

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

Chair: Michael Anania

Vice Chair: Dr. Ramey Salem

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Location: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport

DATE: Monday, February 8, 2016

### **Attendance:**

#### **Organizations/Representatives**

#### **Members:**

Agnihotri, Amita - Hawkins Cove HOA  
Anania, Michael - Arlington Business Society  
Armstrong, Kirk – Lucina Lake Association  
Barletta, Bob – Charter Point Community Association  
Belge, Larry - River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA  
Brown, Pamela – Covington Creek HOA  
Davis, Michele - Council Appointee – District 1  
Dickinson, Gary – Grove Park  
Evans, Kacy - Caroline Forest Homeowners Association  
Hanapel, Lenore – Covington Creek HOA  
Hawkins, Lad - Communities of East Arlington  
Henry, David - Kensington Association  
Hunter-Nowak, Karen – Hawkins Cove HOA  
Jarnutowski, Sherrie – Walkers Glen HOA  
Litwhiler, Shelia – Beachwood Civic Association  
Lowe, Marcella – Alderman Park Civic Association  
Miller, Pete - Indian Springs Community Association  
Mione, Peter – Old Arlington Inc.  
Petoskey, Jerry - Old Mill Cove Community Organization  
Pougiouklidis, Nina – Ibis Point Owners Association  
Roberts, John - The Valley at Hidden Hills  
Salem, Ramsey – Queens Harbour POA  
Sanders, Patricia – Southern Grove Condominiums  
Shacter, Melody – Clifton Civic Association  
Tucker, Ben - Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

#### **Excused:**

George, Shirley – University Park  
Maxted, Ed - Bentwater Place  
Parsons, Eddi - Monument Oaks HOA  
Schirado, Carol - Communities of East Arlington

#### **Elected Officials:**

Bowman, Aaron – District 3  
Morgan, Joyce – District 1  
Grymes, Cheryl – Duval County School Board

**Staff:** Davis, Paul; Dix, Kevin; Florio, Barbara; Freeman, Terrance; Gillem, Tiffany; Green, Jim; Haywood,

Margretta; Lancaster, Elaine; Lee, E. Denise; Long, Steve; Morrow, Wendy; Rhodes, Joshua; Wesolowski, Rosemary

**Guests:**

Cuetos, Jose – Queens Harbour

Taley, Tammie – DCPS

Evans, Floyd – DCPS

Carroll, Donna – Jacksonville Public Library

Braham, Tamara – Jacksonville Public Library

Hipps, Alberta - JAA

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

Chair Anania called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Anania verified that there was a quorum and that everyone had the opportunity to review the January meeting summary. Karen Hunter-Nowak made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Melody Shacter seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Presentation(s):**

**Angela Corey, State Attorney**, stated that she was hired by Ed Austin in 1981; during his tenure as State Attorney from 1975 to 1991, and remained an Assistant State Attorney after Harry Shorstein was appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles in 1991. During her 34 years with the State Attorney's Office, Ms. Corey has served as a prosecutor and has tried several hundred cases, which includes more than 60 homicides.

In 1996, Ms. Corey's primary responsibility became homicide prosecutions, but she also supervised lawyers in the Felony division. In 2005, Ms. Corey moved from director of the Gun Crime Unit to director of the County Court, which handles misdemeanors. In that position, she trained newly hired lawyers to be prosecutors. She previously served as Juvenile division supervisor. MS. Corey made the decision to run for the office of State Attorney in 2006.

Since Ms. Corey has taken office, she has practiced "Smart Justice" which she credits Ed Austin for teaching her. There has been a lot of focus on juvenile offenders which led to the implementation of diversion programs for juveniles and adults alike. The State Attorney's Office diverts hundreds of juveniles each year into programs which provide services, such as drug treatment, counseling, anger management and parenting classes instead of court. Last year, over 900 juveniles were sent to a diversion program. If the program is completed, the charges are dropped and the state provides guidance to the juvenile on how to expunge their record. Since 2009, the State Attorney's office has spent millions (\$1.2 million in fiscal year 2015) to provide diversion programs for juveniles and adults. Ms. Corey clarified that many other State Attorney's Offices around the state do not offer diversion programs.

Ms. Corey clarified that juveniles can be tried as adults, but cannot be housed with adults. Currently, the state is prosecuting violent juvenile offenders in adult court, non-violent juvenile offenders in juvenile court and the diversion of appropriate cases have resulted in the number of juvenile cases being cut in half. It was stated that in 2009, there were 6,184 juvenile cases opened and in 2014 there were 3,161 juvenile cases opened.

#### 4. Elected Officials Reports:

**Councilmember Bowman** thanked Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell for holding the Coffee with a Cop program at McDonalds. Bowman stated he liked the program and hopes JSO will host this program again.

#### 5. Staff Reports:

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Sgt. Monts stated on behalf of JSO, he sends kudos to Angela Corey for all of her hard work and dedication in fighting crime. Sgt. Monts informed the CPAC that violent crime is up city wide and up 3.28% in the GAB District; robberies to individuals is the main reason violent crimes has increase. Everyone was reminded to lock their cars, keep their garage doors closed and secure their person property. In 2015, 38% of the cars that were stolen had their keys in the car and were unlocked.
- **JFRD** – Fire Chief Kevin Dix reminded the group to get their chimneys and flues cleaned. Older flues need to be inspected prior to having a fire in the fireplace.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – E. Denise Lee – stated she did not have a report, but is very active working on issues in regard to neighborhoods and communities. Member Lad Hawkins inquired if dilapidated fences could be address as a concern for Blight. To clarify, there are deteriorating stretches of fencing line along many of our major arterial and collector roadways. These fences were identified by the GAB CPAC as a blighting element and it sets the character of the neighborhood and is the first impression that visitors have of the area. The specific streets that he mentioned were: Girvin Road, Wonderwood Expressway and Monument Road to name a few. One of the main questions/concerns is how do we as a city address or correct this issue?

Member Pougioukildis shared an ongoing concern and frustration with trying to contact Animal Care and Control in regard to possible rabid raccoons and or other problematic animals (both wild and domestic). There were a couple of additional comments that identified that other CPAC members have tried to contact Animal Care and Control, but they have not returned their calls.

Member Melody Shacter stated that she attended the Keep America Beautiful 2016 National Conference in Orlando Florida last week and she would like to meet with Denise Lee to share some of the information and ideas that she gained at the conference.

- **Duval County Public Schools** – Ms. Tammie Talley and Floyd Evans were present. Ms. Talley, Athletic Director, stated DCPS is made up of 17 high schools and 25 middle schools -- with 27 percent of the student population participating in athletics. Duval County ranks as the 6th largest district in Florida and 15th largest in the country. Ms. Talley provided a flyer that listed all of the sports programs that are offered by DCPS for high schools and middle schools.

Mr. Evans is a resource teacher and oversees the JROTC program. The United States Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) came into being with the passage of the National Defense Act of 1916. Currently, Duval County has 3,602 students enrolled in 13 JROTC programs. JROTC prepares young men and women to be better citizens and leaders in their post-secondary education, enlistment or commissioning programs in a branch of the military, and/or the workplace.

JROTC Programs are offered at the following schools:  
ARMY- Englewood High School, Paxon School for Advanced Studies, Samuel W. Wolfson High School and William M. Raines High School.

MARINE CORPS - Jean Ribault High School.

NAVY - Edward H. White High School, First Coast High School, Mandarin High School, Robert E. Lee High School and Terry Parker High School.

AIR FORCE - Andrew Jackson High School, Sandalwood High School and Westside High School.

- **Regulatory Compliance Department** (Code Compliance Supervisor)- Elaine Lancaster reported Zone 2 has 946 active cases. Ms. Lancaster and her team worked last weekend and they picked up 296 snipe signs. It was noted with the new litter law (Zero Tolerance) that was recently passed, fines for the first five illegal snipe sign from a company is \$50.00 fee; each additional sign from the same company will be \$150.00 fee per sign. It was announced that there will be systematic inspections in the Park Ridge, Beachwood and middle of Atlantic Blvd. areas.

One of the CPAC members informed Ms. Lancaster a massage parlor has opened in strip mall at Beach Blvd and Kernan Road. They have red lights on the outside of the building. Concerns have been shared with the owner of the property and JSO. The SWAT Team has come and shut down the business for 24 and arrest a number of the girl that did not hold a license to provide massages. The location has reopened and they are open nearly 24 hours. Is there anything Code Enforcement can do? Ms. Lancaster requested that she call 630-CITY and provide the address, Ms. Lancaster can investigate if they have the correct COU (Certificate of Use).

On the corner of Arlington Expressway and Townsend Road there is a former gas station that has dug up the old gas tanks and are now storing the old gas tanks behind the building, can you look at this? Ms. Lancaster encouraged contacted the State of Florida, there are specific guidelines established by the state.

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – the University Blvd. Bridge (in Clifton) and the roundabout on the Arlington Expressway have been completed and they were accepted in December. The Wonderwood Drainage project is nearly completed. The Atlantic Blvd. Inter-coastal Bridge is near the end of the project too. A roadway safety project in front of Regency Mall has just started; this project is expected to be completed in a year. A project will start on the Hart Bridge this spring; this is a 5 or 6 month project.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** – Tiffany Gillem – informed the CPAC the Airport Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 9:00 am tomorrow in this room. JAXEX now has a webpage for the Wings and Wheels event. There is a landscaping project on airport property (near the intersection of St. Johns Bluff Road and Monument Road) and it will consist of tree topping. Ms. Gillem provided a handout that listed all the trees that penetrate airspace and the amount of tree that will be cut. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please contact Ms. Gillem at 904-641-7666.
- **Jacksonville Public Library** – Donna Carroll, Regency Branch Library, introduced herself and informed the CPAC about the Friends of the Library Book sale on February 19-21, 2016 at the University Park Branch Library; flyer were available.

- **JaxParks** – Joshua Rhodes – informed the CPAC that JaxParks is coordinating the development of a Maritime Management Plan for Duval County. They are seeking public input through an online survey at [www.JaxBoatPlan.com](http://www.JaxBoatPlan.com). The main purpose of the plan is to identify and prioritize projects to improve and expand existing water access facilities as well as develop new water access facilities including boat ramps, kayak launches, fishing piers, docks, mooring facilities, waterfront walkways, etc.
  - **Planning Department** – Paul Davis reminded the CPAC if they would like to be on his email distribution list for LUZ applications, to please contact him at [PDavis@coj.net](mailto:PDavis@coj.net).
  - **Public Works** – Steve Long – Chief of Right of Way and Stormwater – announced that the new solid waste calendars have been sent out. A CPAC member informed Mr. Long that 11 street lights are on Arlington Road between Cesery Road and Rogero Road.
  - **Military Affairs** – Bill Spann reminded the CPAC about there are services available for veterans through the COJ Military Affairs office.
  - **JTA** – Wendy Morrow – stated JTA will hold a public meeting the Girvin Road Project on March 3, 2016 at Abbess Elementary School 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Ms. Morrow also announced that JTA has opened a natural gas station on Myrtle Avenue.
- 6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:**
- Land Use and Zoning** – Mike Anania – no motions were made.
  - Beautification** – Larry Belge – not present
  - Environment** – Lad Hawkins – no report
  - Membership** – Karen Hunter-Nowak – no report
  - Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report
- **Ad-Hoc:**
  - **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – not present
  - **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – no representative
- 7. Neighborhood Coordinator** – Rosemary Wesolowski mentioned that the new meeting agenda format has been implemented; the meeting tonight followed the new format. The GAB CPAC is still in need of a representative on the TRUE Commission, if you are interested in serving on that commission, please contact Rosemary. There was also an inquiry if any of the members had a quest speaker that would like to hear or to learn about a special topic.
- 8. Chairs Report** – Mike Anania – no report, but Chair Anania presented certificates of Appreciation to all of the members that served as Subcommittee Chairs
- 9. Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit) –**
- Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2016 ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport**  
**855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225**