

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 10, 2019 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members:

Queens Harbour POA – Ramsey Salem – Chair
Clifton Civic Association - Melody Shacter - Vice Chair
Beachwood Civic Association – Shelia Litwhiler
Caroline Forest Homeowners Assoc. - Kacy Evans
Charter Point Community Association – Bob Barletta
Charter Point Community Association – Patricia Sanders
Covington Creek HOA – Lenny Hanapel
Covington Creek HOA – Joan Becker
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Harley Herndon
Hawkins Cove – Kristopher Edewaard
Hickory Creek HOA – Nell DeCoursey
Hickory Creek HOA – Lennette Hauver
Ibis Point Owners Association – Nina Pougiouklidis
Kensington Association – Tim Keeley
Monument Oaks HOA - Eddi Parsons
Old Arlington Inc. – Peter Mione
Old Mill Cove Community Organization – Jerry Petoskey
Osprey Point HOA – Amita Agnihotri
Queens Harbour POA – Will Messer
Waterleaf HOA – Justine Wadyko

Excused:

Arlington Business Society – Mike Anania
Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis
River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA – Larry Belge
The Valley at Hidden Hills – John Roberts
The Valley at Hidden Hills – Barbara Roberts
The Woods Community Association – James Blanche
Waterleaf HOA – Vida McCullough

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 1, Chester Aiken, ECA
FDOT – Derek Dixon
JFRD – Justin Pickett
JPL – Jackie Spiritas
JSO – Lt. Buoye
Neighborhoods Department – Stephanie Burch
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Dennis Steele
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
Planning and Development – Connie Patterson
Public Works – Steve Long
DCPS – Sharwonda Peeks

Guests:

Linsey Dunn - UNF
Jerusalem Bereket - UNF
Eloise Visda - UNF
Andre' Boutte – Hickory Creek HOA

Call to Order/Verify Quorum- Chair Salem called the June 2019 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 2019 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): Kortney Wesley, District Director for Congressman Al Lawson, provided a professional overview for Congressman Lawson. Congressman Lawson was re-elected for a second term in November 2018 and sworn-in January 3, 2019, Lawson represents Florida's 5th Congressional District. In Congress, the 5th Congressional District covers all or parts of eight North Florida counties spanning from Gadsden County in the west to Duval County in the east. Before serving as a congressman, Al Lawson has served the people of Florida for 28 years in the state legislature as a member of the Florida House of Representative and the Florida Senate. The congressman currently serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Agriculture Committee.

Kortney Wesley introduced herself as a Jacksonville native and informed the CPAC members that she serves Congressman Lawson as his District Director. As a District Director Ms. Wesley is responsible to directly supervise district office staff; carry out responsibilities in accordance with office policy and applicable laws; train district office employees; plan, assign and direct work; address complaints; and resolve problems for Congressman Lawson. Ms. Wesley offered to assist

CPAC members with any federal issues that they may be facing. Some of the federal issues Ms. Wesley can assist with are: assistance with military paperwork; assistance with military burials; IRS returns and passports.

Ms. Wesley informed the CPAC about the Congressional App Challenge 2019. The Congressional App Challenge (CAC) is an effort to encourage middle and high school students to learn how to write/code computer language through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their district. Students need to register by September 15, 2019. The apps students create can be a game, an app to solve a problem or to educate; there are no limits to the type of apps that the students can create and submit. To learn more about this program, please visit: <http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/>. If a student has questions they can email their questions to: studentsupport@congressionalappchallenge.us

To reach Kortney Wesley: O: (904) 354-1652 Ext 2004 C: (904) 510-4114 F: (904)379-0309

Elected Officials Report:

Chester Aikens, City Council District 1 ECA – on behalf of Council Member Morgan, Mr. Aikens shared the following updates:

- Council Member Morgan will hold her next Town Hall meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019, 6:00 pm at Destination Church, 88 Arlington Road North, 32211. There will be a discussion about the proposed turbo roundabout at the University Boulevard N and Merrill Road intersection.
- City Council is entering a transition time as newly elected members are starting their terms on city council and other members are ending their terms on city council.

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Bouye announced that overall crime in Zone 2 is down. There was a slight increase in violent crime and auto burglaries. The violent crime calls have mostly been domestic battery calls. On Memorial Day JSO received two calls for domestic battery for one family gathering just hours apart. The auto burglaries have mostly occurred on or near Monument Road. Most of the vehicles burglarized have been left unlocked. Lieutenant Bouye stressed the 9:00 pm Routine and encouraged everyone to not leave valuables, money, wallets and guns in their vehicles unattended.

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

JFRD (Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department) – Justin Pickett, Fire District Chief Suppression 56 informed the CPAC he did not have a formal report for the CPAC, but he did want to announce that JFRD does not collect expired medication. Please do not bring or drop off unwanted or expired medication at fire stations.

Jacksonville Public Library – Jackie Spiritas, provided the following updates:

- The Hi \$5 For Reading Campaign is underway. The Hi \$5 Campaign was designed to keep children reading over the summer. It is shown that without reading and math during the summer, children can lose one to two months of learning.
- JPL will offer Countdown to Summer Learning again this year. Countdown to Summer Learning is a summer reading program for children and adults alike. When you check out books at the public library, please remember to get your bookmark from the adult or children's desk. Once you read for 15 minutes a day for five consecutive days you can turn in your bookmark for a prize or save up your bookmarks for a larger prize at the end of summer. For more information, visit your local library.

- The Jacksonville Public Library's Summer Reading Program will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. This June and July, all ages can read and explore a number of fun activities at their local libraries, including a myriad of space-themed activities.
- End of Life Options and Care Panel Discussion on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library in Community Room A. A panel of experts and counselors from Hardage-Giddens Aging True and Hospice will be on hand to discuss end of life care and options. Light refreshments will be provided.
Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

FDOT – Derek Dixon provided the following updates:

- The First Coast Expressway (FCE, SR 23) is a multi-lane, limited access toll road that, once completed, will cross parts of Duval, Clay and St. Johns counties. The first stretch of the FCE connects I-10 with Blanding Boulevard to the south and is now open. Since the FCE opened, drivers have been allowed to use the road toll-free. However, Mr. Dixon encouraged drivers who use the road to acquire a SunPass transponder device as soon as possible. FDOT has established the toll rates. The SunPass rates will be much lower than the TOLL-BY-PLATE rates. To use the expressway, vehicles will pass through electronic toll gantries without stopping. The gantries will contain an electronic system that will either detect the vehicle's SunPass transponder device or scan the vehicle's license plate for a TOLL-BY-PLATE invoice in the mail. To learn more about the First Coast Expressway please visit: www.firstcoastexpressway.com/
- Mr. Dixon provided a copy of the twenty page Construction Project Status Report. This included all the current FDOT road projects in Duval County.
- Mr. Dixon answered a number of questions in regard to where to buy a SunPass transponder and how the transponder works.

Neighborhoods Department – Director Stephanie Burch announced an ordinance was passed unanimously by City Council to ban simulated gambling devices at adult arcades and/or internet cafés. Businesses with machines that do not have licenses or a Certificate of Use (COU) will be shut down immediately. COJ staff started targeting the businesses that are operating without a COU today. Licensed business will have six months from August 1 to get rid of the machines. Currently, 200 businesses have been identified as using simulated gambling devices and it is expected that this list will grow. JSO is working with city staff to identify all businesses with these types of gambling devices.

City Hall turns into Kitty Hall on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, from 10 am to 3 pm with Animal Care and Protective Services hosting a pet adoption event inside the atrium at City Hall. City Hall is located at 117 W. Duval Street, 32202.

Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance Division) – Dennis Steele announced in the past three weeks the Zone 2 Code Compliance team has completed 1,354 inspections. There were 265 residential maintenance issues, 127 junk vehicles, 578 nuisance violations. Code Compliance is currently wrapping up a systematic inspection in the North Beach/Mayport community. So far, the North Beach/Mayport systematic inspection has generated 182 new cases; 112 are nuisance violations, 30 junk vehicles and 21 residential maintenance issues.
Dennis Steele, 255-7041 or dsteele@coj.net

Planning & Development Department – Connie Patterson stated the Arlington CRA Overlay completed the first hearing last Thursday and has now moved out of the Planning Commission.
Connie Patterson, 255-7822 or Constancep@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long made the following announcements:

- Public Works is proactively working to eliminate/minimize flooding.
- Do not put anything down the storm drains.
- Call 630-CITY to report any blocked storm water drains.
- Reminded everyone to start preparing for hurricane season. Plan and prepare for your home, family and pets.
- Public Works is working proactively to clear drainage ditches.
- If you see an issue, please call 630-CITY to report.

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 led the LUZ Subcommittee meeting. The three applications that they reviewed contained an application to open a veterinary office in a closed business near the BJ's Wholesale Club on Atlantic Boulevard. The other two applications were in the Mayport area; the applications are to build on two vacant lots. No actions or motions were made.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – not present

Environment – Lad Hawkins – not present

Membership – vacant

Transportation – Will Messer – no report

Ad-Hoc Committees:

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – John Roberts – not present

North Florida TPO – Will Messer – no report

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that: The Neighborhood Services Office will offer training in August 2019 for Roberts Rules of Order, Condo Association Board Training and Homeowner/Townhome Owner Board Association Training. As soon as information for the training classes is available the details will be provided.

Chairs Report – Chair Salem reminded the CPAC that we are half way through the year and this is his last term as CPAC Chair. He encouraged the CPAC membership to think about who they would like to nominate as a Chair and Vice Chair. Vice Chair Shacter is unavailable to serve as the GAB CPAC Chair in 2020. At the August 2019 GAB CPAC meeting, the CPAC will form a Nomination Subcommittee. The Nomination Subcommittee will need a minimum of three CPAC members to serve on the subcommittee. The GAB CPAC Nomination Subcommittee will hold the elections for the 2020 GAB CPAC Chair and Vice Chair at the November 18, 2019 meeting.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

Public Comment:

GAB CPAC Member Nell DeCoursey shared with the CPAC that her HOA has been facing a lot of challenges due to MRTA (Marketable Record Tax Act) which is found in Sections 712.01 to 712.11, Florida Statutes. MRTA was revised in 2018. According to Ms. DeCoursey, the revision of this 1963 law applies to HOA's that have not updated their governing documents and the community is over 30 years old. It was stated that those covenants and restrictions cannot be enforced as they are expired from the "root date" of the documents being recorded back to the date the community was built. Ms. DeCoursey provided copies of printed materials she researched to share with the CPAC. Other CPAC members acknowledged their association has addressed the impact of MRTA and other CPAC members stated they would review their association documents.

Vice Chair Melody Shacter announced the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful (KJB) Commission is actively looking for commissioners. If you are interested in serving on this commission, please see Vice Chair Shacter or contact Dan Durbec at 255-8276 or ddurbec@coj.net.

A couple of CPAC members raised the question about what items can and cannot be placed in the COJ recycling cans. There were questions in regard to our recycling procedures and where the recycled materials end up.

CPAC Member Nell DeCoursey informed the CPAC that their association just restored their weirs and repaired erosion on the banks of their retention pond(s). Ms. DeCoursey shared information in regard to the companies they used to complete the repairs.

Motion to Adjourn

**The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm
at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville FL, 32246**