. A motion was made for to send a support letter, but further discussion led to another motion to be made. The second motion was to table the motion until the next meeting. Additional information on the Guidelines for Community Services hours will be sent to the CPAC to better inform them on this topic.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** –
None

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 Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:00 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed 7 applications and made 3 motions; all were approved unanimously.
Denial of Exception E-13-043 of the request to allow sale and service of beer and wine at 2035 Rogero Road.
Approval of Exception E-13-041 of the request to allow building trades Contractor with outside storage at 8318 Atlantic Blvd.
Approval of AD-13-061 to allow the reduction of a buffer width at 8318 Atlantic Blvd.
- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Larry Belge – no report
- **Membership** – Patricia Schorr – not present
- **Nomination** – Chair Schorr introduced the Nomination Subcommittee, the members are: Helen Ludwig, Marcella Lowe, Sandi Hibbard, Gary Dickinson and Pete Miller. Helen Ludwig encouraged the group to actively make nominations to the subcommittee. Jeanne Kline nominated Mike Anania for chair and he accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.
- **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 Chair Schorr informed the group that Ms. Lowe is unable to attend due to an automobile accident. Ms. Lowe sent her report in her absence, it is:
Per our invitation, Mr. Jim Robinson, Director Public Works, came to speak to us regarding Audit #644, which dealt with Inventory issues for Public Buildings and Parks and Recreation. Their entire inventory has been stored in one facility for some time and in some cases had become intertwined. A complete audit and inventory was taken and now they are separated and physically located in separate buildings. This satisfied our request. He also spoke to the current recycle and trash pickups. Two thirds of the City has the new receptacles and the other collection service has several years left on their contract, which must be satisfied before a change is made.

Recycling paper in City Hall is well organized. They do not recycle cans, bottles, or plastics at this time, nor do they recycle in the other public buildings. No plans at this time to accomplish that in the foreseeable future.

The question was raised as to why the Libraries do not have the same janitorial service as other City buildings. They do in fact; however, under a separate contract with the libraries, as that is what the library board wants.

The Pension Reform report we have worked on for three years is almost complete and will be sent to the Mayor and all City Council members.

8. **Unfinished Business** - none

9. **New Business** –

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

Member Pete Miller informed the group October is Fire Safety Month – If your smoke detectors are 10 years old or older, they need to be replaced.

Mr. Miller also reminded us that the Arboretum will celebrate its fifth anniversary with Art In Nature, a family-friendly festival on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (rain date on Sunday, November 10 – same hours). Although there is no entry fee, we suggest a donation of \$3 per individual or \$5 per family. An outdoor sculpture exhibit hosted in partnership with the Northeast Florida Sculptors will be a special feature of the event. Approximately 25 sculptures will be placed along the trails, primarily around the Lake Loop, Jones Creek and the Ravines trails. Visitors will see a diversity of artistic expressions, some made of natural materials that will decompose over time and others of more permanent materials. This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience fine art in a natural outdoor setting and you can vote for your favorite to win the People’s Choice Award.

Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2013 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225