

# District#2 – Greater Arlington /Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Patricia Schorr

Vice Chair: Michael Anania

Neighborhood Coordinator: Rosemary Wesolowski

Meeting began at 6:30

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Location - Regency Branch Library

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2012

### Attendance:

#### Organizations/Representatives

#### Member

Anania, Michael, Vice Chair

Belge, Larry, St. Johns Landing HOA

Condaxis, Maria, Southern Grove Condo Assoc.

Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1

Dickinson, Gary, Grove Park

Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest HOA

Hibbard, Sandi, Harbor North Civic Assoc.

Holden, Johnny, Emerald Bay HOA

Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA

Lowe, Marcella A., Alderman Park Civic Assoc.

Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods

Maxted, Edward, Bentwater Place

Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA

Peck, David, Oak Park Neighborhood Assoc.

Petoskey, Gerald, Old Mill Comm. Org.

Saadeh, Mary Anne, Oak Haven Preservation Assoc.

Schorr, Patricia, Chair

Seymour, Chip, Queens Harbour HOA

Swanner, Lamar, Covington Creek HOA

Tucker, Benjamin, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

**Excused:** Lad Hawkins

**Elected Officials:** Ray, Lake - State Representative  
Yarborough, Clay - Council Member – District 1  
Bishop, William - Council Member – District 2

**Staff:** Amy, Robert; Boree, Kelley; Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Lancaster, Elaine; Lingren, Amy;  
Peoples, Belinda and Wesolowski, Rosemary

**Guests:** Paul Schmidt, Egrets Glade HOA  
Sally Doherty, Regency Branch Library  
Steve Matchett, Old Arlington, Inc.  
Sakirah Clay, UNF  
Tamera Branam, Pablo Creek Library

#### 1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum**

Chair Patricia Schorr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

#### 2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary**

Chair Schorr asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting that were e-mailed to all members. Member Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed and Member Ludwig seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### 3. **Staff Reports**

- **JSO** (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) Lt. Robert Amy

Lt. Amy reported that everything is running smoothly in Zone 2. He stated that all divisions had met that day with Assistant Chief Schmitt and briefed him on recent crimes. Overall crimes of burglary, robbery, and auto burglary are down. Seven business burglaries were reported and six of them have been closed. In the other case a warrant has been issued for the arrest of a suspect.

- **Mayor's Liaison** – Kelly Boree reported that Mayor Brown is teaming up with the Chamber of Commerce to offer college student aid workshops on how to apply for student aid and financial aid. He encourages anyone interested in attending college to attend one of the eight workshops being offered. A complete list with locations and dates can be found at [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net). The first workshop will be held downtown at the Andrew Jackson High School on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Other upcoming events are the annual Fish-a-Thon on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hanna Park and the World of Nations that will begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – Amy Lingren  
Ms. Lingren reported that recently they have been trying to get the word out to their constituents about the potential impact that the new school grading formula will have on our Duval County Schools. Ms. Lingren stated that the contract for Superintendent Ed Pratt Daniels will not be renewed. The School Board wants community involvement in the search for a new Superintendent. The test scores of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) have been raised. An area of concern is the inclusion of the scores of children in the special education program and those that are Non English speaking.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green  
Mr. Green stated there are no new projects. Ongoing projects are on schedule.
- **Neighborhoods** – Rosemary Wesolowski  
The Housing and Community Development Division has a new Acting Division Chief. Her name is Elaine Spencer and she joins the City of Jacksonville after her retirement from the Federal Housing Urban Development (HUD).  
Rosemary mentioned that the Division will be offering a training class titled "Government in Action". The class will be held on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Pre-registration will be required.
- **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Elaine Lancaster
  - Municipal Code Compliance completed their systematic inspections in the Lake Lucina area. These inspections resulted in 87 new cases.
  - The Mill Creek Community Center has been closed. The owner is currently working with the Planning Department to determine acceptable uses for the property.
  - Update on the VIP Lounge – As a result of a meeting last week between the Office of General Counsel, Planning and Development, and Municipal Code Compliance a request has been made to the Alcohol Tobacco Bureau (ATB) to investigate the sales of the Lounge. The VIP Lounge will be going before the Municipal Code Board soon.
- **Parks** – Kelley Boree – deferred to the Recreation and Parks Subcommittee.
- **Planning & Development** – Paul Davis  
Mr. Davis stated that the spreadsheet with the zoning exceptions that were discussed in the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee meeting is available on the table in the back of the room.

4. **Presentations** - Clay Yarborough - see attachment

At the request of the Mayor's Office the representatives from Southland Waste were asked not to attend the meeting. Council Member Yarborough spoke with Chris Hand, who works directly for the Mayor; it was determined that the new Public Works Director, Jim Robinson, needs to be involved with the project and community education. Instead Council Member Yarborough spoke on the new trash collection system. All areas currently served by Southland Waste System (most of the Greater Arlington Beaches area, Mayport and the Northside) will be transitioning to the automated system. Councilman Yarborough addressed that there will economic benefits to the City and Southland Waste, as well as environmental benefits by using the new trucks. Councilmember Yarborough shared a handout that is a fact and information sheet on the automated collections system. The handout contains complete details about the benefits of automated collection, the new 96 gallon trash carts (trash cans) the collection schedule and bulk items. Councilman Yarborough did confirm that the cart distribution will begin mid-April 2012 and run through May 2012. The target start date for automated collection is

Monday, June 4, 2012. Southland Waste states that they plan to develop detailed information to be delivered with the can. For complete please see the attached handout or contact Andy Barker, Southland Waste, Residential Operations Manager at 350-8118 or [ABarker@RepublicServices.com](mailto:ABarker@RepublicServices.com). Councilman Yarborough answered the following questions:

- Larry Belge – Can all the recycling be intermingled together?  
Yes – all items can be placed together, whether it is aluminum cans, bottles, plastic, newspapers, etc.
- Ed Maxted – Will the cul-de-sacs be hard for the trucks to maneuver?  
Mr. Maxted was requested to provide information to his assistant, Belinda Peebles, and he would follow up on his question.
- Michele Davis – Will Southland recognize regular trash cans?  
As of June 4<sup>th</sup> Southland will only pick up household and recycling from the new carts. Yard waste can be placed inside plastic bags; i.e. leaves and branches.
- Michele Davis – Will tires be considered bulk items?  
It is possible if they don't fit into the cart.
- Jerry Petoskey – Commented good drivers are needed because one of the drivers ran over a mailbox. The resident called the company and asked if they would replace the mailbox; it was understood that the company will replace the mailbox.
- Jim Green – How do you tell Southland you want the smaller can?  
The company would like the community to try the larger carts first.

The City Council will be voting tomorrow night, March 13, 2012, on a bill to fund the office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight on the selection of Carla Miller as it's Director.

#### 5. **Chair's Report** - none

#### 6. **Elected Officials Reports**

- Council Member Bishop stated overall things are quiet in District 2. One issue being addressed is a potential dog park. To help reduce costs neighborhood volunteers have gotten one-hundred (100) people to sign up pledging they would help clear the underbrush and prepare a two-acre area so that it can be fenced for the dogs to run leash-free. Kernan Trail crossing signalization should be contracted by the end of this month.
- State Representative Lake Ray – He commented on the issues and bills that were passed in Tallahassee this current session. He had good news to share with the committee. This year's budget is approximately 70 billion dollars with no new fees or increased taxes. He worked with Governor Scott on a couple of manufacturing bills, one of which was Freight Mobility as it relates to the City's Ports, Airports, Rail Systems and Road Systems. Connecting these together will be great for the State. The Freight Mobility will benefit Jacksonville as well as the State.  
The geographic lines for the Districts have changed and the result is a decrease from eight (8) to six (6) Representatives from Jacksonville. State Representative Ray's District 17 changed to District 12; with this change he will be representing some new areas. Representation in the Senate will also change with a decrease from three (3) senators to two (2) senators. This is a very good year; a lot of bills were passed on Transportation and Economic Development. Some of them will have an impact on Jacksonville
  - Eliminate the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission (JEDC) and bring this back under the City and City Council
  - Cecil Airport has been named as a Space Port property
  - \$65 million total
    - \$35 million for strategic port projects (cranes, maintenance, upgrades)
    - \$15 million for all ports
    - \$10 million for work programs
  - To keep the ferry operational after October 1, 2012, long term funds are needed; it is possible that grants will provide funds needed.
  - Education: Two to five (2-5) years there will be a lot of jobs available in the education field due to teachers retiring; approximately 600,000 jobs.

#### **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Mike Anania reported on two exceptions:

- E-12-07: The Chinese Christian Church located on Corporate Square Boulevard submitted a request to expand to the building next door. A motion was made to approve the request and was seconded by Member Seymour. It was approved unanimously.
- E-12-09: The applicant wishes to establish a facility for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption at the shopping center, Cobblestone, located at Monument and McCormick. It is believed this is an appropriate area because it is a large shopping center. A motion was made to approve the request, seconded by Member Ludwig. It was approved unanimously. The motions are attached at the end of the summary.
- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Larry Belge reported the following:
  - Summer Camp – participants can register online, registration is May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Legends Hotel has a lunch voucher on May 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Arlington Lions Club – restroom is being restored
  - Lake Lucina – restoration of field
- **Membership** - There is one new member, Patti Sanders, who will represent Southern Grove Condominium Association. She was unable to join us but we look forward to her attending the next meeting.
- **Environment** – This report was read out loud by the Chair on behalf of Lad Hawkins: John Roberts and some other dog park people are meeting this evening with Kelly Boree at the district 2 park to discuss the project. Please remind people interested in volunteering to work on the dog park to contact John Roberts. His email is [johnroberts52935@aol.com](mailto:johnroberts52935@aol.com). Also, the Plein Air Event at the Arboretum will be held on March 29, 30, and 31. For more information or questions contact Mindy Hawkins at [mhgourds@comcast.net](mailto:mhgourds@comcast.net).
- **Transportation** - Ben Tucker, Co-Chair, informed the group that the President of the City Council appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to look at funding for the Mayport Ferry. The Transportation Subcommittee supports the continued operation of the Mayport Ferry and recognizes the financial impact that the loss of the ferry will have on the community. A motion was made to send a support letter for the continued operation of the St. John's River Ferry; Mike Anania seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The motion is attached at the end of the summary.

#### **Ad-Hoc Reports**

- **Craig Airport – no report**
- **T.R.U.E. (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Working with the City Council to find ways to cut expenses; they are currently looking at the Jacksonville Children's Commission.

7. **Unfinished Business** - none

8. **New Business** – Chip Seymour will be moving to the alternate position for Queens Harbour HOA and the primary representative will be Jimmy Bryant.

9. **Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** – no announcement

10. **Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**LOCATION:** Regency Branch Library

**Date and Time:** Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

