

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard
6:30 p.m. Monday, September 13, 2010**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania	Marcella Lowe
James Blanche	Dewey Marshall
Gene Crabtree	Tami Moe
Kacy Evans	Thomas Monell
Dave Evans	Eddi Parsons
Lad Hawkins	David Peck
Johnny Holden	Jerry Petoskey
Carroll Huffines	Patricia Schorr

Members Excused

Larry Belge
Al Cherry
Maria Condaxis
Michele Davis
Florence Holcomb
Helen Ludwig
Ben Tucker

Guests

Tamera Branam
Lindsey Brock
Michelle Barnhard
Marshelle Berry
Patty McPeek
Colette Thomas
Councilman Clay Yarborough

Staff/Resources

Kelly Boree, Mayor's Liaison
Debbie Menard, Duval County Public Schools
George Tawes, COJ, Code Compliance
Paul Davis, Planning and Development
Jim Green, FDOT
Scott Dingee, JSO
Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development

Call to Order

Dewey Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., established that a quorum was present, the meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Chairs Report

Dewey shared with the group that he went on the Old Arlington Inc. bus tour on August 20th and encouraged everyone to take the tour the next time the group offered the tour. Dewey also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Reddie Point Pier that was held on September 8th; the location is beautiful and everyone should visit if possible. Dewey also made a request for volunteers the Nomination Committee; please let Dewey or Rosemary know if you are interested in volunteering.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the August 23, 2010 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Evelyn "Evie" Pankok, Program Assistant, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods, Duval County Extension Service presented the Florida Friendly landscape program which protects Florida's natural resources by conserving water, reducing waste and pollution, creating wildlife habitats and preventing erosion. In 2009, the Florida Legislature found that the use of Florida Friendly landscaping and other water use and pollution prevention served as compelling public interest. With many Homeowner Association strict guidelines on lawn maintenance many homeowners are having problems with following the state's legislation on water conservation. At this presentation, Ms. Pankok explored options that would keep the homeowner both compliant with the state legislation and their association legislation. To create a Florida Friendly Landscape there are 9 components:

1. Right Plant, Right Place
2. Water Efficiently
3. Fertilize Appropriately
4. Mulch
5. Attract Wildlife
6. Manage Yard Pests Responsibly
7. Recycle Yard Waste
8. Reduce Stormwater Runoff
9. Protect the Waterfront.

This Florida Friendly Landscaping program is through the University of Florida / IFAS Extension Service and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This information can be obtain online at <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu> or you can call you're the Duval County Extension Office at 387-8902. There are also many other educational services that are offered through the extension office such as classes, materials, master gardeners, the canning center and arborist.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Co-Chairs Dewey Marshall & Tami Moe – no report

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Larry Belge – not present

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Mike Anania – the subcommittee had a short meeting (there weren't many applications) no motion were made and 1 application that was deferred to October.

MEMBERSHIP – Chair: Co-Chairs Gene Crabtree and Pat Schorr – introduced new member Patty McPeek ~ she is the alternate for Bentwater Place Homeowners Association. Gene Crabtree announced that in the near future he will be moving outside of the Greater Arlington Beaches CPAC, thus he will resign from representing Walkers Glen HOA.

TRANSPORTATION – Co-Chairs Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel – not present

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins –stated that Evie covered everything very well, but there are a couple of up coming educational opportunities, such as: on September 15 & 16th at the Prime Osborn there will be a summit on the river; on September 16th, the Florida Native Plant Society meet at the Regency Branch Library at 7:00 p.m. ~ also, there are many activities and events that are coming up at the Arboretum, visit www.JacksonvilleArboretum.org for complete details.

T.R.U.E Commission – Marcella Lowe – informed the group that the commission has a number of issues that they are addressing, such as: the expense for JPA to dredge the river, completing a land fill ticket audit, contract management, the banking fund and cash management.

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – stated that Craig Field will be hosting a free event called Wings & Wheels on Saturday, September 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Growth Management Visioning Plan – Mike Anania – announced that they have received a draft copy of the vision plan; corrections were made and the draft was sent back to the consultant.

Staff Reports:

Mayor's Liaison – Kelly Boree, Deputy Director of Recreation & Community Services – reported that the budget process is entering the final stages and City Council will make the final adjustments/recommendations.

JSO – Lt. Scott Dingee, JSO – provided the crime statistics (year to date), violent crime is down 28% and property crime is down 14%. There is also a crime trend that appears to be targeting Asian style restaurants. Many of the restaurant owners take the money home with them at the end of the night and the criminals are following them home and robbing them there. In the last 30 days, 5 of this type of robberies have occurred in Arlington. Please remember that it's never a good idea to carry a lot of money around. If you feel that you are being followed, please call 911.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Paul Davis – informed the group that he has spread sheets that contain all the zoning & planning changes available for everyone. Anyone that is interested in current and recent applications for action should contact him at PDavis@coj.net or 255-7822.

MUNICIPAL CODE – George Tawes - no report, but stated that he would look into a couple of concerns that were brought to his attention.

FDOT – Jim Green – stated that the signal work has been completed in front of Regency Square Mall. Cesery Blvd. will be resurfaced and a center lane added. The transfer of 9A to 295 is still waiting on the Federal government to approve. All of the Federal stimulus money has been spent; FDOT was able to get the 9B project started.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski - introduced Debbie Menard from the Duval County Public Schools. An invitation was also extended to attend a public meeting to discuss the city’s fair housing policy on Thursday, September 16th at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th floor, Housing & Neighborhoods Department from 6p.m. – 8p.m. and the Homeowner/Condo/Townhome Association ~ Your Rights and Responsibilities to be held on September 25th, 2010 8:30 – Noon at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. 1st floor conference room. Flyers with complete details are provided in the back of the room.

Duval County Public Schools – Debbie Menard – announced that the new Atlantic Coast High School has opened; currently the school only has 9th, 10th and 11th grader attending. The school was populated by students from Fletcher High, Sandalwood High, Englewood High, and Mandarin High School. This is the first new high school to be built in 20 year (since First Coast High School and Mandarin High School). Opening of all the schools went well and everyone is looking forward to the school year.

Councilman Yarborough

Councilman Yarborough informed the group on the Reddie Point Pier ribbon cutting was on September 8th and the community room at the University Park Library was dedicated to the late Gail Melton on August 13th.

Announcements

The CPAC as a group stopped to celebrate CPAC member Johnny Holden’s 95th birthday. Mr. Holden has been a civic leader in Jacksonville since the 1940’s. All of Mr. Holden’s family was in attendance and joined the celebration.

Public Comments

(Comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Lindsey Brock introduced himself and informed the group that he is running for City Council, District 1.

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

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 8, 2010, 6:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.

