

# 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, November 10, 2014

### **Attendance:**

#### **Organizations/Representatives**

#### **Members:**

Agnihotri, Amita, Hawkins Cove Owner Association  
Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society  
Barletta, Robert, Charter Point Community Association  
Blache, James, The Woods Community Association  
Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1  
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association  
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington  
Henry, David, Kensington Association  
Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove HOA  
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association  
Jackson, Mary Jane, Southern Grove Condo Association  
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association  
Litwhiler, Shelia, Beachwood Civic Association  
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association  
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  
Schirado, Carol, Communities of East Arlington  
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  
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA  
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods HOA  
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place

#### **Elected Officials:**

**Staff:** Lancaster, Elaine; Wesolowski, Rosemary; Davis, Paul; Hall, Robert; McNeil, Julie

#### **Guests:**

Everett, Edward – Fairway Forest Civic Association      Hanson, Sherri – UNF

**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 October meeting summary. It was noted that 2 corrections were needed to be made: 1. Karen Hunter-Nowak was not in attendance and her name needs to be removed 2. The word aide needs to be added after the name of Senator Gibsons' aide. Pete Miller made a motion to accept the meeting summary as amended and Lad Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Staff Reports**

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Sgt. Michael Monts** informed the CPAC that overall crime is down in the Zone 2. Over the past 30 days property crime is down 1.65% and violent crime is down 2.73%. Most of the violent crimes are robberies to businesses/restaurants.  
Member Pougioukildis stated that the school lights are still flashing even when the school is not in session do we have to follow the school zone speeds when school is not in session. Sgt. Monts confirmed that we do not have to observe the speed in school zones when the schools are not in sessions.
- **Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman** not present
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **Regulatory Compliance Department (Code Compliance)**- Elaine Lancaster  
Ms. Lancaster announced that they are gearing up to work on systemic inspections not that they are working with a full staff.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – not present
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** –Michael Chan informed the CPAC that JAXEX Golf Course is now open for more information about the golf course, please visit their website at: [www.GolfBlueSky.com](http://www.GolfBlueSky.com). Mr. Chan also stated that the landscaping will go before the internal board at the next JAA monthly meeting. JaxEx won an award for their High Achievers program.
- **Operation Dolphin** – Karen Nashrallah – funding for the CRA is starting to be identified. They are hoping to put out a RFP for the CRA soon.
- **Planning Department:**
  - **Housing and Community Development** – Rosemary Wesolowski inquired how the CPAC would like to handle the December CPAC meeting. The CPAC members voted by a show of hands to have a December Pot-Luck Dinner in lieu of a meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
  - **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 - no report, but available for questions.

**4. Presentation(s):**

**Ashley Smith-Juarez, Duval County Public Schools, School Board District 3**, reviewed the Duval

County Public Schools' Strategic Plan which has 4 goals:

1. Develop Great Educators and Leaders – Provide teachers and students with the tools and resources necessary to meet the demands of the Common Core Standards and students' individual needs. Recruit, employ and retain high-quality, diverse teachers, instructional leaders and staff. Provide ongoing professional learning and support to develop all teachers, instructional leaders and staff.
2. Engage Parents, Caregivers and Community – Establish and sustain a culture that is collaborative, transparent and child centric. Create a welcoming, respectful and responsive environment for all stakeholders that leads to open lines of communication. Expand partnerships and ensure alignment between district strategic plan and community, government, non-profit and business initiatives
3. Ensure Effective, Equitable and Efficient Use of Resources – Ensure the use of district funds is transparent, strategic and aligned. Distribute district – wide programs and resources in an equitable manner. Deploy information technology that supports the academic needs of the students, teachers and staff.
4. Develop the Whole Child – Facilitate and align effective academic, health and social-emotional services for students based on needs. Address the needs of all students with multiple opportunities for enrichment. Encourage positive behavior, respect towards others and ensure safe environments throughout the school district.

Ms. Smith-Juarez also spoke on the District Profile for the 2014/2015 school year. This year full-time music, art and PE instructors are in all elementary schools. They increased the VPK programs by 60%. They launched the Parent Academy attracting 2,615 parents and 1, 028 students with 143 course offerings and events. The graduation rate is at a new record level of 72.1%. This is an increase of 4.4% which is 4 times the state average increase. They increased reading college readiness; 80% of graduates are college ready. Duval County Schools has 5 of the state top 100 middle schools (Duncan U. Fletcher, Julia Landon College Prep, LaVilla School of the Arts, James Weldon Johnson and Mandarin Middle). Duval County has 8 nationally recognized high schools (Atlantic Coast, Douglas Anderson, Darnell-Cookman, Robert E. Lee, Mandarin, Paxon, Stanton and Wolfson).

The CPAC engaged Ms. Smith-Juarez in a lengthy discussion in regard to the District 2 High Schools; Terry Parker H.S. and Sandalwood H.S. and how magnet schools are impacting the local high school. There was also some discussion about the traffic on San Pablo Road and the safety of the student at Alimacani Elementary school that walk to school.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Anania informed the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville will be redesigning the COJ website. Great improvements should be made.
6. **Elected Officials Reports – none**
7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
  - **Land Use and Zoning:**

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:00 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed several applications and 6 motions were made:

    - \***Support for rezoning 2014-0678** – The Anthem lakes PUD – the rezoning will allow redevelopment of the property that will serve the public interest and is consistent with the surrounding area.
    - \***Support of Exception E-14-061** to allow outdoor seating at 13170 Atlantic Blvd.
    - \***Support of Exception E-14-059** to allow a garage at 13985 Beach Blvd.
    - \***Denial of Exception E-14-064** to allow liquor sales at 9451 Regency Square because it

would diminishes the public interest and utility of the property for family entertainment.

**\*Denial of Waiver of Liquor Distance WLD-14-14** to allow liquor sales at 9451 Regency Square because it would diminishes the public interest, in particular the nearby schools and family oriented retail establishment.

**\*Support of Exception AD-14-054** to decrease the minimum landscape area at 13985 Beach Blvd.

**Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Larry Belge – not present

- **Membership** – Jeanne Kline and Karen Hunter-Nowak – Co-Subcommittee Chair Kline introduced Carol Schirado as the alternate for the Communities of East Arlington.
- **Nomination Subcommittee** – The election for 2015 Chair and Vice Chair was held. Micheal Anania was re-elected as Chair and Eddi Parsons was elected as Vice Chair.
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report
  
- **Ad-Hoc:**
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – At the last NFTPO meeting funding issues and the draft for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP starts off with everyone stating what is on their wish list and what they think will improve transportation. The next stage is to determine what can be afforded. To date they have a draft and he will leave a copy it with Rosemary if anyone would like to review it.

8. **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Patricia Schorr informed the CPAC that their last meeting the TRUE Commission covered: 2014-664 (amending the Ordinance Code to create an office of Legislative Counsel): the Legislative Tracking Committee generally agreed that authorizing the hiring of legal counsel outside of the office of General Counsel by one branch of government is antithetical to the spirit of consolidation and could likely lead to costly and counterproductive legal disputes between this legislative counsel and the OGC's office, and therefore recommended against passage of the bill. Commissioner Becton felt that the City Council needs its own counsel to protect its own interests, and Commissioner Wendler offered the current pension reform process and associated legal challenges as an example of where the Council needs legal opinions independent of the General Counsel's office. Motion: the TRUE Commission opposes the passage of 2014-664 – approved 8-5.

2014-677 (approving a second amendment to the golf course management agreement with Comstock Golf for operation of the Blue Cypress Golf Course): the Legislative Tracking Committee felt that the continuing failure of the company to achieve sufficient revenue to pay the City its agreed-upon percentage of gross revenue indicates that the golf course is not a viable operation under Comstock's management. The commission debated the value of the golf course as an amenity to the Blue Cypress Park and the Arlington community and discussed the City's potential costs for operating or closing down and maintaining the course without a private operator. Motion: the TRUE Commission opposes passage of 2014-677 and recommends that the City terminate its contract with Comstock Golf if the company cannot meet its contractual obligations – failed 5-6.

Motion: the TRUE Commission recommends passage of 2014-667 to grant the payment waiver with an amendment providing that the City may solicit for new operators to replace Comstock the course manager – approved 11-0.

2014-685 (confirming the appointment of Nelson Caparas as Chief of the Traffic Engineering Division): the committee discussed the fact that Mr. Caparas holds professional engineer licensure in Missouri and New Jersey, but not in Florida. Commissioner Radlinski felt that the candidate should be professionally licensed in Florida and that with reciprocity policies it should be a relatively easy task to accomplish.

Motion: the TRUE Commission recommends to City Council that the candidate's appointment in 2014-685 be conditioned upon his obtaining professional licensure in the state of Florida – approved 11-0.

2014-718 (urging the Mayor and General Counsel to cease appeals of the court rulings in the case of Frank Denton v. City of Jacksonville, a case alleging violations of the Government in the Sunshine Act); Motion: the TRUE Commission supports passage of 2014-718 – approved 11-0.

Audit Committee reported that the committee had met prior to the full commission meeting and made the following recommendations:

#752 – Mayor's Travel Expenses Audit

The committee posed questions to Kim Taylor of the Council Auditor's Office who had completed the audit and was largely satisfied that the recommended changes appeared to be in process.

Motion: the TRUE Commission approves the audit with a recommendation for the Auditor's Office to follow-up on compliance in the first quarter of calendar year 2015 – approved 10-0.

**9. Unfinished Business** - none

- 10. New Business** – Member Scott Sprague informed the CPAC the Old Arlington Inc. will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mid-Century Modern Home Tour on Saturday, November 13, 2014. Handouts were available and additional information can be found on the [www.myarlington.org](http://www.myarlington.org)

Member Pete Miller informed the CPAC that on November 8, 2014 the Jacksonville Arboretum celebrated their 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The event was a success.

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

Lindsey Brock introduced himself and announced that he was running City Council District 2

**Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2014 ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport**  
**855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225**  
**For a Holiday Potluck Dinner**