

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

February 12, 2018 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
Covington Creek HOA – Lenny Hanapel
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Harley Herndon
Grove Park – Gary Dickinson
Hawkins Cove HOA - Amita Agnihotri
Hickory Creek HOA – Nell DeCoursey
Hickory Creek HOA – Lennette Hauver
Ibis Point Owners Association – Nina Pougiouklidis
Indian Springs Community Association – Pete Miller
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 – Pamela Brown
River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA – Larry Belge
The Valley at Hidden Hills – John Roberts
University Park Civic Association – Shirley George

Excused:

Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis
Council Appointee – District 3 – Jose Cuetos
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Ben Tucker
Queens Harbour POA – Will Messer

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 1 Aide – Katrin MacDonald
City Council District 3 Aide – Carol Brock
City Council President Aide – Jeneen Sanders
FDOT – Derek Dixon
JFRD – Chief Kevin Dix
JSO – Lieutenant Larry Gayle
JTA – Aleizha Batson
JPL – Jackie Spiritas
JPL – Michael Sullivan
Neighborhoods (Code Compliance) – Elaine Lancaster
Neighborhoods (Code Compliance) - Michael Chao
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
Planning & Development – Connie Patterson
Public Works – Steve Long

Guests:

Christian Harvey
Joseph M. George
Justine Wadyko - Waterleaf
Terry Wanbaugh – Hickory Creek HOA
H. Barbara McInnis – Rive St. Johns HOA
Jeannie Holler
Mark Bennett
Rob Harvey - JU
Nick McCullough - Waterleaf
Michael Fleming - JU

Call to Order/Verify Quorum- Chair Salem called the February 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 January 2018 meeting summaries were unanimously approved by the CPAC membership.

Presentation(s): Anna Brosche, City Council President - informed the CPAC in July 2017, the start of her one year term as City Council President, she convened two special committees comprised of various city council members. The two special committees were charged to assess our city parks and to evaluate the needs to make all of our neighborhoods a safe and healthy place to live. Before the two special committees finalize their suggestions and recommendations, Council President Brosche has reached out to each CPAC city wide to share their thoughts, concerns and recommendations with her and the special committees. Council President Brosche opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chair Shacter informed the Council President that the GAB CPAC has formed their own Special Committee on Neighborhoods and shared the work this committee has completed thus far on the topic of health and safety of neighborhoods. The Special Committee on Neighborhoods will meet again on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the University Park Branch Library at 6:30 pm.

CPAC member John Roberts compiled a comprehensive two part report on parks. One of the reports was titled Planning District Two Parks Inspections and the other was titled Park Problems. Copies of the report were presented to Council President Brosche. There was additional discussion in regard to current and future parks in the district. The CPAC membership strongly conveyed the message that preserve land areas should not be developed for zip lines or other related activities.

The CPAC members and Council President Brosche discussed the continuum of policies, funding and commitment to both parks and neighborhoods by the city. The CPAC members felt with each administration and city council change, the focus, programs and funding changed. The CPAC members are hoping to receive a long term commitment from our city leaders on both parks and neighborhoods.

Elected Officials Report:

Katrin MacDonald, City Council Aide District 1 announced application for Zoning Exception E-18-04 was deferred at the February 8, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. At this time, E-18-04 is on the agenda for the Renew Arlington CRA Board Meeting on February 14, 2018 at 3:30 pm at City Hall on the second floor conference room. E-18-04 is scheduled to go back before the Planning Commission on February 22, 2018 at 1:00 pm. The next Council District 1 Town Hall Meeting will be held on February 26, 2018, 6:00 pm at the Terry Parker Baptist Church located at 7024 Merrill Road, 32277. Ms. MacDonald extended an invitation to all to attend the City Council meeting that will be held on February 13, 2018. Ms. MacDonald can be reached at KMacDonald@coj.net or 630-1674.

Carol Brock, City Council Aide District 3 informed the CPAC that the Neighborhood Services Office will be offering CommUniverCity; a neighborhood leadership training program in April. If you are interested in attending or would like to recommend someone to attend, please contact City Council Member Bowman if you live in his district or the City Council representative for your community. Ms. Brock announced that there will be a special City Council Meeting on February 14, 2018 at 3:00 with Mayor Curry to discuss the possible sale of JEA; the meeting is open to the public.

Ms. Brock can be reached at csbrock@coj.net or 630-1031

Staff Reports:

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lieutenant Gayle announced crime is down in Zone 2. Year to date violent crime in Zone 2 is down 4.83% and property crime is down 2.6%. Lieutenant Gayle did state there is one crime trend in the city; robberies of Hispanic individuals. At this time, this trend has not occurred in Zone 2. Lieutenant Gayle informed the CPAC about the Landlord Training program and how JSO is working to improve relations and work with landlords.
Zone 2 substation – 9501 Arlington Expressway – 904-726-5100
- **JFRD (Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department)** – Chief Dix discussed the locations of ladder trucks in Zone 2. JFRD has moved one ladder truck from Station 28 (off Newton Road in Zone 3) to Station 29 (off McCormick Road in Zone 2). The tanker truck that was located at Station 29 was moved to the Mayport station. Chief Dix shared with the community that JFRD is offering a Fire Fighter Apprentice Program for 17 to 21 year olds that live in the zip code 32211. Rosemary Wesolowski will share a Fire Fighter Apprentice Program flyer with the CPAC electronically tomorrow.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not in attendance
- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – not in attendance
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Derek Dixon – stated he did not have any updates, but available for questions. There were multiple questions and comments about street light along FDOT roads not working or malfunctioning; where should the community report these issues. Mr. Dixon stated the report(s) need to be made to JEA. Rosemary Wesolowski will research the protocol for reporting street lights in portions of the road that have high speed/high volume traffic, or where it is impossible to look for a number of the pole to complete the report. There was a request to have the traffic light at Mayport Road and Assissi Road recalibrated to allow more cars to through on during the turn cycle. Mr. Dixon announced that FDOT is conducting a traffic study on Mayport Road with the emphasis of safety near the schools.
Derek Dixon, 360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us
- **Jacksonville Public Library** – Jackie Spiritas – shared information about the Jax Book Fest on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Library (downtown). There will be presentations and book signings with New York Times best-selling authors Nicola Yoon and Kimberla Lawson Roby. There will be events for book lovers, writers, educators and children throughout the event. For more information, please visit www.jaxbookfest.org
Ms. Spiritas informed the CPAC about adult programs, teen programs, special events and computer classes that are provided by the libraries in the GAB district. Ms. Spiritas also provided handouts that contained completed details for all of the events and activities at the libraries.
Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net
- **JaxParks** – not in attendance
- **JEA** – Judi Spann – not in attendance
- **JTA** – Aleizha Batson – informed the CPAC that in September 2017, JTA awarded a contract for the design phase of the San Pablo Road project. The JTA Girvin Road project will be completed this summer. The JTA Kernan Road project is near the end of the design phase and will have public meetings in the near future.
- **Military Affairs and Veterans Department** – not in attendance
- **Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance)** – Elaine Lancaster announced there are 909 active cases in Zone 2. A systematic was conducted in Glynlea community and netted 118 new cases. In March a systematic inspection will be conducted in the Sandalwood area. Ms. Lancaster encouraged the community to remove any snipe signs they see in the right of way. Ms. Lancaster stated that the city does have a Sign Volunteer Program for which volunteers are trained to write citations for snipe sign violations. The volunteers for

this program must be aware that there may be confrontations from the offenders and they volunteers will need to appear in court on behalf of the city. Contact Ms. Lancaster if you are interested in participating in the program

Elaine Lancaster, 255-7007 or ElaineL@coj.net

- **Planning & Development Department** – Connie Patterson did not have a report, but was available for questions. Connie Patterson, 255-7822 or Constancep@coj.net
- **Public Works** – Steve Long updated the CPAC on a couple of issues from the January CPAC meeting. The updates were:
 - The traffic signals at Kernan Boulevard and Tamaya Road were recently synced.
 - The traffic signals at Beach Boulevard and Kernan Boulevard were recently synced.
 - Walmart was contacted in regard to the abandoned shopping carts on Trednick Parkway; the shopping carts have been collected.
 - The tractor trailers that were parking on Trednick Parkway were ticketed.
 - FDOT is investigating the possibility of adding a sidewalk from Lee Road to Walmart at Kendall Town Boulevard along Monument Road.

The CPAC shared the following concerns with Mr. Long:

- The traffic light on Kernan Boulevard by the middle school needs to be synced.
- The drainage system at St. Johns Bluff Road and Monument Road is clogged; there is a lot of standing water after a rain.
- There were several requests to have a street sweeper drive through several residential areas.
- On street parking is blocking traffic, especially trash trucks and emergency vehicles at the corner of Beacon Drive W and Sweet Cherry Lane South.

Steve Long, 255-4283 or Slong@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit)

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Mike Anania announced the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed three applications and two motions were made. The motions were:

Approval of Minor Modification MM-2018-03 to PUD 1997-834-E to re-align St. Elmo Drive; add a security gate add a new entrance sign and add landscaping at the entrance of The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Inc.

Denial of Exception E-18-04 of the request to allow a 3PS Liquor Sales use at 5566 Fort Caroline Road units 25-28; the use is not consistent with the standards and policies outlined in the Greater Arlington Vision Plan and the Old Arlington Neighborhood Action Plan. Furthermore, there is no compelling public benefit to those within the surrounding neighborhood and larger community as there are many liquor/package stores close by.

Both motions passed unanimously

- **Beautification/Parks** – Larry Belge – no report
- **Environment** – Lad Hawkins – not in attendance
- **Membership** – Jose Cuetos – not in attendance; Chair Salem introduced new members Nell DeCoursey and Lennette Hauver both from Hickory Creek HOA.
- **Transportation** – vacant

Ad-Hoc:

- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – John Roberts – stated the commission discussed three audits:
 - #804 Shands Jacksonville Indigent Care Agreement Audit
 - #805 Building Inspection Division Audit
 - #752A Mayor's Travel Audit Follow-UpThe Accounting Division has agreed to review and address those three items in 2018.

Mr. Roberts stated that he shared a concern from his community with the TRUE Commission in regard to loud mufflers on automobiles and the challenge to have noise regulations enforced.

- **North Florida TPO** – not in attendance

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that she received a call from the Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) to inform us that the GAB CPAC meeting space was no longer available for our use. JAA has decided to convert the meeting room space (where we meet) at Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport into commercial space. As of March 1, 2018, the meeting room will be renovated, rented out and will become a business office. Chair Salem, Vice Chair Shacter and Rosemary discussed multiple possible meeting locations. Numerous locations were contacted, but for various reason they did not work for our CPAC.

The March GAB CPAC meeting will be held at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, 32246 at 6:30 pm; at this time the LUZ Subcommittee will be held prior to the CPAC meeting at the library too. We are

thankful that the Pablo Creek Library could accommodate our CPAC on such a short notice. At this time we have the Pablo Creek Regional Library meeting space reserved for 3 months. We hope the location and facility works well for our CPAC membership; we can open up meeting location options for discussion again if we feel the need.

Chairs Report – Ramsey Salem – presented the remaining subcommittee chairs 2018 Certificate of Appreciation to the members that did not attend the January meeting.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business – Vice Chair Shacter announced the Special Committee on Neighborhoods meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the University Park Branch Library at 6:30 pm.

Member Pete Miller informed the CPAC that the Arboretum will host Brush with Nature on March 24th and 25th this year. The hours of the event are 9 am to 5 pm

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

Motion to Adjourn

**The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm
at the Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport, 855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville FL, 32225**