

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 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
Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins
Covington Creek HOA – Lenore Hanapel
Covington Creek HOA – Joan Becker
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Harley Herndon
Hawkins Cove HOA – Kristopher Edewaard
Hickory Creek HOA – Nell DeCoursey
Hickory Creek HOA – Lennette Hauver
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
Queens Harbour POA – Will Messer
River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA – Larry Belge
The Valley at Hidden Hills – John Roberts
Waterleaf HOA – Justine Wadyko
Waterleaf HOA – Vida McCullough

Excused:

Bentwater Place – Ed Maxted
Caroline Forest Homeowners Assoc. - Kacy Evans
Charter Point Community Association – Bob Barletta
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis
University Park Civic Association – Shirley George

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 1 -Joyce Morgan
City Council District 3 - Aaron Bowman
City Council District 3 Aide - Carol Brock
JPL – Michael Sullivan
JPL – Jackie Spiritas
JSO – Lt. Valentine
Neighborhoods – Stephanie Burch
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Elaine Lancaster
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
Jacksonville University – Rob Handley
Neighborhood Services Office – Lisa Ransom

Guests:

Mary Billotti
Fiona Burgin
John Snyder – Beaches Area SAC
Richard Becker – Covington Creek
Paula Kennedy
Sabrina Wheeler – Covington Creek
L. Sacklow
Stephen Schuller
Thomas Larsen – Self Help Credit Union
Ruth Johnson
Henrietta McInnis – Rive St. Johns HOA
Ebenezer Abolarin – Alvin for Congress
Christian Hall – Alvin for Congress
Patricia Hairston
Valerie Britt

Call to Order/Verify Quorum- Chair Salem called the June 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 April summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): The Honorable Lenny Curry, Mayor, City of Jacksonville spoke to the CPAC and provided an overview of the accomplishments he and his administration have completed since he took office in 2015. Mayor Curry successfully brought back the Neighborhoods Department, passed three budgets for the city, completed pension reform, added 180 police officers, brought back community service officers, working to update 911 technology and will put over \$100 million dollars of improvements into our City's infrastructure. Mayor Curry stated that many of the best public policies have come from the community. Mayor Curry then opened the floor to receive comments, questions and concerns from all that attended the GAB CPAC meeting. An overview of the feedback that the mayor received from the GAB included:

Requesting that a Mayor's Liaison attend the CPAC meetings; San Pablo Road is dangerous and students need police at the school(s) each day to calm the traffic; several concerns about flooding due to average rains and hurricanes; widening of Kernan Road; the Arlington CRA and how it will impact local small businesses; crime in

the area; homeless population and panhandling; blight and trash; overdevelopment within the GAB district causes a wide variety of social problem, flooding and evacuation problems; allowing up-zoning further impacts the density; no school zones for middle schools and they are needed to protect the kids and eco-tours are needed to help foster growth and development within the GAB district.

Elected Officials Report:

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1 provided the following updates:

- Announced that Cleve Powell passed away and Council Member Morgan is working on a resolution for him.
- The CRA Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 in City Hall at 3:30 pm.
- The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at City Hall at 5:00 pm.
- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Aldi's Grocery Store near the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Southside Boulevard on June 14, 2018 at 8:25 am.
- Council Member Morgan will hold her next Town Hall Meeting on June 25, 2018 at Fort Caroline Christian Church, 7535 Fort Caroline Road, 32277, 6-7:30 pm.
- University Park Civic Association and Old Arlington Inc. will hold a joint association meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the University Park Branch Library at 6:30 pm.

Joyce Morgan can be reached at Joycemorgan@coj.net or 630-1389.

Aaron Bowman, City Council District 3 provided the following updates:

- Council Member Bowman will serve as Council President. Scott Wilson will serve as Council Vice President. The installation will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at the Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times Union Center for Performing Arts 300 Water Street, 32202 and will begin at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.
- The San Pablo Road widening project has entered into the design phase. The projected started date will be the middle of 2019.
- The addition of a turn lane at JoAndy Road and Atlantic Boulevard is currently out to bid. Contact Council Member Bowman if you would like to see the design for the turn lane.

Aaron Bowman can be reached at ABowman@coj.net or 630-1386

Staff Reports:

- **Jacksonville University** – Rob Handley confirmed that JU has several upcoming capital improvement projects. They include improvements to the Gooding Building, the Howard Building, the La Crosse Team Building and construction of new dorm rooms.
- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lieutenant Valentine announced violent crime and property crime is down in Zone 2. There has been an increase of motorcycle thefts from apartment complexes; thieves are driving into communities and physically lifting motorcycles into the back of trucks then driving off with them. Panhandling/solicitation at intersections remains a problem district wide. Call JSO at 630-0500 if you are having a problem with panhandling/solicitation. The CPAC was reminded again to participate in the 9:00 pm JSO Routine; the 9:00 pm Routine is to make sure your car is locked with all valuables and weapons removed from the vehicles.
Zone 2 substation – 9501 Arlington Expressway – 904-726-5100
- **JFRD (Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department)** – not in attendance
- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – not in attendance
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – not in attendance
Derek Dixon, 360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us

- Jacksonville Public Library** – Michael Sullivan stated that if you have any question that needs to be answered, call 630-BOOK and someone will help you get your question(s) answered. So far 1,976 individuals have signed up for the summer reading program. The JPL free summer lunch program is underway. Children up to 18 years old are able to get a free lunch at any area library during the summer. A copy of the weekly lunch menu can be obtained at the front desk of each library.
Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net
- Neighborhoods Department** – Director Stephanie Burch provided updates and a variety of pamphlets for the various divisions in the Neighborhoods Department. The divisions include:

Animal Care and Protective Services - Ms. Burch shared details about the recent Mega Pet Adoption that was held last weekend; 200 pets were adopted, but there are many more that need homes. If you are interested in adopting a pet, visit Animal Care and Protective Services, their hours of operation are:
Monday - Closed / Tuesday-Friday - 12 - 7 pm and on Saturday-Sunday - 10 am - 6 pm.
Animal Care and Protective Services is located at 2020 Forest Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204.

Housing and Community Development – information on the Foreclosure Intervention Program was provided.
Ms. Burch also mentioned the Limited Repair Program and the UTAP program.

Environmental Quality Division (EQD) – information on open burning and the Irrigation – Fertilization Schedule were provided. A copy of the 2017 State of the River report was also available.

Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) – Ms. Burch stated that there has been a number of changes within the division to increase efficiency. One of the changes is a special team has been created that will only focus on conducting systematic inspections. Handouts that address snipe signs and junk/abandoned vehicles were provided.

630-CITY – Ms. Burch encouraged the CPAC to call 630-CITY to report any concern or issues they may be experiencing in their communities.
- Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance Division)** – Elaine Lancaster announced that there are currently 1381 active cases in the GAB District. MCCD recently completed a systematic inspection in the Woodland Acres community and cited 376 properties. At this time, MCCD has also created a special team to work on corridor inspections. In July, the MCCD corridor systematic inspection will focus on Merrill and Fort Caroline Roads. In August, the MCCD corridor systematic inspection will focus on University Boulevard and Arlington Road.
Elaine Lancaster, 255-7007 or ElaineL@coj.net
- Planning & Development Department** – Connie Patterson – announced that the draft CRA Overlay will be sent out to the community very soon. Ms. Patterson reminded the CPAC that the Planning and Development Department will hold LUZ meeting twice a month downtown to review the LUZ applications.
Connie Patterson, 255-7822 or Constancep@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):

- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Mike Anania announced the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed one application and no motions were made.
- 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 and the dredging of the St. Johns River and the

various environmental impacts on the river. The St. Johns Riverkeeper will hold three community meetings to address the environmental impacts.

- **Membership** – vacant
- **Neighborhoods** – Melody Shacter stated communities in Arlington continue to develop and expand the First Saturday of the Month Arlington Community Clean-up. The Clifton Community joined the Arlington Clean-up campaign and collected 15 bags of trash on the first Saturday in June. To obtain trash bags and gloves, please contact Dan Durbec at 904-255-8276; Mr. Durbec works with the Clean it Up Green it Up program.
- **Transportation** – vacant

Ad-Hoc:

- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – John Roberts – stated the TRUE Commission is involved with an ongoing review of the rate of return calculations. Their goal is to ensure all calculations measure inflation correctly. Additionally, the TRUE Commission is reviewing the City's Annual Report.
- **North Florida TPO** – Will Messer – informed the CPAC that JTA is in the design phase of creating a Bus Rapid Transit on the Beach Boulevard corridor that will run downtown to the beaches. The Divergent Diamond Interchange Project (FDOT) that will occur at the intersection of J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 202) and San Pablo Road has moved up the state project list; thus meaning the design and construction will begin soon.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that:

- The Neighborhood Services Office will provide HOA/Townhome and Condo Board Association training in the next couple of months; details will be forthcoming.
- The Matching Grants program will return; applications should be available in late summer/early fall.
- The Neighborhoods Services Office hopes to offer training on how community associations can become a 501 C3.
- Rosemary is working to finalize the meeting date for the August CPAC meeting. This date will be provided as soon as possible.

Chairs Report – Ramsey Salem stated that he did not have a report, but asked the CPAC members to share with him or Rosemary if they have a presentation, speaker or subject that would like to learn more about at a future CPAC meeting.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business – none

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville FL, 32246