

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, September 10, 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
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Henry, David, Kensington Association
Hibbard, Sandi, Harbour North Civic Association
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic 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
Roberts, Barbara, The Valley at Hidden Hills
Roberts, John, The Valley at Hidden Hills
Rogers, David, Kensington Association
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

Elected Officials:

Staff: Roman, Dave; Boree, Kelley; Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Lancaster, Elaine; Lamb, Asst. Chief,
Simmons, Shaniqua; Wesolowski, Rosemary

Guests:

Hipps, Alberta, JAA
Freeman, Terrance, Ellington Place
Wemhoff, Philip, Southside Estate

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 August meeting summary; the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3. Staff Reports

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Chief Lamb stated that JSO has been busy and he was happy to announce that overall crime in Zone 2 is still down double digits. There has been a spike in criminal activity in sector D1, but they have concentrated JSO's effort in that sector and things are improving.
National Night Out will be held on October 1st this year. As always, JSO will do their best to get to as many events/gatherings as they can that night. Please remember to contact the JSO Community Affairs Office or Gary Dickinson to inform them about your National Night Out event or activity.
The Sheriff is still to go before City Council and present the JSO budget; at this time everything is looking good and it doesn't appear that JSO will have to take another significant financial hit.
Assistant Chief Lamb also discussed the shooting at Mascaras Lounge over the weekend. Lamb stated that the bar has a history of problems and has been closed before. They pay their fines and reopen. JSO has the shooter in custody and the shooting was an isolated incident between two individuals that knew each other.
CPAC Alternate, Barbara Roberts, shared with Assistant Chief Lamb an incident that occurred in The Valley at Hidden Hills subdivision. 2 pit bull dogs attacked 2 young boys that were out in the neighborhood. It took 5 adults to break up the fight and one of the boys was seriously bitten. Mrs. Roberts expressed the rude behavior she received from the JSO officer responding to the call and her extreme disappointment in Animal Care and Control. They were informed that Animal Care and Control will not respond if the animal is controlled. Assistant Chief Lamb stated that he would like to chat with Mrs. Roberts after the meeting to get a bit more information from her.
- Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman, informed the group that Mayor's Office is very actively involved in the budget process. September 10th and September 24th are the last scheduled City Council meetings to get everything finalized. The mayor is still busy working on Pension and Retirement issues. The new Downtown Investment Authority Director has arrived; his name is Aundra Wallace and we looking forward to him joining the team. The Mayor and others are working on obtaining funding for the project at Mile Point in the St. Johns River and Jacksonville will host an NBA preseason game between the New Orleans Pelicans and the Orlando Magic on October 9th at the Veterans Memorial Arena.
- Duval County Public Schools – not present
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – reported that there will be an open house for the new University Blvd. Bridge (near Clifton) and change of exits at University Blvd. of the Arlington Expressway. Tomorrow, there will be a public hearing on the First Coast Express; this is a proposed toll road that will run from I-10 to Argyle Forest. FDOT is resurfacing Beach Blvd. from the Atlantic Blvd. split and ending at Parental Home Road. In October, a contractor will be hired to demolish the old toll building just south of the Hart Bridge. Mr. Green was available for questions.
- Neighborhoods Department:
- Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski informed the group that HOA & Condo Association Training has been rescheduled for September 17th, Condo Training will be held in the daytime (1:00 – 4:30 pm) and HOA/Townhome will be held at

5:30 – 9:00 pm). Flyers are available on the back table.

- Municipal Code Compliance Division – Elaine Lancaster acknowledged that there are 900 active cases a day and they are starting to get a back log of cases. In Zone 2 they have been dealing with a lot of nuisance and vacant property. All of this work is being completed by 3 officers and 1 supervisor.
 - Planning & Development Department – Paul Davis – no report, but available for questions.
4. Parks Department – Kelley Boree – introduced Shaniqua Simmons as the GAB District Parks Manager. Shaniqua is from Charleston S.C. where she has worked in Parks Programming and Maintenance. Shaniqua will be attending the monthly meetings and Kelley will drop in as her schedule permits. Flyers are in the back for the JaxParks Online Video Contest and for the public meeting on the First Coast Pool Feasibility Study. The Parks Department will go before the Finance Committee on Thursday for budget hearing. The Fort Caroline pool; the pool project will go out for bid in November.

5. Presentations:

Jacksonville Transportation Authority – Suraya Teeple and Brad Thoburn presented the draft of the final report of the Southside Boulevard Vision Study.

In general, the purpose of visioning is to create a shared base of understanding and generate policy direction for the future of a community. The goal of this study is to provide a vision for the corridor that meets both the needs and aspirations of a diverse group of stakeholders. A key outcome will be to create value for the community – to identify and assess improvements that enhance mobility and connectivity; stimulate economic activity; and to bring value to residential neighborhoods. It was confirmed that there is not funding in place to move forward with any of the suggestions/recommendations from the study at this time.

The study did focus on opportunities for:

- Multi-modal transportation improvements (Auto, Transit, Bicycle, Pedestrian)
- Integrated land use development and redevelopment (e.g. Transit Oriented Development)
- Urban design improvements (e.g. Street furniture, lighting improvements, etc.)

The 2030 Vision plans were used as guiding documents for more specific future planning efforts and capital improvements and will aide in realizing the potential of the Southeast and the Greater Arlington Beaches districts in a coordinated thoughtful manner which secures the quality of life for many generations to come.

The presentation used a PowerPoint presentation to show various aspects of the Planning, Existing Characteristics, Transportation and Public Input. All of these components were used to complete the vision.

To view the vision study online, visit:

<http://www.jtafla.com/Graphics/Projects/SouthsideVisioning/08092012-Presentation.pdf>

6. **Chair's Report** – Chair Schorr reminded the CPAC that earlier in the month the whole CPAC was emailed the CPAC By-Laws and Executive Order and the CPAC members were asked to review them. Chair Schorr did reiterate the voting procedures as stated in the CPAC official documents. A copy of Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and Other Local Public Officers was passed around; the CPAC was educated that Form 8B should only be used if there is a conflict of interest for a CPAC member during a vote. On September 4, 2013, the CPAC Chairs met with Egyptian delegates and discussed grassroots community groups. On September 7th, Chair Schorr went on the Southeast CPAC Bus Tour and learned a lot about their district. The tour visited and viewed the I-95 project, San Marco, Bowden Rail Yard, State Road 9B, the St. Johns Town Center and the Mayo Clinic. Many other

sights/locations/issues were discussed along the drive.

7. Elected Officials Reports –

8. 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 8 applications and made 4 motions:

Approval of Exception E-13-036 this is an exception allow the expansion of Seacoast Academy at 9100 Regency Square Boulevard. The CPAC feels the site is suitable for the proposed activity; the educational facility supports the growth and stability of the Arlington area; compelling public benefit to those who will use the site and no identifiable negative off-site impact.

Support for Rezoning T454 Merrill Road and Kingstree Drive West the CPAC feel this is a welcomed development in the Arlington area.

Support for Rezoning T450 Mayport Road this is a rezoning and development of the property serves the public interest and is a welcome addition to the Arlington and Mayport area.

Support for Rezoning T427 Silver Lake Terrace the subject property is accessed through a residential zoning district; the property directly abuts residential uses and residents of the surrounding area have struggled to maintain property values and residential character of the neighborhood.

After the Subcommittee Chair Anania finished presenting the LUZ issues, there was another topic discussed. All CPAC members had a significant discussion about making motions on ordinances or bills that will be going through City Council. It was requested that a copy of the ordinance or bill be sent to Rosemary for distribution to the full CPAC the week prior to the CPAC meeting. This will allow all CPAC members an opportunity to read the ordinance or bill prior to the meeting so each CPAC member can be informed before they vote on a motion in regard to the ordinance or bill.

Again, Chair Schorr confirmed that CPAC members would not be asked to take a vote on any ordinance unless the information had been distributed at least 1 week prior to the meeting. New issues can be discussed (without reading the ordinance), but no votes will be taken at that meeting.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Larry Belge – no report
- **Membership** – Patricia Schorr – not present
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report

Ad-Hoc:

- **Craig Airport** – David Henry – no report
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – stated at the last TPO meeting they had a presentation from JTA and it did cover some of the same information that was discussed tonight. They also discussed the St. John River Ferry and the problems with funding and needed repairs.
- **Nomination** – Marcella Lowe and Helen Ludwig volunteered to serve on the subcommittee; another volunteer is needed to meet the CPAC requirement that each subcommittee meeting needs 3 members.

- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella Lowe stated that the commission is winding up their work on Pension reform. Now budget season is in full swing; the Mayor has delivered the budget to City Council and they are diligently working on the budget. Ms. Lowe also encouraged everyone to watch online or on TV some or all of the budget hearings; it was recommended that it is a good way to learn about our city.

9. **Unfinished Business** - none

10. **New Business** –

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

Member Pete Miller informed the group that the Jacksonville Arboretum opened to the public in November, 2008. To mark this historic milestone, 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 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2013 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225