

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 9, 2017 Meeting Summary

Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport, 855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members:

Queens Harbour POA - Dr. Ramsey Salem – Chair
Clifton Civic Association - Melody Shacter - Vice Chair
Arlington Business Society – Mike Anania
Beachwood Civic Association – Sheila Litwhiler
Bentwater Place – Ed Maxted
Caroline Forest Homeowners Assoc. - Kacy Evans
Charter Point Community Association – Bob Bartletta
Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis
Council Appointee – District 3 – Jose Cuetos
Communities of East Arlington – Lad Hawkins
Covington Creek HOA – Lenny Hanapel
Covington Creek HOA – Joan Becker
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Ben Tucker
Hawkins Cove HOA - Amita Agnihotri
Ibis Point Owners Association – Nina Pougiouklidis
Indian Springs Community Association – Pete Miller
Monument Oaks HOA - Eddi Parsons
Old Arlington Inc. – Peter Mione
Old Mill Cove Community Organization – Jerry Petoskey
Osprey Pointe HOA – Pam Brown
River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA – Larry Belge
The Valley at Hidden Hills – John Roberts
The Woods Community Association – James Blanche
University Park Civic Association – Shirley George
Walkers Glen HOA – Sherrie Jarnutowski

Excused:

Lake Lucina Association – Kirk Armstrong

Staff and Elected Officials:

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1
Carol Brock, City Council Aide District 3
FDOT – Jim Green
JEA – Judi Spann
JFRD – Kevin Dix
JPL – Jackie Spiritas
JSO – Matt Barrett
JSO – Greg Sharp
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Elaine Lancaster
Neighborhoods Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
OED – Karen Nasrallah
Public Works – Steve Long

Guests:

Alberta Hipps – Consultant JAA
Richard Becker – Covington Creek
Will Messer – Queens Harbour
Clayton Levins – Jacksonville University
Roland Cole – Fort Caroline Lakes NA
Greg Pierce - JPL
Terry Wanbaugh – Hickory Creek HOA
Nell DeCarsey – Hickory Creek HOA
Lennette Hauver – Hickory Creek HOA
Vida McCullough – Waterleaf HOA
Karen Surian – Fort Caroline Lakes NA

Call to Order/Verify Quorum- Chair Salem called the October 2017 GAB CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – The August meeting summary was unanimously approved by the CPAC membership.

Presentation(s): Christian Popoli, City Planner Supervisor and Connie Patterson, City Planner 1, Planning and Development Department, City of Jacksonville presented on the Arlington Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Zoning Overlay Public Engagement Meetings. The Planning and Development Department (P&DD) will host three public meetings to gather input. The first meeting was held on Saturday, October 7, 2017, 10:30 am at the University Branch Library. The focus of the first meeting was on transportation; walkability/bike-ability, parking and cross connectivity. The second meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, 5:30 pm at the Arlington Elementary School. The focus of the second meeting will be on the characteristics and aesthetics of the Arlington CRA. The final meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, 5:30 pm at Merrill Road Elementary School. The focus of the final/third meeting will be on retaining and attracting businesses to the CRA area. For additional information, email ArlingtonOverlay@coj.net so the P&DD can easily document and respond to input and questions.

Karen Nasrallah, Office of Economic Development, City of Jacksonville, presented the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Arlington CRA budgets to the CPAC and explained how the current funds will be spent. The funds generated from 2016/17 will pay to complete a storm water masterplan, traffic study and start phase 1 of the Complete Streets Program. Funds generated 2017/18 will go towards a Business Façade Grant and to finish the last three phases of the Complete Streets Program.

Elected Officials Report:

Council Member Morgan thanked the Planning and Development Department and the Office of Economic Development for their work on the Arlington CRA. Council Member Morgan made the following announcements:

- The next Council District 1 Town Hall meeting will be held on October 23, 2017 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 8264 Lone Star Road, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- Jackson Commons, the proposed multi-family residential development at the former Nero's location, has made it through the Planning Commission. If anyone would like to express their concerns or support for the Jackson Commons project, please reach out to the Planning Commission.
- There may be another internet café coming to Arlington in the closed Wendy's restaurant on Monument Road.

Staff Reports:

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Sgt. Border stated that violent crime and property crime is down in Zone 2. Auto-burglaries continue to be a problem; 90 percent of the vehicles that are burglarized are unlocked. One in every four cars that are burglarized has a fire arm stolen from the vehicle. These fire arms are often used in local crimes; a plea to keep our cars locked and valuables (especially firearms) secure was made by the Sargent.
Zone 2 substation – 9501 Arlington Expressway – 904-726-5100
- **JFRD (Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department)** – Chief Dix reminded the CPAC that we are still in the midst of hurricane season and encouraged everyone to maintain an emergency kit. Chief Dix also encouraged those that have generators or have recently purchased generators to become familiar with operating, maintaining and storing them. A number of fires were started because of improper use of a generator during and after Hurricane Irma.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not present
- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – not present
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – announced that today was his 30th Employment Anniversary working for FDOT. It was announced that FDOT will be conducting some survey work at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and San Pablo Road. The Atlantic/San Pablo intersection will be receiving traffic signal upgrades soon and be included in part of a five year work program; details on the program will be provided in the near future
Jim Green, 360-5684 or James.Green@dot.fl.us
- **Jacksonville Public Library** – Jackie Spiritas - informed the CPAC that Sara Roberts has been reassigned and is now managing the Main Library. Ms. Spiritas is acting as the regional manager of the Pablo Creek Regional Library. Ms. Spiritas provided details on upcoming events at the libraries
Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net
- **JaxParks** – Robert Hall – not in attendance
- **JEA** – Judi Spann – stated JEA monitors the weather regularly and prepares for hurricane season all year long. During the height of Hurricane Irma, approximately 289,000 JEA customers lost their power. Once the wind subsided below 30 miles per hour, the JEA team, a helicopter and four drones went throughout the city to assess the damage. With the assistance of 300 mutual aid workers, the JEA team started restoring power and water within hours of the hurricane passing. Ms. Spann explained the power restoration protocol. This protocol dictates hospitals, nursing homes, evacuation shelters and dialysis centers are the first priorities for power restoration. By the following Monday, power was restored to 99.94% of JEA customers. Currently, 41 JEA linemen are working in Puerto Rico for at least 30 days to help restore power after that island was hit by a second hurricane this season.
- **JTA** – Cheryl Riddick - not present
- **Military Affairs and Veterans Department** – not present
- **Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance)** – Elaine Lancaster announced the Code Compliance Division has slowed down a bit with citations in effort to allow insurance companies the time they need to complete all the claims due to the hurricane. At this time, there are 843 active cases in the GAB area.
Elaine Lancaster, 255-7007 or ElaineL@coj.net
- **Planning & Development Department** – Christian Popoli – introduced Connie Patterson as the new Planner assigned to the GAB CPAC.
Christian Popoli, 255-7852 or CPopoli@coj.net
- **Public Works** – Steve Long addressed the flooding that occurred in many areas in our city and in the district. It was announced that the hurricane/storm debris collection has started. The City should complete the first pass of hurricane debris collection by November 1, 2017. Mr. Long addressed numerous questions and requests for service in regard to street signs being blown over, sink holes in the University Park community, retention ponds along roadways needing to be cleaned and/or dredged, trees blown over on city-owned property, a failing weir and several requests to clean/dredge the Sandalwood Canal.
Steve Long, 255-4283 or SLong@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit)

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Chair Salem presented the LUZ Subcommittee report to the CPAC. The Subcommittee reviewed three application and no motions were made. Chair Salem announced

that the LUZ Subcommittee is looking for a new subcommittee chair; if anyone is interested in serving please contact Rosemary.

- **Beautification/Parks** – Larry Belge – No report
- **Environment** – Lad Hawkins – No report
- **Membership** – Jose Cuetos – introduced Pamela Brown as the new Osprey Pointe HOA representative on the GAB CPAC. Mr. Cuetos requested that the members remind their neighboring communities about the CPAC and invite them to an upcoming CPAC meeting.
- **Transportation** – vacant

Ad-Hoc:

- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – John Roberts – stated the commission held an extensive discussion in regard to city government extending financial incentives to recruit/retain/expand private businesses in Jacksonville as not being a core function of government. It was questioned if the TRUE Commission should have a role to play in tracking the compliance with and success of those agreements. There was a request to review the City's oversight and tracking of the outcome of incentive packages. Staff explained that the majority of the City's incentive offers are in the form of local matches to state Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) grants (employment-based) and Recapture Enhanced Value (REV) grants that rebate a portion of property taxes paid (capital investment-based). There are other programs (infrastructure assistance grants, façade improvement grants, etc.) that are more cash based. It was suggested that the City should develop a web site, in a clear and easy-to-access format, so the citizens could easily track disbursements for incentives.
- **North Florida TPO** – vacant

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC that the GAB CPAC was in need of forming a temporary Nomination Subcommittee; all CPAC Chair and Vice Chair elections need to be completed by the end of November. Staff has added an additional Matching Grant Program workshop on October 17, 2017. The deadline to submit a completed Matching Grant application was extended to October 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Ed Ball Building, 5th floor, 214 N. Hogan Street, 32202. In preparing the calendar for the 2018 GAB CPAC meeting dates, Rosemary discovered that November 12, 2017 (the second Tuesday of the month) will be observed as a holiday for COJ staff. Rosemary inquired if the CPAC would like to move the date or conduct the November 2018 CPAC meeting on that date. The CPAC membership voted to hold the meeting on November 12, 2018. Lastly, there was some discussion about the December 2017 CPAC meeting and if the members wanted to hold a meeting. The CPAC members voted to hold a December 2017 CPAC meeting on the scheduled December 11, 2017 date. It was not decided if the CPAC will have a holiday celebration in addition to the December meeting.

Chairs Report – Ramsey Salem – stated he attended Council Member Bowman's Town hall meeting. Chair Salem learned that there will be a number of roadway projects up-coming in that council district; details will be provided once they are available. Also, a traffic study will be conducted on San Pablo Road.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business - none

Public Comments, Concerns or Announcements (3-minute time limit)-

Melody Shacter, GAB CPAC Vice Chair, announced Norman Studios will host another Silent Movie event at the Indigo Hotel in Tinsel Town on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

Alberta Hipps, JAA Consultant, extended an invitation to the CPAC to attend the Annual JAA Fish Fry and Hot Dog Roast on October 18, 2017 at JAXEX in Hangar 607, 11:30 - 1:00.

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport, 855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville FL, 32225