

# District #2 – Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Michael Anania

Vice Chair: Jerry Petoskey

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport

DATE: Monday, February 10, 2014

### Attendance:

#### **Organizations/Representatives**

#### **Members:**

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society  
Barletta, Robert, Charter Point Community Association  
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA  
Blanche, James, The Woods Community Association  
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association  
Henry, David, Kensington Association  
Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove HOA  
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA  
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association  
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods HOA  
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place  
Miller, Pete, Indian Springs Community Association  
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA  
Petoskey, Jerry, Old Mill Cove Community Org  
Pougiouklidis, Nina, Ibis Point Owners Association  
Roberts, John, The Valley at Hidden Hills  
Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Condo Association  
Sprague, Scott, Old Arlington Inc.  
Swanner, Lamar, Covington Creek HOA  
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

#### **Excused:**

Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1  
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington  
Huffines, Carroll, Mayport Village Civic Association  
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association  
Saadeh, Mary Anne, Oak Haven Preservation Association  
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA

#### **Elected Officials:**

**Staff:** Roman, Dave; Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Lancaster, Elaine; Amy, Robert, LT; Simmons, Shaniqua;  
Wesolowski, Rosemary

#### **Guests:**

Lampp, Gene FDOT  
Phillips, Robert  
Gillem, Tiffany, JAA/JAXEX

Danford, Joyce  
Hipps, Alberta, JAA  
Anderson, Rick

### 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair, Michael Anania, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Before Chair Anania started the meeting he inquired if all of the CPAC members had the opportunity to read the opening prayer that was emailed to all the members. It was established that all in attendance had read the prayer. The group further discussed the appropriateness of the prayer and if they wanted to use it to start each meeting. A motion was made and seconded; the CPAC voted 16 to 2 to start the meeting with the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed on our nation. We, the members of the GAB CPAC and guests are especially appreciative for the privilege of free assembly. May we listen with open Hearts and minds to the opinion of today's speakers. Bless us to your service.

The meeting began with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

Chair Anania verified that there was a quorum. Then Chair Anania made a motion to approve the January 2014 meeting summary; Pete Miller seconded the motion and the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

### 3. Staff Reports

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Amy provided an update to a concern that was brought up at the January meeting; there was a concern that a shed in a backyard on Dibble Street was being used to offer prostitution. The Vice Unit (of JSO) worked the area several times and stated that there is no one in or using the shed. While watch the reported house/shed, JSO did make a prostitution arrest at a different house nearby. Due to this information, JSO was able to make this prostitution arrest and JSO hopes that we continue to share our concerns with them. Lt. Amy went on to report that there has not been a lot of crime in Zone 2 outside of some cell phone stores that have been broken into. The cell phone store thieves are stealing phones and selling them on Craigslist. Some of the phones are dummy phones and when the unsuspecting buyer purchases the dummy phone they have gotten upset and called JSO to report the incident.

Lt. Amy had several questions from the group:

*What is up with the teenagers involved in playing the knock out game at the Hess gas station on Merrill Road?* Lt. Amy informed the group that the gentleman at the Hess station was not knocked out, but was punched pretty hard. JSO is working to obtain video from the gas station and surrounding stores. JSO feels that they have some good pictures and they are working with schools in the area to try and identify the youths.

*Southern Grove Condominiums has a club house that they would like to offer to JSO as a stop station.* Lt. Amy stated that they are only allowed so many stop stations in each subsector. JSO wants the officers to stay in their cars and be on the streets as much as possible; the officers need to be out seeing and observing, not in a building. Southern Grove is having a problem with homeless camps in the area and JSO never drives back into their community. Lt. Amy recommended that Southern Grove call 726-5100 and request an increase of patrol in that area. Also, when you see any vagrants, call and JSO will get a blanket trespass from the association.

*There was an inquiry to a robbery at Merrill and Townsend.* Lt. Amy stated that he has not seen any report on this yet.

- Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman, informed the group that there is a bill (Ordinance 2013-80) before City Council to move fund so they can open a Teen Court. Teen Court is based on the philosophy that a youthful law violator is less likely to continue to offend when a peer jury decides the punishment. Teen Court attempts to interrupt developing patterns of criminal behavior by promoting feelings of self esteem and healthy attitudes toward authority. The program places a high priority on educating teens about citizenship and accepting responsibility for their actions. Teen Court is a diversion program designated for first-time, misdemeanor offenders between the ages of 10 – 17. It gives these juveniles a second chance yet holds them accountable for their actions. The program directs cases away from the juvenile courts and provides a forum for defendants (who have admitted guilt) to explain their involvement in a criminal offense. Specially trained teenagers fulfill the roles of prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, bailiff and jurors. The only adult in this process is the magistrate that presides over courtroom procedures. Magistrates are practicing adult attorneys or judges who supervise the sentence. The defendant along with their parent/guardian signs a contract agreeing to carry out the imposed sentence. If the defendant successfully completes all of the imposed sanctions, adjudication will be withheld, and as a result, there will be no conviction listed on the juvenile's record. The 2014-80 \$55,568 2 part time case monitors and open Neighborhood Accountability Court. This program will begin in Mayport, Sandalwood and Edgewood areas. Next week, information more information will be available about Pension reform.
  - Duval County Public Schools – not present
  - FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Gene Lampp – in for Jim Green. Mr. Lampp informed the group that Jim Green is currently working at the I-10/295/Fuller Warren improvement meeting. Mr. Lampp introduced himself and informed the group that he usually works with aviation; he is contracted to represent FDOT while working with JIA. Mr. Lampp did follow up with a concern from the January meeting in regard to traffic congestion at Monument Road & 295. He informed the group that FDOT is aware of the congestion at that location and they are looking at possible solutions. Mr. Lampp was available for questions.
  - Neighborhoods Department:
    - Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the group that there is free Tax Preparation available at all of the library branches by appointment. AARP and RealSense will be providing the Tax preparation. Contact your local library for an appointment. Old Arlington Inc. will be sponsoring lecture by Dr. Dan Schafer on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the University Park Branch Library. Dr. Schafer is a Professor Emeritus of History at the University of North Florida. He has written several books about North Florida history, including Anna Madgigine Jai Kingsley: African Princess, Florida Slave, Plantation Slaveowner. On Feb 21, 2014 at 3:30 pm, Harlem Globetrotter, Ant Atkins will be at the Main Library for a meet and greet and autographs; great event fort the kids.
  - Municipal Code Compliance Division – Elaine Lancaster is unable to attend the meeting tonight, but if you have any questions or concerns, please share them with Rosemary so she can pass them on the Elaine. There were no questions or concerns.
4. Planning & Development Department – Paul Davis – stated that there has been some discussion about changing the Planning Commission in order to give City Council more time to review the finding from Planning Commission and reduce the gap in the application time before the next CPAC meeting.
  5. Parks Department – Shaniqua Simmons stated that the Fort Caroline pool renovations is currently waiting on a permit; construction should begin by the end of the month. After last

months' meeting, Ms. Simmons had a discussion with her department head about a camera in Bruce Park. Bruce Park was not on the list for a camera, but it has been added.

## 6. Presentation(s):

**Suraya Teeples, JTA, spoke on the BRT East Corridor** – The east corridor includes the east side of Jacksonville in to Arlington. With the BRT, JTA is planning improve routes, improve reliability, add shelter where they are needed, reevaluate bus stop locations and blend services to improve the transportation needs of those in the East Corridor. System is also supposed to reduced travel time, provide more convenient and frequent service, offer transit vehicles with quicker and easier boarding, add exclusive lanes for transit vehicles, add a system to enable traffic signal priority, coordinated neighborhood shuttles and feeder bus system and with the aid of cell phones and apps enhanced transit stop locations with reliable real-time schedule/arrival. The East Corridor Begins at the Rosa Parks Station, travels east on Union Street, over the Mathews Bridge on the Arlington Expressway, past Regency Square Mall on Atlantic and ends to return at San Pablo Road.

**Brad Thoburn, JTA, Blue Print Corridor for Transportation Excellence**, to include elements relative to alternate fuels, improving on-time performance, pilot with next bus, choice riders, transit signal priority, technology of Skyway System, Plan, Regional Transportation Commission, Commuter Service to park n Ride in Clay County as well as opportunities in St. Johns and Nassau Counties and commuter rail planning. However, his primary focus was more on the restructuring of the transit routes. 80% of their changes are expected to be in place by the end of 2014. Mr. Thoburn spoke briefly on the apps that are under development; once the app is completed, riders will be able to use the app for real time route information. There was also some dialogue about routes, the skyway and improvements at the Rosa Parks Station.

7. **Chair's Report** – Chair Anania informed the group that The CPAC Chairs had a meeting with Councilmember Boyer to discuss the Planning Commission. Also, Chair Anania shared his insight that the Consolidated Government Task Force and the members of the JCCI JAX2025 Vision Study weighing in on the role/importance/procedures of CPAC. It was stated that none of the members of either recommending committee is a CPAC member and only one or two had ever attended a CPAC meeting. He also stated that he will be bringing us additional information in regard to Operation Dolphin and their Campaign to revitalize the area around JU.

## 8. Elected Officials Reports –

**Edward Suggs, Aide to Councilmember Kim Daniels** - made a request that all the CPAC members send their concerns or needs in regard to Public Health and safety to Rosemary Wesolowski to compile a list and send it to her.

## 9. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Michael Anania  
The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:30 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed 5 applications and made 4 motions:  
**Approval of Exception E-14-007** of the request to allow 9039 Beach Blvd with the following condition; Any concern by adjoining residential property owners regarding noise and intensity of activities should be respected and addressed through noise buffer or relocation of the play area.  
**Denial of rezoning 2014-098** 14125 Beach Blvd of the request for the following reasons: The increased sign area is excessive and visually intrusive to its surroundings and the rezoning

solely to accommodate the signage is not consistent with the spirit and intent of the sign ordinance.

**Denial of rezoning 2014-061** 8300 Merrill Road of the request for the following reasons: the project would increase traffic in an already congested and confusing interchange.

**Support for rezoning 2014-018** 2200 Mayport Road of the request subject to the following conditions: maximum lot size should be 50 feet wide minimum. Pursuant to the COJ Code of Ordinance Sec. 656.394.1 the site is subject to the Mayport Road Overlay.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Larry Belge – no report
- **Membership** – Patricia Schorr – not present
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report

**Ad-Hoc:**

- **Craig Airport** – David Henry – no report, but stated that Lad Hawkins is working with Councilmember Bishop in regard to the height of the trees along Monument Road. Mr. Henry asked Tiffany Gillem, the manager at Jacksonville Executive provide an update. Ms. Gillem informed the group that JAA is working with Councilmember Bishop about the trees and they are working on creating a natural look. There are 54 trees that will be removed from the Craig property that is currently used by the Golf Course. JAXEX is partnering with P.A.L. to allow 20 kids to come to JAXEX from 3:30 to 5:30 pm M-F to be exposed to aviation. The program began on February 20<sup>th</sup> and will end in May. JAXEX also plans to celebrate Women in Aviation March 3 -9. There will be free flights for young girls to help spark an interest in aviation. Contact Ms. Gillem for additional information.
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – not present
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella Lowe at the last meeting they asked many questions in regard to the NW Trust Fund and they are still waiting on answers. If they do not get answers soon, they will forward their concerns to the Mayor's office and City Council. TRUE reviewed the financials of the Park & Rec Div. Kelly Boree is doing a fine job handling that division. No problems.

**10. Unfinished Business** - none

**11. New Business** –

Pete Miller informed the group that the Zone 2 Safety Fair will be relocated. At this time they have not confirmed a new location.

**12. Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** –

Scott Lara, Manager of Air Sea Travel, Regency Area, shared his concern about the amount of snipe signs. He shared that the proposal of City Council to hire 2 part time employees to work on this problem. He asked the CPAC to send a letter to City Officials asking that letters be sent to all the owners of the sign with the laws regarding signs and quadruple the fines for offenders. He also would like the incentives for signs to go up from .50 per sign to \$1.00 per sign.

Robert Phillips introduced himself as candidate for City Council District 2.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2014 ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport**  
**855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225**