

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 1, 2018 Meeting Summary

Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32246

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members:

Queens Harbour POA - Dr. Ramsey Salem – Chair
Beachwood Civic Association – Sheila Litwhiler
Bentwater Place – Ed Maxted
Caroline Forest Homeowners Assoc. - Kacy Evans
Charter Point Community Association – Patricia Sanders
Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins
Covington Creek HOA – Lenore Hanapel
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Ben Tucker
Kensington Association – Tim Keeley
Lake Lucina Association – Kirk Armstrong
Monument Oaks HOA - Eddi Parsons
Old Arlington Inc. – Peter Mione
Old Mill Cove Community Organization – Jerry Petoskey
Osprey Point HOA – Pam Brown
Queens Harbour POA – Will Messer
The Valley at Hidden Hills – John Roberts
Waterleaf HOA – Vida McCullough

Excused:

Clifton Civic Association - Melody Shacter - Vice Chair
Arlington Business Society – Mike Anania
Charter Point Community Association – Bob Barletta
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis
Hickory Creek HOA – Nell DeCoursey
Osprey Point HOA – Amita Agnihotri
River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA – Larry Belge

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 1 Aide – Katrin McDonald
JSO – Lt. Rickie Valentine
JaxParks – Keith Meyerl
JPL – Jackie Spiritas
JTA – Mike Miller

Guests:

Valerie Britt – Pablo Point CA Inc.
Kathleen Brown - PPCA
Mary Billotti - PPCA

Call to Order/Verify Quorum- Chair Salem called the August 2018 GAB CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – The June 2018 summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): **Richard Batchelder, Inspector, United States Postal Inspector Service** informed the CPAC that the United States Postal Inspector is the law enforcement branch for the United States Postal Service. Mr. Batchelder explained their enforcement procedures to combat mail fraud, deceptive mail practices and scams. Due to a significant increase in mail scams a special unit, the Jolt Team was created to focus solely on mail scams. Mr. Batchelder informed the CPAC on how to obtain, use and the benefits of the Informed Delivery app that is available for both Apple and Android devices. This United States Postal Services app allows you to interact with your incoming mail and packages in one location. This app will preview your household's letter-sized mail pieces that will be delivered as well as receive USPS Tracking updates for incoming packages. Mr. Batchelder also addressed concerns about package theft from porches and documented a lot of concerns about mail delivery problems in several neighborhoods.

To reach Mr. Batchelder, please email him at: RCBATCHELDER@USPIS.GOV

If you would like to report a postal crime or register a complaint, please register your concern/complaint online at: www.OIG.GOV

Elected Officials Report:

Katrin McDonald, City Council District 1 Aide provided the following updates:

- On August 7, 2018 City Council will hold their first budget meeting.
- On August 8, 2018 there will be an Arlington CRA meeting in City Hall at 3:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.
- The next City Council District 1 Town Hall meeting will be held on August 27, 2018 at River City Baptist Church, 6801 Merrill Road, 32277 at 6:00 pm.

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Valentine provided the following updates:

- Overall crime is down in Zone 2, but aggravated battery is up 5%. There has also been a spike in residential burglaries.
- There has been a trend citywide to burglarize homes under construction in the middle of the night. Burglars are taking new appliances, central heat and air units and other high end items.
- School starts for Duval County Public Schools on August 13, 2018.
- School buses will be on the road soon. When driving on roads with multiple lanes in each direction, all lanes of traffic must stop for the school bus. A handout to illustrate and explain stopping for school buses were distributed.
- August 7, 2018 is National Night Out, please contact JSO if you plan to participate.
- Everyone is encouraged to practice the JSO 9pm Routine. Please remove all valuables and weapons from your vehicle and make sure your vehicles are locked at 9pm every night.
- Individuals that sell items online were encouraged to use the police substations as your location to meet to complete the transaction.
- Swatting is a growing crime. Swatting was described as a hoax phone call or email that states that a family member or friend has been kidnapped or held as a hostage. This call or email typically asks for money and warns you not to notify the police. Please contact JSO if you get one of these calls or emails.

Zone 2 substation – 9501 Arlington Expressway – 904-726-5100

JFRD (Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department) – not in attendance

Jacksonville Public Library – Jackie Spiritas provided the following updates:

- Early voting will be held at the Pablo Creek Regional Library as well as the other libraries in the GAB district.
- Soar with Reading is underway. Jacksonville is in the running to win \$25,000 in children's books and a reading room makeover from JetBlue's Soar with Reading initiative. Everyone was encouraged to vote; it was mentioned that there is no vote limit. You can continue to vote until August 31, 2018.
- Mayor Curry presented the budget to City Council and the budget contained a request for additional funds to be added to the public library budget. With the additional funds, JPL would be able to open all the library branches on Mondays and Fridays and build a new library in the Oceanway area.

Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

JTA – Mike Miller provided the following updates:

- The Jaguar Season is about to begin, copies of the Game Day Xpress was provided. This contains details on shuttle parking for the game and information on how to use the JTA app for football games.
- There will be JTA bus route changes starting December 3, 2018. Public meetings will be held to gather feedback from the community; dates and locations for the public meetings will be provided in the near future.
- JTA will launch the Red Sector of the First Coast Flyer BRT (bus rapid transit). The Red Sector will start service on December 3, 2018 and the route will run between downtown Jacksonville and the beaches mostly on Beach Boulevard.

Jacksonville Parks and Recreation – Keith Meyerl, provided the following updates:

- JaxParks will hold a Town Hall meeting on August 15, 2018, 6:00 pm at Alimacani Elementary School, 2051 San Pablo Road South, 32224 to discuss the Armada Soccer Team using Patton Park as their home field. Please attend if you have an opinion.
- A new splash pad will be constructed at Abyss Park. Construction will begin later this month and the splash pad will be operational late fall 2018.
- JaxParks is adding heaters to five swimming pools citywide. In the GAB District a heater will be added to the swimming pool in Woodland Acres. Once the heater is added the pool will remain open until late November and reopen in early March. This will allow for additional swimming instruction classes to be provided.
- JaxParks swimming pools will stay open seven days a week until August 12, 2018. Starting August 13, 2018, JaxParks pools will open on weekends only until Labor Day Weekend. The pools will then close for the season; except for the pools that have heaters installed.
- The soccer fields at Huffman Park will be re-sodded. Once the new sod has been laid a rugby league will be added to the park.
- JaxParks is currently applying for a grant to add a splash pad at Blue Cypress Park. This will be a 50/50 matching grant through the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program.

Military and Veterans Affairs – Bill Spann – not in attendance

Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance Division) – Elaine Lancaster - not in attendance
Elaine Lancaster, 255-7007 or ElaineL@coj.net

Planning & Development Department – Connie Patterson – not in attendance
Connie Patterson, 255-7822 or Constancep@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long – not in attendance
Steve Long, 255-4283 or slong@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – on behalf of Mike Anania, Chair Salem announced the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed four applications and two motions were made.

Denial of Ordinance V-18-06 2018-379 at 322 Spring Forest Avenue. This application is a variance request to allow for an accessory structure to be larger than 50% of the footprint of a primary structure. The GAB CPAC made the following observations: there are already two additional storage structures on the property besides the main residence building; the additional structure is more that 50% of the footprint of the primary residence structure in size; granting an additional

structure to this property will hinder any drainage and cover almost the entire property in structures and adjacent properties may be affected by the lack of drainage on this property. The full CPAC voted to unanimously deny this application.

Denial of Ordinance AD-18-33 at 7145 Hielo Drive. This application is for a reduction in side yard from 5 feet to 1 foot for a detached garage. The GAB CPAC observed that no permits were obtained for this garage addition per City of Jacksonville requirements. There is a strong possibility of an unlicensed contractor completed this addition without any oversight of an inspection. The structure is directly on the property line of the neighbor's house without an inspection. This addition structure sets a very bad precedent for any person to build an unauthorized structure and then ask for approval. The full CPAC voted to unanimously deny this application.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report

Environment – Lad Hawkins – announced there is land on Mill Cove (off Fort Caroline Road) on a list to be purchased and turned into a park with water access and kayak launches. Hopefully this property will be acquired for public park use instead of developed as condos.

Membership – vacant

Neighborhoods – Melody Shacter – not in attendance

Transportation – Will Messer has agreed to chair this subcommittee.

Ad-Hoc Committees:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – John Roberts – stated the TRUE Commission strategized their next actions. The commission did review a few proposed bills and found a few strange numbers associated with the Southbank project. This project has passed City Council.

North Florida TPO – Will Messer – no report

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that:

- The Neighborhood Services Office will provide HOA/Townhome and Condo Board Association training.
- The Condo Board Association training will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 – 12:00 – 3:30 pm in the Ed Ball Building, First Floor Training room.
- The HOA/Townhome Board Association training will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 – 5-9pm in the Ed Ball Building, First Floor Training room. Pre-registration is required
- The Matching Grants program will return; applications should be available in late summer/early fall.
- Charter Member Johnny Holden passed away. Visitation and the funeral will be held at Arlington Park Funeral Home on August 10, 2018. The viewing will be held 10am to 12pm. The funeral will begin at 12pm.
- The GAB CPAC needs to form a temporary Nomination Subcommittee to conduct the nominations and election for 2019 Chair and Vice Chair. Ramsey Salem and Melody Shacter are both available to run again if they choose to.
- The October GAB CPAC meeting will not be held on the traditional second Monday of the month due to early voting. The October meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018 at the Pablo Creek Regional Library.

Chairs Report – Ramsey Salem announced that he has learned that political candidates are only allowed to announce their name and office they are running for. If you have any recommendations for future speakers, please share with Chair Salem or Rosemary.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business – none

Public Comment - none

Motion to Adjourn

**The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm
at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville FL, 32246**

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