

District #2 – Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Michael Anania

Vice Chair: Jerry Petoskey

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport

DATE: Monday, January 13, 2014

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Agnihotri, Amita, Hawkins Cove HOA
Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Barletta, Robert, Charter Point Community Association
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Condaxis, Maria, Southern Grove Condo Association
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Henry, David, Kensington Association
Hibbard, Sandi, Harbour North Civic Association
Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove HOA
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods HOA
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
Rogers, Dave, Kensington Association
Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Condo Association
Sprague, Scott, Old Arlington Inc.
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

Excused:

Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
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:

Kuhn, Matt, Parsons/FDOT
Rozo, Julian, SCCSE
Lease, Timothy, Arcadis

Tippet, Jessica, FDOT
Hipps, Alberta, JAA
Day, Ramon

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair, Michael Anania, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting began with a moment of silence 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 November 2013 meeting summary; Larry Belge seconded the motion and the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3. Staff Reports

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Amy informed the group that crime is a negative decline in the zone and has maintained that decline even through the holidays. The murders that occurred at the first of the year have been cleared up and JSO is busy solving those crimes. Regency Square Mall was well covered over the holidays and there were no major problems. Currently, Regency Square mall is in transition and the mall will be sold. The buyer will close on the sale soon and the new owners plan to keep it as a mall. It has been suggested that the remaining stores on the west end of the mall will be moved to the east end. The west end of the mall will be redeveloped. Once JSO has firm details on the sale and redevelopment, JSO will share that information with the group. JSO is keeping the Zone 2 substation at the mall.

Member Parsons inquired about the triple shooting at Bruce Park today; will JSO increase attention at the park so it can remain safe for families and the community to go there? Lt. Amy acknowledged that at one time there were problems at Bruce Park, but JSO worked hard to clean it up. He stated that the park is used a lot and on the weekends the pavilions are almost always rented and JSO enforces the amplified sound ordinance. Lt. Amy confirmed that there was a triple shooting there today, but none of the injuries are life threatening and the victims are not cooperating with JSO. He also stated that JSO is working to collect evidence and to question the victims and others that were at the park. This incident is far from being closed by JSO. *Member Petoskey inquired if JSO had plans to put any surveillance cameras in the park?* Lt. Amy confirmed that JaxParks does use cameras, but this park hasn't been a problem so it is not on JaxParks list for a camera. JaxParks is also having a problem with the camera being shot out by the bad guys. JSO continues to monitor and patrol the park at all times of the day and night. *Member Belge inquired how to handle teens that are hanging in the park after dark and smoking pot?* Lt. Amy recommended that they do not interact with the teens, but call JSO and give them the best description that you can and JSO will handle it.

- Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman, informed the group that the Mayport Ferry is back in operation. An app has been developed (type in JaxFerry to find the app). This app is supposed to show you where the ferry is currently at and what direction it is running. This app is expected to assist the commuter. On Friday, January 17, 2014, from 08:00 am - 10:00 am the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast will be held at the Prime F. Osborn Convention Center - 1000 Water St., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Join us as we commemorate the 85th anniversary of Dr. King's birth with a breakfast honoring his life and his dream for social change. To commemorate Dr. King's birth and continue the celebration, the City of Jacksonville will welcome Soledad O'Brien as the keynote speaker. For complete details and ticket prices for the MLK Breakfast call 904-630-3690 or visit events@coj.net. The Pension Task Force meets again on January 21st. The Pension Task Force will have a

recommendation soon (maybe by February). The open negotiations with the Unions will occur after that. *Member Parsons requested that Mr. Roman share with the parks department that there was a shooting in Bruce Park today and she would like to request to have a camera installed at Bruce Park.*

- Duval County Public Schools – not present
 - FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – reported that there will be a public meeting on January 21, 2014 at UNF on the proposed I-295 express lanes (from JTB to 9B). In February there will be a community meeting to discuss the I-95/I-10 improvements. At this meeting there will be discussion about adding a lane that will run down I-10 to approximately Roosevelt Blvd. Mr. Green was available for questions.
 - Neighborhoods Department:
 - Housing and Community Development Division - Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the group that the email that she sent out earlier in the day from JTA in regard to the East Corridor BRT line is to enable everyone to have an opportunity to express their views on the needs of public transit in the GAB area. JTA would really like to hear your feedback. There was a request to determine if the group would like to make any suggestions for guest speakers. There was a request to have someone come and speak about the width of neighborhood roads and the lack of sidewalks. It was determined by various staff members that the size/width of the neighborhood road and the presence of sidewalk is determined by the developer. Sidewalks and street widths are part of the design plan to build when the developer submits his proposed neighborhood plans to the city.
 - Municipal Code Compliance Division – Elaine Lancaster announced that the Code Compliance Division has had some staff to retired and some staff to resign for other careers outside of the City. Lancaster announced that Dennis Steele is currently working as the Acting Supervisor in Zone 1, but she feels that she has enough staff to get the job done for the time being. Member Kline informed Ms. Lancaster that the residence of 1704 West Dibble has 3 sheds in the back that were previously darted. Recently, one of the sheds has been converted back to a bed room and the old activities of suspected prostitution has resumed. The neighbors have called Code Compliance to report the issue again. Ms. Lancaster states that she has to have a visual on the property to be able to act on this. Code compliance has to follow protocol, but in effort to assist, Ms. Lancaster requested that Ms. Kline call her to get the DART number to re-establish an issue as a criminal case with JSO. Lt. Amy asked Ms. Kline to stay after the meeting to provide that information to him.
 - Planning & Development Department – Paul Davis – stated that all new development (since approximately 2005) is required to build sidewalks. The developer has the option to not put in sidewalks, but then must pay into the sidewalk fund. In existing developments there are a lot of gaps with sidewalks. The City has recently hired a new Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator (Denise Chaplick) and she will be working on this problem among other concerns. Ms. Chaplick plans to attend future CPAC meetings. It was encouraged that the group express their concerns when she visits, she will be working on these gap areas. It was also clarified that there are standard development standards and travel lanes can range from 10 to 12 feet wide. The travel lanes are required to have a minimum of 10 feet open to allow the lanes open for emergency vehicles.
4. Parks Department – Shaniqua Simmons stated that the Fort Caroline pool renovations should begin sometime this month; the project should be completed by the start of summer. Ms. Simmons also stated that she took notes about the concerns/requests for Bruce Parks and will share them with her supervisors.

5. Presentation(s):

Ray Farcus, Senior Project Engineer, Parsons Transportation

Mr. Farcus introduced himself and informed the group that he is spearheading the road projects at the Arlington Expressway/University Blvd N. (the new roundabout) and for constructing the new University Blvd. Bridge that leads in and out of the Clifton area.

Construction began in late 2013 (November) to redesign the entrance/exit ramps for the Arlington Expressway and University Blvd. The project will cost \$11.4 million dollars and is expected to be completed by the Fall of 2015.

There will be 3 construction phases:

Phase 1 – Build the temporary bridge and build the roundabout at the Arlington Expressway / University Blvd ramps.

Phase 2 – Demolish existing bridge and construct the new bridge

Phase 3 – Demolish temporary bridge

There will be other roadway improvements along University Boulevard which include:

Constructing a new signalized intersection at Cesery Blvd.; constructing a new intersection at Clifton Ave; constructing a roundabout at the intersection with Colcord Ave.; adding decorative lighting and landscaping at both ends of the new bridge and there will be the addition of pedestrian sidewalk (6.5 feet wide) & bicycle lanes (4 feet wide) on the bridge. It was stated that the new bridge will be 15 feet wider than the current bridge with a traffic light requiring all lanes of traffic to come to a stop before entering or existing onto University / Cesery Boulevards. Both travel lanes of southbound Cesery Blvd. will be used as through traffic lanes.

Mr. Farcas did acknowledge that there would be some impact on local traffic. Farcas stated that detours will be required for construction of the Arlington expressway and university Blvd. ramps and roundabout. The traffic patterns may change a couple of times as construction progresses. On a positive note he stated that no lane closures will be allowed from 6-9 am and from 3 -7 pm; pile driving will only be allowed between 8 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday and pedestrian access will be maintained.

It was also stated that there will be minimal impact to boaters. Boat access will be maintained, a minimum of 2 unobstructed spans will be maintained at all times and the small channel to Watersedge subdivision will also be maintained.

Visual diagrams of the new traffic flow patterns and how the roundabout will function were displayed and discussed. Mr. Farcus also showed artist renditions of how the new bridge will look.

6. Chair's Report – Chair Anania presented the remaining 2013 Subcommittee Chair Appreciation Certificates on behalf of former Chair Schorr. Anania also engaged the group in a discussion in regard to the start of the CPAC meeting. He inquired if the group would like to keep a moment of silence or would we like a non-denomination blessing to start each meeting. The group had some discussion about the type of blessing or if we should have a blessing. Helen Ludwig suggested a blessing that is used in another organization that she is involved with. Ms. Ludwig stated that she would share the blessing with the group and the group could decide how they feel about the blessing.

7. Elected Officials Reports – none

8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Michael Anania

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:00 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed 7 applications and made 3 motions:

Denial of Exception E-13-57 with Companion WLD-13-10 of the request to allow a dancing entertainment establishment with or without alcohol.

Support for Land Use change 2013-0794 and rezoning 2013-0795 at 111 Joeandy Road because the development of the property serves the public interest.

Support for rezoning 2013-0789 at 13429 Atlantic Blvd. AMENDED ~ the CPAC recommends approval of the request for the veterinary clinic subject to removing the following proposed uses from the written description: All permitted uses listed in subsection "B. Other Permitted uses: Office and Limited Retail"

- **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 Mr. Henry asked Tiffany Gillem, the manager at Jacksonville Executive provide an update. Ms. Gillem informed the group that the Ford Tri-Motor airplane would be back at Craig January 23 – 26, 2014. For complete details about the rides visit www.flytheford.com or call 641-8555. Also, improvements have started at the former Mill Cove Golf Course both inside and outside the club house. There will be tree trimming along the fence line at the golf course. On the Monument Road land parcel there will be 54 trees topped. Also, JAA is waiting on feedback from Councilman Bishop on the trees that are to be replanted.
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – not present
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Marcella Lowe was unable to attend, but sent a report: TRUE reviewed the financials of the Park & Rec Div. Kelly Boree is doing a fine job handling that division. No problems.

9. **Unfinished Business** - none

10. **New Business** –

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

Member Pete Miller informed the group that the JSO Safety fair will be held on April 26, 2014 from 10 am – 2 pm; the location is to be determined.

Member Larry Belge stated that his neighborhood will be attending the Smoky Mountain Show featuring James Rogers in concert on Sunday February 9, 2014. Tickets: \$50.00 for adults and \$40.00 for children 12 and under. Ticket price includes: dinner, show and parking. Proceeds from the concert benefit the Falcon Chapter Scholarship Fund. For complete detail call 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com

Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 10, 2014 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
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