

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

Chair: Patricia Schorr

Vice Chair: Michael Anaia

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Location: Regency Branch Library

DATE: Monday, May 14, 2012

### **Attendance:**

#### **Organizations/Representatives**

#### **Members:**

Anania, Michael, Vice Chair

Bryant, Jim, Queens Harbour HOA

Cherry, Albert, Hidden Valley Civic Assoc.

Davis, Michelle, Council Appointee – District 1

Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest HOA

Hibbard, Sandi, Harbour North Civic Assoc.

Maxted, Edward, Bentwater Place

Peck, David, OakPark Neighborhood Assoc.

Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA

Petoskey, Gerald, Old Mill Comm. Org.

Roberts, John F. The Valley at Hidden Hills

Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Assoc.

Saadeh, Mary Anne, Oak Haven Preservation Assoc.

Swanner, Lamar, Covington Creek HOA

Tucker, Benjamin, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor

Walker, Kathy, Old Arlington Inc. Group

#### **Excused:**

Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA

Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington

Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Assoc.

Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods

Schorr, Patricia, Chair

**Elected Officials:** No Elected Officials Present

#### **Staff:**

Boree, Kelley; Nader, Russell, Lawrence; Davis, Paul; Green, Jim

#### **Guests:**

Teeple, Suraya, JTA

Walker, Jim

Gunn, Larry CH2M Hill

Bond, Chuck, JEA

Flick, Bill, CES Consultant

McElnoy, Paul, Haskell

Stanley, Dave, CH2M Hill

Johnson, Sylvia, Cluster 2 DCPS

Corcoran, Greg, JEA

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

Vice Chair Anania called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting began with all standing for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Vice Chair Anania - Motion to approve last meeting minutes.

Gerald (Jerry) Petoskey – Second the motion.

The minutes were approved by all members being in favor.

### **3. Staff Reports**

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Russell Nader  
 Lt. Nader represented Zone 2 on the behalf of Asst. Chief Schmitt who's on leave.  
 Overall citywide crime is down 11.42% YTD, in Zone 2 crime is down 18.33% YTD  
 There have been no incidents at the Poker Room.  
 The Compass bank on Monument was robbed. The suspect did not have a gun and his picture has been on the news. The dye pack and stolen car that was used were found abandoned. JSO also found the hat the suspect was wearing and they may be able to get DNA off of it.  
 No one had any questions.
- Mayor's Liaison – Kelley Boree  
 Mayor's Business Builders – Starts 8:30 AM Thursday and Friday at the Prime Osborne  
 Mayor launched a new website for veterans (COJ.net, Jobs for Veterans)  
 Jacksonville Jazz Festival – Memorial Day Weekend  
 U.S. Men's Soccer National vs. Scotland – May 26. Tickets are available on COJ.net.  
 Mayor's Office submitted preliminary budget to council. There's a \$58 million shortfall. The final presentation is July 16<sup>th</sup>.  
 Mayor Brown also voiced his interest in visiting each CPAC cluster.  
 Vice Chair – Let the Mayor know they look forward to seeing him.
- Duval County Public Schools – Sylvia Johnson (Cluster 2)  
 All graduation dates are on the school board website.  
 The FCAT scores are on the way back. They are looking at the reading portion for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
 The Superintendent will be leaving office at the end of the school year. Look on the DCPS website for activities because schools are being showcased.
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green  
 FDOT will be starting a new Dames Point Bridge project to replace the south barrier wall. Project should last until the end of the year.  
 Southside resurfacing project with JEA should be finished this summer.  
 The majority of the projects are on I295 also known as 9A.  
 The resurfacing from St. Johns Bluff to Monument is scheduled to be completed this fall.  
 I295/9A sign replacement with name and number change completed this summer.  
 FDOT is currently behind schedule in installing the ITS features because of contractor issues. Work is done off the road and should not affect traffic.  
 A contractor will be selected in June for a traffic signal project on Atlantic Blvd. between Glynlea and Caravan trail.  
 Questions: None
- Neighborhoods
  - Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski stated that she is having trouble emailing AOL users. Emails are being returned. Flyers will be going out regarding a training class on Home and Condo Owners Associations. An attorney from Orlando will be conducting the class. The class will be held June 5th, 6:30 pm at the Ed Ball building.
  - Municipal Code Compliance Division – not present
- Planning & Development – Paul Davis  
 PD has posted zoning actions from time to time with exceptions and conditions to allow special use of an area. With all the exception applications that were put in place over the last year and a half they are verifying if the conditions are being implemented. Currently there are five or six that are already in the enforcement process. There are two more that have been sent to Municipal Code Compliance to ensure those are now implemented.  
 Zoning and Building permits have picked up since the beginning of the year.
- Recreation & Parks – no report

#### 4. Presentation #1

- Kelley Boree – Director of Parks and Recreation provided an overview of the parks located within the Greater Arlington Beaches district:
    - County boat ramps and kayak access points (reminder – The Mayor has introduced a water initiative and has launched a number of kayaks from these access points). There are a number of deep water accesses to the ocean (Scanlon, Intracoastal and Oak Harbor under construction). Non-motorized watercraft points (Blue Cypress and Reddie Point Preserve) signs are posted to identify the location as a launching point.
    - Pools  
Swimming lessons are available at Fletcher and Terry Parker High Schools. Registration forms are available online at JaxParks.com.
    - Summer Camps
      - Hanna Park Ocean Camp
      - Blue Cypress Enrichment Camp
      - All summer camp registrations are May 15<sup>th</sup> online.
    - Trails  
Arlington Region, Castaway Island, Ed Austin, Hoffman, Arboretum, Reddie Point and Tree Hill
    - Park Naturalist – Provided environmental education programs. Registration is available online at JaxParks.com. (Brought activity guides with the available training)
    - Tennis Courts – Tennis is popular in the area. (Showed a map of tennis courts in the area)
    - Outside of area Parks  
Bethesda is a specialty park. It is handicap accessible and barrier free. Overnight cabins, boardwalk. A few of the programs they offer are; Alzheimer's, senior dances, life skills, service dog training, etc.
    - Beachwood Park Community Center – Partnership with River Region and UNF. There's youth and intergenerational programming, where youth and seniors in the area are partnered.
    - Summer Night Lights – Teen program to reduce crime in the intercity areas. Events will be at Charles Clark Park, Clanzel Brown Park, Emmett Reed Center, H.T. Jones Park and Mitchell Center from June 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>. Partnership programs will provide specialty services to teens (football and basketball camps), there are also pools on location.
    - How to stay connected:
      - Jaxparks.com
      - Facebook
      - Twitter
    - QR Code scan will be on the trails. Visitors will scan the code with their cell phones for a map of the trails.
- Questions – None

#### • Presentation #2

- JEA – Greg Corcoran (*Please see the handout for complete presentation*)
- Project - Total Water Management Plan. This is over a \$2 million project that was on the front page of the Florida Times Union. This year long project will be impacting the Arlington and Beaches area. Call Project Outreach, Monday – Friday (9-5) at 904-665-7500 with any questions during this time.
- Projects are broken into 6 sections which are listed on the handout.

5. **Chair's Report – Absent**

6. **Elected Officials Reports – None present**

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Al Cherry  
Updates:
    1. AD 12-019 - Church on Anniston Rd. Denied with no action
    2. E 12-021- Service garage that wanted to sell cars. Denied
    3. E 120-022 - Daycare at an existing church. Approved with no action.
    4. E 12-027 - JEA for a lift station. Approved with no action.
    5. E 12-028 – Nursing home expansion. Still under review but would probably be approved.  
Question – Eddi Parsons – Is there enough property for the nursing home to do a huge increase of residents?  
Mr. Cherry – There is a long narrow lot.  
Ms. Parson – Why do they need to apply for an exception?  
Mr. Cherry – They're applying for exception because they have 30 beds now and are approved for 90 beds but want to increase it to 150 beds.
  - 6. M 12-06 – Minor modification of New Life Fellowship Church. Recommended approval. Moving ball park around. Increasing water drainage area.  
Chair – Motion to approve?  
Mr. Cherry – Made motion  
Ben Tucker – Second motion  
Question - Ms. Parsons – Are they going to impact the surrounding residential area because they are moving the ball field around?  
Mr. Cherry – No opposition  
Vice Chair – Motion carries
  - 7. 2012-287 – New food processing plant – Before approval LUZ needs to know what's on the other side of a six foot fence.  
Ms. Parson –This would be a bad location for a fish processing plant. The side roads run into residential areas.  
Mr. Cherry – It would be on the east side of St. Johns Bluff
  - 8. 2012-289 – Home Depot Regency Square – Recommend approval. Parking for rental tools and vehicle.  
Mr. Cherry – Motion to approve  
Ben Tucker - Second  
Vice Chair – Motion carries
  - 9. 2012 – 288 - Home Depot at Atlantic and Girvin – Recommend approval. Parking for rental tools and vehicle.  
Mr. Cherry – Motion to approve  
Ben Tucker - Second  
Vice Chair – Motion carries
- Beautification/Parks/Environment – No Report
  - Membership – Kacy Evans  
Three new members: John and Barbara Roberts from Valley at Hidden Hills HOA and Jimmy Bryant from Queens Harbor POA.  
Membership Committee met last week and previously stated they had divided the Arlington area into four divisions. They were going to work each division separately and will be contacting the HOA to increase the membership. They are currently working on a letter to email to these associations. Starting with group #4 (East Arlington). The goal is to have all completed by the end of the year.  
Questions: None
  - Transportation – Ben Tucker  
City Council established a Ferry Committee. When the funding comes in the Ferry Committee will decide how to run the ferry. However they are still in the process of trying to get funding.  
Southside Blvd. Vision Study - Suraya Teeple (JTA)

Building on the division plan developed for the Arlington and Southeast areas. Also working to develop a vision plan for Southside Blvd and would like citizen's representation and advice to help advise on the study.

Questions:

John Roberts – When are the results for the ferry survey coming out?

Jim Greene (FDOT) - Waiting on the over 3,000 surveys that were conducted in a four day period. Results will be in by the on Thursday.

Ben Tucker – There is a verbal commitment that FDOT will fund the ferry for one year. Nothing in writing but it has the attention of the Governor.

Ad-Hoc:

- TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella is still at the TRUE Committee meeting that started at 4:30 PM. They are meeting on SMG and Marcella will give report next month.

**8. Unfinished Business** - None

**9. New Business** - None

**10. Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** - None

**11. Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: June 11, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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