

# **Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

## **July 11, 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 – Patricia Sanders  
Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins  
Covington Creek HOA – Lenore Hanapel  
Covington Creek HOA – Joan Becker  
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Ben Tucker  
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Harley Herndon  
Hickory Creek HOA – Nell DeCoursey  
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 – Amita Agnihotri  
Ibis Point Owners Association – Nina Pougiouklidis  
River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA – Larry Belge  
The Valley at Hidden Hills – John Roberts  
University Park Civic Association – Shirley George  
Walkers Glen HOA – Sherrie Jarnutowski  
Waterleaf HOA – Vida McCullough

#### **Excused:**

Charter Point Community Association – Bob Barletta  
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis

#### **Staff and Elected Officials:**

City Council District 1 Aide – Katrin McDonald  
JSO – Lt. Keith Clement  
JFRD – Chester Clements  
JPL – Jackie Spiritas  
JEA – Suzanne Goss  
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Elaine Lancaster  
Planning and Development – Connie Patterson  
Public Works – Steve Long  
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski  
Office of Economic Development – Karen Nasrallah  
Planning and Development – Susan Kelly

#### **Guests:**

Gary Flagler – Cargo Transmission  
Ed Wey  
Jim Walker  
Roberta Thomas - FCCESCA  
Marjorie Beggs – Holiday Hills  
Jon McGowan – TRUE Commission

**Call to Order/Verify Quorum-** Chair Salem called the July 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 May 2018 summary was approved by the CPAC.

**Presentation(s):** **Karen Nasrallah, Manager, Office of Economic Development** provided an update on the Renew Arlington initiative; Arlington Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and Redevelopment Plan for three major commercial corridors within the Arlington community - University Boulevard N, and Merrill and Arlington roads. The Renew Arlington Redevelopment Plan is intended to serve as a framework for guiding development and redevelopment of the Renew Arlington Community Redevelopment Area over the next 20 years.

Ms. Nasrallah reviewed the annual audits for the CRA and showed how the funds have grown annually since 2015. Copies of the budget were provided for all in attendance.

The Complete Streets Project was also discussed. Complete Streets, designed to identify pedestrian, bicycle, and automotive safety concerns and develop conceptual plans to mitigate safety concerns and improve multimodal connections along the corridor with adjacent land uses. The Complete Streets program incorporates extensive public outreach at the outset of the

study process. Currently, the Renew Arlington CRA has one major Complete Streets project; the University/Merrill Roundabout. The roads feeding into the roundabout will be addressed in the different phases of the project. The Complete Streets project is currently in phase II. Phase II will focus on Merrill Road only. Phase II will reduce lane widths; add on street parking; add bike lanes; create raised medians and landscaping on Merrill Road. Phase III will focus on University Boulevard North; details for phase III will be released soon. FDOT will complete a traffic study in the near future for the Complete Streets Project.

Consultants have also worked on drainage issues for the Core 2 Coast Loop. Core 2 Coast Loop is Jacksonville's new trail plan for biking from downtown to the beach. Part of the proposed bike trail is inside the Arlington CRA. There is a proposed use of adding a ferry stop at the end of Arlington Road (at the Arlington Road Boat Launch) to help complete the trail from downtown to the Arlington community and beyond.

Ms. Nasrallah also addressed the facade grant that will be available for business owners that have businesses along Merrill Road, University Boulevard N. and Arlington Road corridors. The facade grant will be offered as a matching grant. The maximum dollar match amount will be determined in the near future.

#### **Elected Officials Report:**

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

- City Council is currently on recess.
- Council Member Morgan will not have a Town Hall meeting in July.
- 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.
- There will be a Renew Arlington Community Redevelopment Area Zoning Overlay Public Input Meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 6-7:30 pm at the University Park Branch Library, 2425 University Boulevard N, 32277.

#### **Candidate Report:**

Mia Jones introduced herself to the CPAC, verbally shared her political resume and announced that she is running for the Tax Collector seat that will be available this year. Ms. Jones also shared some of the changes she would like to implement if she is elected.

The Tax Collector is one of the positions that the citizens of Jacksonville will have the opportunity to vote on in the special election that will be held on August 28, 2018.

#### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lieutenant Clement informed the CPAC that Zone 2, Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell has moved into a different position and Elizabeth Kenny is the Assistant Chief for Zone 2 (GAB District). Statistically, in Zone 2 violent crime is down 7%, property crime is down 11% and overall crime is down 10%.

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

**JFRD (Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department)** – Battalion Chief Clements reported in June 2018 EMS (emergency medical services) responded to 10,732 calls and the Fire Department has responded to 1,462 calls. Year to date EMS has responded to 64,415 calls and the Fire Department has responded to 8,618 calls.

**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.
- In response to the opioid crisis a film created by the FBI and the Drug Enforcement

Administration, "Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict" will be shown on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the Pablo Creek Regional Library.

- There will be a Medical Marijuana Community Forum on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Webb Wesconnett Regional Library, 6887 103<sup>rd</sup> Street
- CareerSource Northeast Florida Mobile Team will be at the Pablo Creek Library on Monday, July 16, 2018, 2-4 pm. They will offer resume assistance, interview coaching and referrals to other agencies.
- The Summer Lunch Program provides free meals to children 18 years of age and younger. The meals are offered Monday through Friday, 1-2 pm citywide. The Summer Lunch Program will end on August 10, 2018.

Jackie Spiritas – [spiritas@coj.net](mailto:spiritas@coj.net)

**JEA** – Suzanne Goss reminded the group that hurricane season began June 1st. Ms. Goss provided a flyer that shared how the three phases on how JEA will store power after a hurricane. The power restoration phases are:

- Phase 1 -Once weather conditions permits; JEA will start assessing their facilities and making necessary repairs to power plants, transmission lines and water/sewer facilities. Hospitals, nursing homes, police/fire stations and shelters will have power restored first. Focus will also be place on the electric grid
- Phase 2 - Utility crews will start working on electric "circuits". One circuit typically provides power to 2,500 homes. Priority is given to making repairs that will restore power to the most customers.
- Phase 3 - When repairs to all circuits are complete, JEA will target the few remaining isolated outages.

To report a power outage please call (904) 665-6000 or visit [jea.com/outage](http://jea.com/outage). If you have already registered for JEA alerts, you can also texts "OUT" to MyJEA (69532). Contact JEA at 665-5000

**Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance Division)** – Elaine Lancaster announced that there are currently 1542 active cases in the GAB District. Ms. Lancaster informed the CPAC that a special project team has been created to conduct the Systematic inspections. The team most recently inspected the Arlington Hills Community and 244 citations were written.

Elaine Lancaster, 255-7007 or [ElaineL@coj.net](mailto:ElaineL@coj.net)

**Planning & Development Department** – Connie Patterson – reminded the CPAC about the Renew Arlington Community Redevelopment Area Zoning Overlay Public Input Meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 6-7:30 pm at the University Park Branch Library, 2425 University Boulevard N, 32277.

Connie Patterson, 255-7822 or [Constancep@coj.net](mailto:Constancep@coj.net)

**Public Works** – Steve Long announced that Public Works is closing out back log of work orders; many of them due to Hurricane Irma. Currently, local heavy rain fall has kept Public Works busy addressing flooding issues. Please call 630-CITY to report if any of the sewers on your street need to be cleaned out. Mr. Long recognized that many times pine needles and other plant materials accumulate on the top of the drain and impede drainage. Mr. Long encouraged homeowners that live near a drain to pick up the pine needles and various plant debris when they work in their yards; this will help with the drainage issues.

**Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):**

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Mike Anania announced the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed four applications and one motion was made.

Denial of Ordinance 2018-379 at 3031 Monument Road (between Cobblestone Parkway and Cancun Drive). This application for seeks to rezone approximately 3.59 acres of land from PUD to PUD. The rezoning to PUD is being sought to allow the retail sale and service of all alcoholic beverages including liquor, beer or wine for on premises consumption or off premises consumption or both. This shopping center contains a day care center, restaurants, insurance office, cosmetology, and dry cleaners.  
The full CPAC voted to unanimously deny this application.

**Beautification/Parks** – Larry Belge – no report

**Environment** – Lad Hawkins – announced the St. Johns Riverkeeper currently has a campaign to address the rise in sea level, dredging of the St. Johns River and other various environmental impacts on the area waterways. The St. Johns Riverkeeper will hold a community meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 6pm at the Intuition Ale Works.

**Membership** – vacant

**Neighborhoods** – Melody Shacter - no report

**Transportation** – vacant

**Ad-Hoc Committees:**

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – John Roberts – stated the TRUE Commission discussed the development of The District Jacksonville. This is the approximately 30-acre master-planned development on the St. Johns River on land purchased from JEA by a private developer. City Council recently approved the project's Redevelopment Agreement that had been previously approved by the Downtown Investment Authority and endorsed by Mayor Curry's administration. City Council approved a more traditional financial incentives package in June for the project, which would include 950 residences, 147 hotel rooms, 134,000 square feet of retail space, 200,000 square feet of office space and a marina with 125 boat slips.

**North Florida TPO** – Will Messer – not present

**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.
- The August CPAC meeting is Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Pablo Creek Regional Library.

**Chairs Report** – Ramsey Salem asked the CPAC to share their ideas for presenters for future meetings him or Rosemary.

**Unfinished Business** - none

**New Business** – none

**Public Comment** - none

**Motion to Adjourn**

**The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm  
at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville FL, 32246**

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