

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard
6:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2011**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania	Marcella Lowe	Ben Tucker
Larry Belge	Helen Ludwig	Kathy Walker
James Blanche	Ed Maxted	
Al Cherry	Patty McPeek	
Maria Condaxis	Jay Olchak	
Michele Davis	Eddi Parsons	
Kacy Evans	David Peck	
Dave Evans	Jerry Petoskey	
Lad Hawkins	Mary Anne Saadeh	
Sandi Hibbard	Patricia Schorr	
Linda Hemphill	Roger Sharp	

Members Excused

Dewey Marshall
Tami Moe

Guest

Victor Kirsch
Vikki Peacock
Sylvia Johnson
Chynequa King
Julian Royal
Bradley Ginzig

Staff/Resources

Paul Davis, Planning and Development
Jim Green, FDOT
Dennis Steele, Code Compliance
Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development
Lt. Amy, JSO Zone 2

Call to Order

Roger Sharp called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., the meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. It was established that a quorum was present.

Chairs Report

No report

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the March 2011 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Jeff Sheffield, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO), Executive Director, started with some back ground history on NFTPO. Over the years, NFTPO has had a few name changes, but the organization was created in the 1970's to focus on long range transportation planning in Jacksonville. Originally, the NFTPO was a part of the Planning and Development Department in the City of Jacksonville. In 2004, NFTPO became their own organization; no longer governed by the City of Jacksonville and reached into other counties. As the city and area has grown, so has the region for NFTPO. The North Florida TPO boundary includes all of Duval County and portions of Clay, Nassau and St. Johns Counties. This area encompasses over 1,800 square miles and a population of 1.2 million.

NFTPO partner with agencies, governments and the public to: identify and prioritize needs, develop plans and programs, seek and coordinate funding, and mobilize resources through outreach and consensus building.

Every five years, the TPO updates the region's Long Range Transportation Plan to guide decision making and investment in our transportation system. Transportation projects must be included in the plan to receive state and federal funding, and all projects in the Plan must have the projected cost and funding source identified. The Plan is required to have at least a 20 year time horizon and address major road, transit, freight, bike and pedestrian needs.

The 2030 update was completed in 2004; since then Northeast Florida has experienced changes in our economy that affect how we live, travel and pay for transportation improvements. Society's views on the environment and how we should plan for future growth continue to evolve. By 2035, our region is expected to grow by approximately 700, 000 people, 265,000 households and 365,000 jobs. Even though we have over 50 existing and committed transportation improvement projects planned to the year 2013, we'll still see congestion growing on our roadways.

This update, called Envision 2035, takes these changes into consideration. We combined a rigorous technical analysis with a multi-faceted comprehensive public involvement process to provide transportation alternatives for North Florida's future.

The NFTPO board adopted the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan November 12, 2009. The plan will be the source to develop the List of Priority Projects which is updated annually with project phases and costs. The TPO may consider amendments to the 2035 Plan as conditions warrant, such as changes in funding programs or priorities. At a minimum, the Long Range Transportation Plan is evaluated and updated every 5 years, so the next required update will be in 2014. The current plan has about 60 road, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects costing over \$5 billion. To see a project map and list, please visit www.envision2035.com.

In 2003, the North Florida ITS Coalition was formed. The ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems) use constantly evolving technology to share information and communicate with same time message signs, traffic cameras and other devices to share traffic and

weather related road conditions with the public. The North Florida region's ITS needs for the next five to ten years are developed by prioritizing corridors and considering existing and programmed ITS projects. ITS accomplishments from 2003-2010 are:

- completed 54 miles of freeway management systems with 17 miles under construction
- completed 36 miles of arterial management systems with 72 miles under construction
- installed transit signal priority on Atlantic Blvd. from San Pablo Road to Regency Square
- installed automatic vehicle location and automatic passenger counters on all JTA buses
- installed I-stop electronic lighted JTA bus stop signage at 15 locations
- installed on-board cameras on 68 JTA buses
- Activated My Florida 511 web and phone personal traffic alert service
- Installed Road Weather Information Systems on the Dames Point, Buckman, Vilano and SR302 bridges with six additional locations programmed

There are many more projects that are underway or are funded and scheduled to begin. The complete ITS Regional Master Plan: 2010 Update Report is available in the ITS section at www.northfloridatpo.com.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Co-Chairs Dewey Marshall & Tami Moe – not present

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Larry Belge – FDOT is still doing a nice job with the landscaping on the Wonderwood Expressway. Some of the plants have died and we will be monitoring and make sure they are replaced.

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Mike Anania – the subcommittee presented 1 motion to the full CPAC. The motion was:

1. *Support for Exception E11-15 application in a residential area to allow 1 chair beauty salon. The LUZ subcommittee discussed and decided to approve this application. The full CPAC discussed this application in detail and the full CPAC voted against (8 vs. 12) to support this application. Another motion was made from the floor that the CPAC take no action on this application. It was discussed and the CPAC voted (12 vs. 7) to take no action.*

MEMBERSHIP – Chair Pat Schorr – Introduced Chip Seymour as the new representative from Queens Harbor POA.

TRANSPORTATION – Co-Chairs Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel – no report

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – announced that the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens A "Plein Air" Painting Event, that was held April 7-9, 2011 was a great success and was well attended. Lad Hawkins was recognized for his hard work and commitment to this event and the arboretum.

T.R.U.E Commission – Marcella Lowe – informed the group that the commission is working 8 hours a day, 3 days a week to review vendor contracts. The contract with SMG remains to be challenging and the Inspector General is also reviewing the contract practices and compliance. Other issues around SMG are safes at the venues (are they being left open?) and street vendors. There has also been budget saving meetings; the focus so far has been on Fleet Management. Some of the saving measure has been switching types of vehicles that are purchased for JSO and the City. By switching to Chevrolet, the city is saving \$6000 per car. There is also a review in regard to the mileage and taking the vehicles home. The Pension Plans are also under review; options are under review to reestablish a plan.

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – no report

Staff Reports:

Mayor's Liaison – Kelley Boree, Recreation & Community Services – not present

JSO- Lt. Amy – announced that Sheriff Rutherford was reelected and since the election there have been numerous retirements and promotions. In Zone 2 Assistant Chief Robert Connor was promoted to Chief of Community Affairs and Larry Schmidt was promoted to Assistant Chief of Zone 2. Asst. Chief Schmidt looks forward to attending a future CPAC meeting. On May 14th, the Zone 2 ShAdCo Safety Fair will be held at Regency Square Mall.

DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Debbie Menard – informed the group that FCAT's started today and will last through April 20th. This year's FCAT scores will be available in June. The last DCPS Budget Meeting is being held tonight at Ed White High School.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Paul Davis – stated that Florida Legislature is looking at ordinances significant to the Growth Management Act; details will be provided as they become available.

FDOT – Jim Green – informed the group budget issues are an issue for FDOT too. FDOT is waiting on Florida Legislation to decide if they are going to take \$300 million from the State Transportation Trust Fund (tax collected at the gas pumps) away from road projects and used the money in the Florida State General Fund budget.

The change and signage on 9A to 295 will be underway anytime. The Mathews Bridge painting RFP has gone out and the contractor will be selected in May; painting should begin in the fall. The painting project and lane closures will be handled similar to the Hart Bridge painting project.

MUNICIPAL CODE – Dennis Steele – informed the group in March a systematic inspection was completed in Woodland Acres and in Arlington Hills. The growing season has started; grass/weeds has to be 15 inches or taller before code compliance can take action.

Zone 2 Code Compliance Supervisor Elaine Lancaster provided statistics and map for the April 2011 Holiday Hill – Century 21 Systematic Inspection ~ this information is at the end of this summary.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski – informed the group that the GAB CPAC has the Regency Branch Library reserved through the end of the year as their meeting site, but due to budget cutbacks and information in the newspaper if library hours are cut or closed we may need to look for a new meeting location. So location ideas were discussed. The group was also encouraged to share with their city leaders the services that are important to them prior to City Council reviewing / approving the budget. The City is facing challenging financial times and many services and programs may be cut or impacted. Please take the opportunity to voice you opinion, ideas and expectations for the city. Remember to vote on May 17th.

Announcements

Linda Hemphill informed the group that RealSense is a non-profit organization that offers free income tax preparation, special assistance with tax-related issues, Schedule C tax preparation for small business owners (certain restrictions apply), banking and budgeting services, and much more. On April 15th there will be a big Tax Blitz Day from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Gateway WorkSource. For more information visit:

www.realsensejax.org

Public Comments

(Comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**The next meeting will take place on
Monday, May 9, 2011
6:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.**

Municipal Code Compliance Division
Systematic Insp. Cases from 04/14/2011 to 04/18/2011

Code Section	Number of Active Cases	Number of Completed Cases
Neighborhood: Holladay Hill - Century 2 nd		
Commercial	11	0
Junk Vehicle	18	0
Nuisance	36	0
Nuisance Board Up	5	0
Residential	1	0
Zoning Residential	1	0

Holiday Hill

