

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 10, 2018 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members:

Queens Harbour POA - Dr. Ramsey Salem – Chair
Clifton Civic Association - Melody Shacter - Vice Chair
Arlington Business Society – Mike Anania
Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis
Covington Creek HOA – Lenore Hanapel
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Harley Herndon
Hawkins Cove HOA – Kristopher Edewaard
Hickory Creek HOA – Nell DeCoursey
Hickory Creek HOA – Lennette Hauver
Ibis Point Owners Association – Nina Pougiouklidis
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
Osprey Point HOA – Amita Agnihotri
Queens Harbour POA – Will Messer
River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA – Larry Belge
The Valley at Hidden Hills – John Roberts
Waterleaf HOA – Vida McCullough

Excused:

Caroline Forest Homeowners Assoc. – Kacy Evans
Charter Point Community Association – Bob Barletta
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Ben Tucker

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 1- Joyce Morgan
City Council District 3 Aide – Carol Brock
FDOT – Derek Dixon
FDOT – Hampton Ray
JPL – Michael Sullivan
JSO – Lt. Rickie Valentine
Neighborhoods – Code Compliance – Thomas Register
Neighborhoods – Code Compliance – Michael Chao
Neighborhoods – Robert Ownby
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
Planning & Development – Connie Patterson
Public Works – Steve Long

Guests:

T.R. Hainline – LIV Development
Timothy McEachel – LIV Development
Valerie Britt – Pablo Point Civic Association
Kathy Brown – Pablo Point Civic Association
Mary Billotti – Pablo Point Civic Association
Patricia Hairston – Pablo Point Civic Association
Malorie Callaster – Pablo Point Civic Association
Reneshia Moore
Rachel Baskin – JU Nursing
Kelsey Hoffman – JU Nursing
Hunter Whitty – JU Nursing
Remington Rhoden – JU Nursing
Angela Lay – JU Nursing
Carson Tranquille

Call to Order/Verify Quorum- Chair Salem called the September 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 July and August 2018 meeting summaries were approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): Hampton Ray, Public Information Officer, PIO, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) informed the CPAC about the North Florida Express Lanes and the First Coast Expressway.

Mr. Ray defined the term express lanes as a separate set of lanes within an existing highway system that are proactively managed to meet evolving traffic patterns and demands. There is a variable toll rate, called dynamic tolling to use the express lanes; the existing traffic lanes will remain toll-free. The first express lanes to open in Jacksonville are located on I-295 from the Buckman Bridge to I-95. The express lanes are expected to be completed in Fall 2018.

Additional express lanes are currently under construction on I-295 beginning at State Road 202 (J. Turner Butler Blvd or JTB) south to I-95. Construction of this phase is expected to be completed in late 2019.

FDOT is currently planning to add express lanes on I-95 starting near the Fuller Warren Bridge and ending at State Road 202 (J. Turner Butler Blvd or JTB). Construction for this phase is expected to begin in 2023.

The last set of express lanes that FDOT is currently working on in Duval County is currently in the study phase. The area included in the study phase is on I-295, starting at State Road 202 (J. Turner Butler Blvd or JTB) traveling north on I-295 and crossing over the Dames Point Bridge.

The First Coast Expressway (FCE) is a new, multi-lane limited access, all-electronic toll road that will connect I-95 in St. Johns County to I-10/Beaver Street in Duval County. The first segment of the FCE is currently under construction in Duval and Clay counties.

The second segment of FCE will begin at State Road 21 and head south and east to an area south of State Road 16 by the St. Johns River. Construction will begin in Middleburg and Green Cove Springs in January 2019.

The third segment of FCE will include a new bridge to cross the St. Johns River (near the current Shands Bridge) and connect with I-95. Construction for this segment is schedule to start in 2023.

For both the Express Lane and FCE, cash is not accepted on toll roads. All tolls will be billed/paid for electronically. FDOT will use the SunPass or the TOLL-BY-PLATE system on different roads.

The SunPass will be used on all the express lanes added to I-295 and customers will pay lower toll rates. The amount that will be charged to use the express lanes will fluctuate based on traffic congestion. If you drive in an express lane without a SunPass the driver will be billed a \$25.00 violation charge for each day of usage without the SunPass.

The TOLL-BY-PLATE system will be used on the FCE. FCE customers will pay a higher toll rate and are invoiced an administration fee and are billed by mail. It was mentioned that the TOLL-BY-PLATE system may be phased out in the future.

Mr. Ray clarified that the Sun Pass is a prepaid toll program. The SunPass works on all Florida toll roads and most bridges. The SunPass can also be used on Georgia and North Carolina toll roads. The SunPass is available at a variety of stores. To learn more about the SunPass, please visit www.SunPass.com.

For additional information about toll roads, express lanes and road projects, please call the FDOT Public Information Office at 904-831-FDOT or visit www.nflroads.com

Elected Officials Report:

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

- The International Coastal Cleanup will take place on September 15, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at our area beaches. For more information or to volunteer call 255-8250.
- On September 12, 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 September 24, 2018 at The Freedom Church, 5454 Arlington Expressway, 32211 at 6:00 pm.
- ChenMed, a leading primary healthcare provider, has opened three new Dedicated Senior Medical Centers in Jacksonville. One of the locations opened in Arlington/Regency area; and it is called Dedicated Senior Medical Center it is located at 9422 Arlington Expressway, 32225; (this is near the Olive Garden and Sketchers Outlet).

This medical facility will offer preventive healthcare services, offer courtesy transportation, on-site specialists, and medication dispensing.

- On September 7, 2018 the Grand Rose Ballroom held their grand opening at their new location 9222 Arlington Expressway, 32225 (near Long Horn Steak House and Rooms to Go). The Grand Rose Ballroom is a new venue that can be rented to host corporate events, private events and receptions.
- The new Jackson Commons apartments located at 3631 University Boulevard North is in the final stages of completion.

Carol Brock, District 3 Executive Council Aide provided the following updates:

- Council President Bowman hosted a public meeting on August 15, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at Alimacani Elementary School to discuss the Jacksonville Armada Soccer Team making the fields at Patton Park their permanent home field. The attendees at the meeting expressed mixed opinions on the subject. No plans have been confirmed at this time.
- The splash pad at Abyss Park is expected to be completed by the end of September 2018.
- Public Works will be conducting a traffic study on Alden Road between St. Johns Bluff Road and Kernan Boulevard.
- Construction at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and JoAndy Road is expected to start soon.
- Council President Bowman will host a public meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:30 pm at Alimacani Elementary School to discuss the potential rezoning of property located north of Atlantic Boulevard near the Intracoastal Waterway (RE# 167141-0900).

- **Staff Reports:**

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

- In the last 30 days violent crime is down 5.56% and property crime is down 17.12% in Zone 2.
- Local curfew for juveniles (17 years old and younger) is 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday nights. On Friday and Saturday nights curfew is at midnight.
- 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.
- As hurricane season approaches the most active time of the season, everyone was encouraged to download the JaxReady app as part of their hurricane preparedness plan.

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

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

Duval County Public Schools – not in attendance

Jacksonville Public Library – Michael Sullivan provided the following updates:

- Community Conversation: Restoration of Rights for Florida Felons will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Westconnett Regional Library.
- Kristina McNorris, New York Times and USA Today Best Selling Author will be at the Pablo Creek Regional Library on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm to discuss her latest novel. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
- Community Conversation: Reflections on 50 Years of Consolidation will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 7-8:30 pm at the Beaches Branch Library. The panel of community leaders will feature Bill Gulliford, City Council Member, District 13; Matt Carlucci, Former City Council Member, Walter Dickinson, Former City Council Member; Robert Johnson, Former City Council Member and Walter Williams, former City Council Member.

Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance Division) – Thomas Register introduced himself as the new Code Compliance Supervisor for the Greater Arlington Beaches District. Mr. Register provided a report that contained the following statistics for the GAB District: Fiscal year to date Code Compliance has completed 18,646 inspections in the GAB District. Systematic inspections completed and amount of cases: Alderman Park – 128 cases; Arlington – 475 cases; Arlington Hills – 247 cases; Arlington Manor – 84 cases; Arlingwood – 105 cases; Glynlea/Grove Park – 350 cases; Lake Lucina – 100 cases; Sandalwood – 141 cases; Southside Estates – 163 cases; St. Nicholas – 61 cases and Woodland Acres – 401 cases.

Thomas Register, 255-7290 or tregister@coj.net

Neighborhoods Department – Office of the Director – Robert Ownby provided information to the CPAC about the Foreclosure Intervention Program. The Foreclosure Intervention Program is a program that can assist homeowners who live in Duval County who are behind on their mortgage and are trying to prevent foreclosure. The home owner must apply now (before September 30, 2018) for Foreclosure Intervention Program. The program is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Foreclosure Intervention Providers will determine if you are eligible for mortgage assistance or modification. If approved by a Foreclosure Intervention Provider, eligible applicants will receive assistance with budgeting, credit and financial literacy counseling. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$8,500 to bring their mortgage current, complete a mortgage modification and/or to refinance their existing adjustable rate mortgage to a fixed-rate mortgage.

The Neighborhoods Matching Grant Program will be offered again. The Matching Grant Program is designed to give financial assistance to registered neighborhood organizations who are interested in reducing blight within their neighborhood and ultimately enhance their community.

Mr. Ownby stated that a neighborhood organization, civic organization or community group that is located within Duval County and has been in existence for at least six months may apply for a grant up to \$5,000. Matching funds or donations must equal or exceed the amount of the funds requested through the program. Qualifying matches include cash, sweat equity, volunteer labor hours and in-kind donations such as building supplies and materials. The next cycle of grant applications release for the 2018 Matching Grant Cycle will be in early September 2018. The Neighborhoods Department will host a series of workshops that will assist interested neighborhood organizations with the matching grant application process. The workshops are not required but are highly recommended. All workshops will be held in training room 110 on the first floor of the Ed Ball Building located at 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202 at 6:00 p.m.; dates for the works shops will be announced when the new applications become available.

Planning & Development Department – Connie Patterson stated the new orange and purple zoning signs will have QR codes on them. This will enable the public to review/research the project rather quickly using a smart phone or tablet. If the sign does not have a QR Code you can still research the project online, but you will need the zoning number. The zoning number is on the sign; the number will begin with a Z and have 4 digits after it. Once you have this number, visit www.jaxzoningapplication@coj.net; enter the zoning number and you will be able to review the application.

Connie Patterson, 255-7822 or Constancep@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long stated the Public Works Department has presented their upcoming budget to City Council. In the budget, Public Works has requested funding to purchase a new Vac-Con. A Vac-Con is a piece of equipment that is used to clean local sewers for leaves, pine needles and trash. Mr. Long encouraged all that live near a sewer to please remove any plant material or trash that may have washed onto the sewer drain covers. It is important to keep our drains flowing unobstructed, especially during our heavy summer rains and hurricane season. Public Works is very busy repairing pot-holes and cave-ins on our streets. Call 630-CITY to report any roadway repairs needed. Public Works is also focusing on building new sidewalks on existing roads. Their first priority is to add sidewalk along roadways that have mission segments of sidewalks. If you are aware of an area that has a missing sidewalk segment, please call 630-CITY and report it.
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 eight applications and two motions were made.

Denial of Ordinance E-18-77 at 0 Arlington Expressway (between Seabrook Parkway and Arlington Road North). This application is an exception request to allow a building trades contractor outside storage. The GAB CPAC made the following observations: The site is very close to a residential neighborhood and will adversely impact them; there is already an existing traffic concern near the intersection; the site is in violation and the approval will condone that violation; the provision in the Zoning Code conditions, there is insufficient space to comply with Part 4 of the Zoning Code conditions; there is concern for ingress/egress onto Larkin Road and there is considerable non-conforming outside storage along the roadway that has contributed to the decline of the neighborhood and blight.
The full CPAC voted to unanimously deny this application.

Opposition to Sign Waiver Ordinance SW-18-05 2490 Monument Road. This application is a request to decrease the setback from 10 feet to 3 feet as a concern for large trucks ingress/egress that may damage the sign. The GAB CPAC observed that the application provides questionable justification for why the site cannot be developed according to the Zoning Code and Land Development criteria. Approval of this request would compound the existing traffic distraction and visual clutter.
The full CPAC voted to unanimously deny this application.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge encouraged the CPAC to check all of your trees and shrubs around your home to make sure they will not damage your home during, storms or high winds.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – not present for report.

Membership – vacant

Neighborhoods – Melody Shacter – no report

Transportation – Will Messer - no report

Ad-Hoc Committees:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – John Roberts stated the TRUE Commission is currently looking at deferred maintenance in area parks. Details will be forthcoming.

North Florida TPO – Will Messer stated the NFTPO is embarking on a large range plan; a survey from NFTPO will be coming soon.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that:

- The GAB CPAC October and November meeting dates will not fall on the second Tuesday of the month. The October meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018 and the November meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2018.
- 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.

Chairs Report – Ramsey Salem informed the CPAC that the CPAC meet with the Duval County Public Schools staff and/or board.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business – none

Public Comment - none

Motion to Adjourn

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