

# 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, August 11, 2014

### Attendance:

#### **Organizations/Representatives**

#### **Members:**

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society  
Barletta, Robert, Charter Point Community Association  
Blanche, James, The Woods Community Association  
Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1  
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association  
Henry, David, Kensington Association  
Hibbard, Sandi, Harbour North Civic Association  
Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove HOA  
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA  
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association  
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic 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  
Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Condo Association  
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA  
Shacter, Melody, Clifton Civic Association  
Sprague, Scott, Old Arlington Inc.  
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

#### **Excused:**

Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA  
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington  
Huffines, Carroll – Mayport Village Civic Association  
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place  
Miller, Pete, Indian Springs Community Association

#### **Elected Officials:**

Don Redman, City Councilmember, District 4

**Staff:** Lancaster, Elaine; Lamb, Assistant Chief; Roman, Dave; Wesolowski, Rosemary; Davis, Paul;  
Green, Jim; Hall, Robert; Nasrallah, Karen

#### **Guests:**

Peoples, Belinda- Council District 1

McNeil, Julie – Jax Public Library

Martini, Terry  
Meadows, Hilton  
Hipps, Alberta - JAA  
Gillem, Tiffany - JAA/JAXEX  
George, Shirley - UPCA  
Danford, Joyce - Candidate for City Council D-1

Meadows, Scott  
Aiker, Michael – Arlington Southside  
Bond, Tessie  
Conderman, Laurel - UPCA  
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 prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

Chair Anania verified that there was a quorum and that everyone had the opportunity to review the July meeting summary. Rosemary Wesolowski pointed out that FDOT staff member Jim Green was in attendance, but his name was left off the summary; the name will be added. Marcella Lowe made the motion to approve the July meeting summary as amended; the motion was seconded by Jeanne Kline. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Assistant Chief Lamb** provided an update on the JSO Summer Initiative that was used citywide. Starting on June 6, 2014, Zone 2 had a 12.5% increase in violent crime from last year. Assistant Chief Lamb identified the crime areas and addressed those areas; there has been a 6.6% decrease in violent crime since June and a 4% decrease in property crime. Both are still higher than last year, but they both have gone down. Lamb also stated that the Sheriff has requested 40 additional officers to be added to the budget and the force. It has been stated that they are not going to get the 40 additional officers. At this time, JSO is forced to staff the zones using a supply and demand method; the areas with the most calls to JSO gets the most officers assigned. As the economy improves, crime increases. We are starting to see an increase in the economy and an increase in crime. On a quarterly basis, JSO Crime Analysis looks at the calls for service in each area as well as the response times and how JSO handles the calls. As JSO hires new officers they deploy/assign the officers to the areas that need the help as indicated by Crime Analysis. Traffic fatalities in Zone 2 are up. In 2014, year to date, there have been 23 traffic fatalities in Zone 2; that is compared to 10 for the entire year of 2013. Lamb stated he contributes that to officers having to work calls instead of working traffic stops. JSO is still handling 75% of the crashes in Zone 2; they really miss the CSO's and JSO is looking to add some new CSO's. Assistant Chief Lamb reminded the CPAC to participate in ShAdCo. The next combined ShAdCo meeting will be held on September 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Police Athletic League (PAL); they are having a membership drive.
- **Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman** encouraged JSO not to give up hope yet for funding for the additional officers, since the budget process is just getting underway.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **Regulatory Compliance Department (Code Compliance)**- Elaine Lancaster  
Ms. Lancaster announced that they are receiving a lot of calls/concerns into their division. Currently Code Compliance is back logged. During the "growing season" many calls are in regard to unmaintained property or overgrowth of vegetation. Ms. Lancaster informed the group that she and her team have been working some evening and weekends to catch certain types of violations. It was announced that the Code Compliance Officer have a new tool to help them control the illegal snipe signs. This tool is a Robo-call machine. They

intend to enter in the phone numbers that are listed on the snipe signs and the Robo-call machine will dial the phone numbers over and over. They have only had the machine for one day, but they are hopeful that it proves to be a valuable tool.

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – informed the CPAC that the temporary University Blvd. Bridge has been completed and traffic will be shifted to the temporary bridge on Wednesday, August 13, 2014. On August 28, 2014, FDOT will host a public meeting at 4:00m pm at the Cummer Museum on the I-95/I-10 project.
- **Operation Dolphin** – Karen Nashrallah – informed the CPAC that President Cost is still working hard to get the utilities underground, increase walkability, add bike lanes and improve safety in the area. Ms. Nasrallah did ask the CPAC how much change do you want to see? And will the community be willing to lose a traffic lane to move the utilities, widen the sidewalks and add bike lanes? This did raise a question to what and how many lanes would be lost. It was stated that a traffic study would be needed and funds from the gas tax would be used to help with this project. It was announced that the Operation Dolphin meetings will be open to the public. The next Operation Dolphin meeting will be held on August 27, 2014 at 8:00 am in City Hall.
- **Planning Department:**
  - **Housing and Community Development** – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that the University Park Branch Library is planning to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. There was an inquiry if the CPAC would like a table at the library event for community outreach. The CPAC members stated that they would like a table; the request will be submitted to the library. The CPAC was also reminded that they need to form a Nomination Subcommittee; if anyone is interested in participating; please contact Rosemary.
  - **Planning Department** – Paul Davis stated that he did not have an additional report from the LUZ Subcommittee, but he was available for questions.
  - **Public Works** – Steve Long, Chief of Right of way and Stormwater Management – not present
  - **JaxParks** –Robert Hall informed the group that they have experienced some construction problems at the Fort Caroline Pool and there has been a delay in opening the pool. The pool should be open by the end of August. The project at Rondelle park continues .

#### 4. Presentation(s):

**Cheryl Reddick, JTA** shared the Route Optimization Initiative (ROI) or redesign with the CPAC. The POI is an initiative of the Blueprint 2020, the JTA's five year action plan of transformative initiatives that meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century commuters and create a sustainable transportation network.

The ROI will also modernize the JTA with cutting edge technology, reflect best-in-class transportation solutions, enhance the customer experience and optimize taxpayers' return on investment. There will also be a number of improvements to the JTA Oracal system.

The ROI was developed to redesign the routes to better serve our current demands and to improve the riders experience. Riders will see the following improvements: improving on-time service, increasing bus service frequency, decreasing customers' travel time, implementing new signage program, adding shelter stop amenities, coordinating schedules for more convenient transfers, offering real time passenger information about bus arrival times and creating more direct routes. The schedules and route changes will be implemented by fall 2014.

JTA is also improving their fleet of buses; there are adding more buses that use natural gas to cut costs and do their part to improve the environment. The Para-transit system will also see improvements; this system will now be based on the Easter Seals Model and it should improve transit time.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Anania made an inquiry with the CPAC members to seek approval to make a change in the meeting agenda in regard to the Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport report. The change would eliminate the Craig Airport Ad Hoc Subcommittee and have the Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport Manager, Tiffany Gillem, provide a report during the Staff Report section of the agenda. The CPAC members agreed to this change and it will be implemented in the September agenda. Chair Anania confirmed that he has been attending the Operation Dolphin Meetings as well as the Budget Committee meetings.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** – Councilmember Redman stated that he did not have an official report, but informed the CPAC that he is busy working on the budget. Redman also stated that he was available for questions.

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Land Use and Zoning**

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:30 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed several application and 1 motion was made.

There was a significant and lengthy discussion on the proposed extension of Lone Star Road. Many in attendance strongly opposed the extension. The CPAC discussed the impact that the extension would have on traffic, the safety of pedestrians, the challenges of getting in and out of numerous driveways, projected increase in crime, dropping property values and how the cut through would change Lone Star Road from a residential road to a cut-through road. Member Marcella Lowe called for a straw ballot to measure the view of the CPAC on this topic. The results of the straw ballot were 14 in opposition, 4 in support and 1 declined to vote due to lack of information on the subject. It was announced that Councilman Yarborough was hosting a Town Hall meeting on August 13, 2014 at the Arlington Baptist Church (Cesery and Arlington Roads) at 6:30 pm to allow the community to have their voice heard on the proposed Lone Star Road extension.

2014-490 – is an application for a proposed Charter School on Kernan Blvd. The subcommittee discussed this application even though the application has not made it to the Planning Department yet. The subcommittee expressed concern about the application being processed quickly and they have not reviewed a traffic study for the application yet; it was stated that a traffic study is supposed to be completed. Furthermore, the site location for the school is in a flight area of Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport and the subcommittee feels that it may be too close to the airport. Member Schorr presented data that indicated that a school is prohibited in the area due to the proximity of the airport/runway. There was additional discussion questioning if a plane crashed on this site location a few years back. A motion was made to oppose 2014-490 and seconded; the CPAC voted unanimously to oppose 2014-490.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Larry Belge – not present
- **Membership** – Jeanne Kline and Karen Hunter-Nowak – Co-Subcommittee Chair Kline introduced new member Melody Shacter to represent the Clifton Civic Association. report
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report

- **Ad-Hoc:**
- **Craig Airport** – David Henry – no report
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – stated that he attend the TPO meeting on last Wednesday. The majority of the meeting was to review a list of the priority projects; which the community would like to see in the 5th year of the FDOT work program. Mr. Sharp has a list of the projects if anyone would like to review them. Funding issues were also covered.
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Patricia Schorr – the commission had a presentation from Carla Miller (COJ Ethics officer) on 2014- 519~ creating the Inspector General position for the city. Previously, the City did have an Inspector General. The position was eliminated, but they now want to bring the position back. The importance of this position was discussed. There was several audit report: 751 which addressed the Fire Department and their lack of control of drugs on the rescue units. There was also an audit on the Travel Budget from the Mayor’s Office; there were a number of weaknesses in this information too. A representative from the Mayor’s Office will come to discuss who and how the travel budget is approved. They also discussed the Naval Ship that proposed to be brought in; at this time the T.R.U.E. Commission will not be taking an issue on that. They also discussed the Pension too; this will be an ongoing discussion.

8. **Unfinished Business** - none

9. **New Business** – none

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

Melody Shacter introduced herself and announced that she is running for City Council District 1

Joyce Morgan introduced herself and announced that she is running for City Council District 1

Ramon Day introduced himself and announced that he is running for City Council District 4

**Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: September 8, 2014 ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport**  
**855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225**