



**RENEW ARLINGTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
ADVISORY BOARD**

City Hall at St. James
117 West Duval Street, 2nd Floor, Conference Room 2C
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 3:30 p.m.

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

MEETING MINUTES

Location: City Hall at St. James, located at 117 West Duval Street, 2nd Floor, Conference Room 2C, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Advisory Board Members Present; Steven Berry-Chairman, Ronald Salem, Matthew Tuohy

Advisory Board Members Absent: Randy Goodwin, Ann Burt, Danyuell Newkirk, Jim Tullis

Others Present: Kirk Wendland-Executive Director, Karen Nasrallah-Redevelopment Manager, John Crescimbeni-Council Vice President, Jessica Baker-Mayors Office, Angie Slayton-Administrative Support, Jim Gilmore-IGS, Taylor Meija-IGS, Chief Derrick Mitchell-JSO, Gary Roberts-MCCD, Bryan Mosier-MCCD, Mike Chao

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Berry called the Renew Arlington Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the January 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

THERE WAS NOT A QUORUM FOR THIS MEETING.

Pending approval of January 11, 2017 minutes entered for the next meeting.

III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed Tire Legislation

Councilmember Crescimbeni stated that the proposed tire legislation will be updated to say all businesses must store tires in an enclosed structure. Tires will no longer be able to be stored outside. Current businesses will have five years to comply with this legislation once it is enacted. New businesses will be expected to comply with this rule beginning upon their opening. There are currently more than 400 tire dealers in Jacksonville.

- Dr. Salem questioned if lawsuits would become inevitable due to this legislation.

- Councilmember Crescimbeni replied they do expect some litigation towards the end of the final year in 2022.

Public Safety Report

Officer Derrick Mitchell discussed the last 12 month statistics in the Renew Arlington area. Incidents include:

107 auto burglaries, 89 residential burglaries, 67 aggravated battery, 47 business burglaries, 26 independent robberies, 10 sexual battery, 6 home invasions, 3 business robberies, 3 carjackings, 1 murder.

Some of the top locations are:

Casa Del Rio Apartments, Middle Pines Apartments, Caroline Square Apartments, Justina Apartments, River City Landing, Arco Place and Speedway Apartments.

Officer Mitchell stated the Rental Housing Ordinance that has been proposed will require registration of building owners as well as registration of the manager/management company. Apartments have a large turnover for managers/management companies. The Ordinance, if passed, will assist the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) as well as Code Compliance and other city offices to enforce rules.

- Several Council Members are supportive of this proposed Ordinance.

There is a large amount of juvenile crime at this time. There are multiply repeat offenders. JSO and the Department of Juvenile Justice are working together to enforce curfews and home checks.

- Mr. Tuohy asked if resources for more officers and other resources are available or becoming available.
 - Officer Mitchell advised new resources are becoming available.
 - He also stated that the key to success is getting the community to work as one to help crack down on the crimes in these areas.
 - Asked for support of the proposed Rental House Ordinance.
 - Ms. Nasrallah advised there are 12 apartment complexes, 937 units inside the Renew Arlington CRA and each one of them are owned by someone located out of state without good contact information.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Mosier advised Code Enforcement has been involved in the meetings with JSO and City Council. He thinks the proposed Rental Ordinance would be beneficial to the Code

Enforcement Officers. About a year and a half ago, Code Enforcement visited the top 40 JSO hotspots and reviewed them. Most involved apartments.

The largest issue inside the CRA for Code Enforcement is the zoning. He is aware that the CRA is trying to have the zoning changed and there are hopes that with new legislation they will be able to help clean up the Arlington area. They receive numerous complaints of merchandise displayed outside, however due to the CCG2 zoning, this is allowed.

- Mr. Tuohy asked if the old Thunderbird Motel (Bethelite) in compliance?
 - Mr. Roberts advised there are only a few issues with the property, however, they have been cited recently.
- Changing the zoning requirements in the Overlay would have a great impact.
- Mr. Roberts will provide a list of active issues in this area.
- A copy of the proposed Rental Ordinance will also be provided.

CRA Overlay Updates

Mr. Tuohy provided information from the first Ad Hoc meeting on May 2, 2017. Ms. Nasrallah provided an overview of the Renew Arlington CRA to the Ad Hoc committee at this meeting.

- Mr. Tuohy advised the Overlay does not change the basic zoning.
 - Example: something that began as CCG2 will end as CCG2.
- The overlay gives guidance and allows for the performance of zoning.
 - The overlay allows for changes to be made.
- The next Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be May 16, 2017.
- Dr. Salem asked what the overlay would do to improve the look of the tire shops.
 - Mr. Tuohy replied the overlay could not stop the owner from using the property as they wanted, however, it can define the owners performance standards.
- Dr. Salem requested that Mayport Road be used as an example when proposing the new regulations to the Arlington area.

2017-2018 Budget/Project Funding Recommendations

Mr. Wendland stated to the Advisory Board that the budget would need to be voted on at the June meeting to be able to be reviewed by the CRA Agency Board, the Finance Committee and then City Council. Ms. Nasrallah reviewed the budget handout from Fiscal Year 16/17 and compared it with the Fiscal Year 17/18 budget. An estimated \$695,350 will need to be allocated to authorized projects.

- Ms. Nasrallah discussed the potential for grants for FDOT funding and included a copy of the potential grant. Also included were the requirements to qualify for the grants.
 - Traffic study- cost estimate \$10,000 to \$15,000 dollars.

- Ms. Nasrallah also discussed the FDOT Mast Arms project. The Mast Arms along SR 109 from Los Santos to Merrill Road are to be replaced with span wire. We requested this project be placed on hold. In order to keep the Mast Arms, the City of Jacksonville will have to absorb the cost of an estimated \$800,000 for replacement within three to four years.
- A Storm Water Management Study will need to be undertaken. It could be considered for this years' budget. Cost is around \$100,000.
- Façade Loan Program- Councilwoman Morgan supports this program and would like to see it travel with the Zoning Overlay. It would not be implemented until Zoning Overlay is completed.

Mr. Wendland advised the Advisory Board members the FY 16/17 budget of \$252,013 has to be earmarked before the end of the fiscal year. The programs/studies that Ms. Nasrallah mentioned would be an option for some of the funds to keep the entire budget from being swept to the City General Fund.

- It was recommended to complete the Stormwater and the Traffic studies and earmark the remainder to Phase II.

The Office of Economic Development with draft a budget that will include:

- A traffic study need for the FDOT Grant
- A stormwater study
- The Façade Loan program
- Allocate remaining budget, as needed
 - If allocated to Phase II, what happens if not completed within the time frame?

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Update on HB 13 and SB 1330

Ms. Baker advised House Bill 13 passed with amendments. However, it did not pass as Senate Bill 1330 legislation. Ms. Baker believes the House Bill will come back up next year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report on.

VI. BOARD LIAISON UPDATES

There were no liaison board updates

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Berry adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Next Renew Arlington CRA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments of this meeting, an audio file of the meeting is available in its entirety and is available upon request. Please contact Angie Slayton at (904) 630-1858, or by email at aslayton@coj.net.