

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania	Patty McPeck
Larry Belge	Dan Mechenbier
Al Cherry	Thomas Monell
Kacy Evans	David Peck
Lad Hawkins	Jerry Petoskey
Linda Hemphill	Patricia Schorr
Sandi Hibbard	Roger Sharp
Chynequa King	Ben Tucker
Marcella Lowe	Kathy Walker
Helen Ludwig	

Members Excused

Jim Blache
Michele Davis
Eddi Parsons

Guest

John Fox
Tamara Branam
Courtney Deckard
Nicole Quick
Andrea Davis
Abby Husk
Aaron Hoar

Staff/Resources

Kelley Boree, Mayor's Liaison
Michael Koerner, Planning and Development
Jim Green, FDOT
Elaine Lancaster, Code Compliance
Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development
John Crescimbeni, City Council At-Large

Call to Order

Roger Sharp called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 June 2011 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Nancy Rubin, Jacksonville Port Authority, Director of Communications provided an update on the activities of the Port Authority. The Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT) is an international trade seaport, which has cargo and cruise business and supports 65,000 jobs across the region and generates a total of \$19 billion in annual economic impact. Most of the jobs that are created as an offshoot of JAXPORT are not located at the port, but are distributed through out Jacksonville.

Most recently the new Mitsu (Japanese shipping line) Terminal there has been more business and development for Jacksonville. Mitsui OSK Lines has created many paying port jobs and just as many spin-off jobs. Mitsui will attract companies that want to do business with them, thus causing a ripple effect, new companies then look for more distribution centers at the port and at business parks. In 2009 and 2010 JAXPORT set volume records. Through the tough economic times growth at JAXPORT has continued in part to Mitsui partnering with other shipping lines to share ships for services that stop in Jacksonville at the new terminal built by TraPac, a subsidiary of Mitsui.

The Expansion of the Panama Canal will double the capacity of the cargo through the Panama Canal by 2014 by allowing more and larger ships to transit. Jacksonville is well positioned to take advantage of the larger ships coming through the Panama Canal. Currently, new CEO, Paul Anderson is working to expand shipping lanes and increase our port capabilities to handle the larger ship.

Before Jacksonville can handle the larger ships the problem at Mile Point must be fixed. Mile Point is where the St. Johns River intersects with the Intracoastal Waterway, creating a hydraulic effect that limits the time that maritime interests say it's safe to navigate to reach port terminals. Ships have a four-hour window twice a day, depending on tides, to navigate through Mile Point. Correcting Mile Point is a start to what the port and its growing list of outspoken advocates say is necessary to position Jacksonville to attract the larger vessels, particularly from Asian shippers, that will travel through the expanded Panama Canal in a few years. The larger ships no longer would need to stop on the West Coast to unload and load cargo for distribution (by truck and rail) and instead ships could travel directly to the East Coast.

An even larger issue is deepening the St. Johns River channel to 50 feet, now maintained at 40 feet, to accommodate those ships. Without the deeper water to support Panamax ships, Jacksonville will lose out to the West Coast, Savannah, Ga. and to some extent Charleston, S.C. It is estimated that dredging cost is around \$750 million, with the federal government to pay for two-thirds and the local share to be a third. JAXPORT is working closely with state and local government for the local share.

Governor Scott has provided funding for the Port of Miami this year, thus showing he supports economic development through Florida's ports. The dredging at the Mayport Naval Station for a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier is already taken care of by the federal government, which leaves it up to the port and local government to determine how to deepen the remaining 11-12 miles to Dames Point.

JAXPORT must wait until the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has completed their studies and received permission from Congress before the project can move forward. JAXPORT will compete with other entities nationwide so there is no guarantee as to when a deeper channel for Jacksonville would get funding. The estimated cost would be \$500 million to \$600 million, with the federal government and the port authority sharing the expense. Most recently, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers decided that a proposed \$3 million partial fix to the navigational problem would not bring enough benefit to make it worth completing. The new target of 2016 would dovetail with a scenario in which the federal government finishes deepening the ship channel the same year, allowing the jumbo-sized ships deployed by Hanjin to sail up and down the river.

JAXPORT officials agreed with Hanjin to push back the schedule for design and construction of the \$300 million terminal by 18 months to two years, officials said Monday. JAXPORT officials had planned to award a design contract this year with an expected opening date of the terminal in late 2014. Along with the TraPac terminal that opened in 2009, the planned Hanjin terminal is the cornerstone of Jacksonville's bid to become a top-tier East Coast port by handling cargo containers shipped on trade lanes with Asia. Hanjin is committed to this project. JAXPORT and Hanjin signed a lease agreement in December 2008, they expected the cargo terminal would open in late 2011, years before the river could have been deepened. JAXPORT said in the agreement it would make a sustained effort to get the 40-foot channel deepened to 50 feet. If Congress hasn't passed legislation by 2020, both sides would meet about changing terms of the lease, according to the agreement. JAXPORT officials said Hanjin cannot stick with that plan of operating the terminal for several years before the channel is deepened because Hanjin is aggressively increasing the size of its ocean-crossing cargo ships. If the ship channel is not deepened, Hanjin wouldn't be able to deliver enough cargo through Jacksonville to make it financially feasible for Hanjin to cover the annual lease payments required by the agreement.

Those lease payments are what the port authority would use to pay off the debt for building the cargo terminal. The immediate impact of the new timeline is the port authority will pull the plug on plans to award a contract this year for design of the terminal. The port had postponed selecting a firm for a year so Hanjin and the International Longshoremen's Association could negotiate a labor pact. In December, the port board authorized the start of negotiations with Halcrow Inc. to do the design. But the port authority will start over again in 18 to 24 months with the selection process because of the delay.

The postponement also means the port authority will be able to wait longer before demolishing the current cruise terminal, which is located west of the Dames Point Bridge on land that will become the site for the Hanjin terminal.

An Arkansas eighth grader starting a spring break this weekend with her family became the 1 millionth passenger to arrive for a cruise through JAXPORT's Northside Cruise Terminal. Emily Wilt, from Siloam Springs in Northwest Arkansas, drove 16 hours with her

parents and older brother to board the *Carnival Fascination*. She was identified as the 1 millionth passenger by the terminal customer service crew about one hour after embarkation began. Emily received a commemorative plaque and gifts from JAXPORT and Carnival Cruise Lines and she and her family will receive VIP treatment throughout their 5-day trip.

The JAXPORT Cruise Terminal opened in 2003 and is currently home to the *Carnival Fascination*, a 2,052 passenger ship offering 4-day cruises to Freeport and Nassau in The Bahamas, and five-day cruises to Half Moon Cay/Key West and Nassau. The cruise industry in Jacksonville has created an estimated 460 new jobs and more than \$67 million in new annual economic impact for Northeast Florida, according to a 2009 study completed by Martin Associates. About 85 percent of this impact is being realized in Duval County, while Nassau, St. Johns and Clay counties also benefit.

There is also a need to improve the JAXPORT wharfs. It is estimated that it will take \$25 million at Blount Island and \$24 million at Talleyrand to complete all the re-construction need and to keep the wharfs open an operational through the entire process.

Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) is a location where cargo from one mode of transportation (such as a ship) is transferred to a different mode (such as rail) for distribution. The Talleyrand terminal has rail into the terminal, but Blount Island does not at this time. Currently, JAXPORT is conducting a feasibility study and are in negotiations to get rail out to Blount Island. JAXPORT estimates that they would triple the amount of containers brought through the port if they did not have to transport the containers on the roadways. It is estimated that it will cost \$60 – 80 million to add rail lines to Blount Island.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair - Tami Moe – not present

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Larry Belge – replacement of plants along Wonderwood is moving along. Larry also recognized that the landscaping in the Rogero Town Center has grown wild and stated that the local citizens & businesses are supposed to maintain these projects.

Councilmember Crescimbeni informed the group that Bill 2011-388 has been introduced. The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 55 – Housing and Neighborhoods Department – in Part 3 – Community Development Division – to insert a provision assigning the City the responsibility for maintaining the landscaping of the Town Center projects where construction was approved by the City and completed by July 1, 2011, and for which maintenance responsibility is not otherwise provided by means of a signed maintenance agreement with another party. CM Crescimbeni stated that he would like to find a signed agreement on any of the town centers. There was some Q&A / discussion on the Mayport Town Center and the challenges of having a project that has federal funding, state funding and city funding. There was also a question in regard to the maintenance and up keep of the ball park, stadium and court house.

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Mike Anania – The LUZ Subcommittee discussed E-11-42 and companion application WLD-11-09 for 2111 University Blvd. N (formerly Angelo's).

The subcommittee made a motion to recommend approval with conditions: they must improve the landscaping. The motion was made and seconded ~ the CPAC voted 11-1 to approve the motion.

A copy of the LUZ Subcommittee letter is attached at the end of the CPAC summary.

The Subcommittee also brought up that the article that was in the Florida Times Union in regard to Garden Ridge closing and reopening as a Poker Room. It was confirmed by Planner, Michael Koerner, that the building is zoned CCG1 and the parking lot is zoned CCG2. At this time, how the building & parking lot is zoned, there would not be a need for them to fill for an exception or waiver. There was some discussion, but it was determined that we will have representatives from the Kennel Club at the next meeting to present and answer questions on the Poker Room. Councilmember Crescimbeni stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Jim Gilmore on Thursday, July 11th to discuss the Poker Room.

MEMBERSHIP – Chair Pat Schorr – no report

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

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – informed the group that there will be a community meeting on “ Mile Point” on August 15th, 5-7 p.m. at UNF in the University Center.

On July 14th ~ 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. the Riverkeeper will be hosting a public meeting at the Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel, 1515 Prudential Dr., 32207. They will be discussing Georgia Pacific and their discharge into the St. Johns River.

It has been determined that Georgia Pacific has polluted Rice Creek (which feeds into the St. Johns River), a judge passed a ruling that states that Georgia Pacific must clean up the creek. The pollution was due to GP releasing their discharge directly into Rice Creek, which flows into the St. Johns River. At this time, to correct the problem, Georgia Pacific has proposed they build a discharge pipeline out to the middle of the river.

T.R.U.E Commission – Marcella Lowe – no report; meetings have been rescheduled. .

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – not present

Staff Reports:

Mayor's Liaison – Kelley Boree, Recreation & Community Services – informed the group that Mayor Brown will present the budget to City Council on Friday, July 15th. Mayor Brown is still working to appoint his new administration.

JSO- Lt. Dingy – JSO and the Sheriff are proud to announce that the city is in its second year of overall declining crime rates. So far this year crime is down 8%, but with schools out there has been a spike in crimes that are associated with minors. Breaking curfew is the biggest offense. For those that are younger than 18, curfew begins 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 am Sunday to Thursday and Midnight to 5:00 am Friday & Saturday. If you notice any minors out and about after curfew, please call 630-0500.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Micheal Koerner – no report, available for questions

FDOT – Jim Green – informed the group that FDOT is waiting to hear more from RPIO when there will be a pre-construction meeting on the Mathews Bridge Painting. Also, FDOT is spending a lot of money to improve access to the port. There is another project (about 3 years out) to improve access to the TraPac Port; this project will eliminate the dog leg turn on Heckscher Dr. It is official that the state and FDOT will be experiencing budget cuts, but the article in the paper on project cut was incorrect. Jim will prepare a summary report to share with the CPAC to update the group on the various projects.

The FDOT summary has been attached at the end of this summary.

MUNICIPAL CODE – Elaine Lancaster – completed 4 systematic inspections: North Beach, Southside Estates, Cobblestone and Fort Caroline Shores. We are in the “growing” season and at this time the inspector are conducting 90-100 inspections a day. At this time we are doubling the number of active cases YTD. Apartments at Gran Oak Townhouses (off Justina Road) have 90 units open and code compliance has been working with them for the past month or so. The apartments are foreclosures and on July 17th Gran Oaks is supposed to transfer ownership. Elaine has been in contact with the new owners and they stated that they plant to rehab all the units.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski – Community Development is planning to provide an education program on Planning. There has been many request to discuss strip malls, how they are developed. If you have any questions or suggestions on future training, please let me know.

Announcements

Marcella Lowe informed the group that JSO has won awards for their work with Crime Free Multi Housing program.

Larry Belge informed the group that they should watch their association fees; many of the homes that are in default or foreclosures are delinquent in association fees. In effort to recoup the lost association fees you need to get your liens and notices in on a timely manner; do not wait until the house is on the market or has been sold.

Lad Hawkins informed the group that he served on the Mayor Brown’s Transition Team and will share the Transition Teams Recommendation report with the group. Lad will email it to Rosemary and she will distribute it to the group. It has recommendations on CPAC, Housing & Neighborhoods and Code Compliance to name a few.

Al Cherry stated that he is concerned with the image and future of Arlington. Perceptions are bad; Old Arlington appear has a reputation and someone needs to get in there and turn things around.

Public Comments

(Comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**The next meeting will take place on
Monday, August 8, 2011
6:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.**

GREATER ARLINGTON/BEACHES
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Chair: H. Roger Sharp Vice Chair: Patricia Schorr



July 25, 2011

To: **W. Marc Hardesty, Chair; Planning Commission**

Re: Support for Application WLD-11-09 for Waiver of Minimum Distance Requirements for Liquor License Location. The property is located at 2111 University Blvd North, the former Angelo's Restaurant.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in support of the above Waiver for the following reasons:

- The restaurant has been a general asset and convenience to the community.
- The use is consistent with surrounding property uses.
- The application is contingent on a companion application E-11-42 that we support.
- There has been no negative feedback from the church directly affected.

We request that the application be approved.

Sincerely,

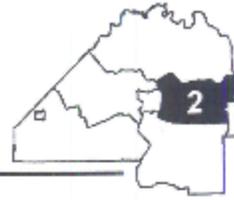
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To: W. Marc Hardesty, Chair; Planning Commission

Re: Conditional Support for Exception E-11-42 to allow for a Restaurant 4COP SRX. The property is located at 2111 University Blvd North the former Angelo's Restaurant.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in support of the above Exception for the following reasons:

- The restaurant has been a general asset and convenience to the community.
- The use is consistent with surrounding property uses and the location.
- Traffic will not significantly impact access to surrounding properties or the road network

We also recommend the following Conditions:

- Upgraded landscaping at the ROW on University Blvd. North.
- Install Signage to reflect the access to parking in the paved lot shown to the south.

We request that the application be approved.

Sincerely,

**H. Roger
Sharp, P.E.**

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