

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, September 8, 2014

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Agnihotri, Amita, Hawkins Cove Owner Association
Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Blanche, James, The Woods Community Association
Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove HOA
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association
Jackson, Mary Jane, Southern Grove Condo 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
Shacter, Melody, Clifton Civic Association
Sprague, Scott, Old Arlington Inc.
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

Excused:

Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Henry, David, Kensington Association
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods HOA
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA

Elected Officials:

Staff: Lancaster, Elaine; Roman, Dave; Wesolowski, Rosemary; Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Hall, Robert;
Nasrallah, Karen; Rhodes, Joshua

Guests:

Conderman, Laurie – UPCA
Hipps, Alberta - JAA
Sanders, Jeneen

George, Shirley - UPCA
Gillem, Tiffany - JAA/JAXEX

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair, Michael Anania, called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 August meeting summary. Jeanne Kline made the motion to approve the August meeting summary; the motion was seconded by Larry Belge. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Nader** informed the CPAC that overall crime is up 1% citywide and crime in Zone 2 is up 4%. Lt. Nader stated that most of the crime in Zone 2 is not serious violent crime; it was clarified that serious violent crime includes murder and armed robberies. Chair Anania informed Lt. Nader of a problem that is occurring in the Orco Drive area of Zone 2. Orco Drive has a number of different apartment communities and individuals in a couple of the apartment complexes are shooting guns for fun on Friday and Saturday nights. One of the apartment community owners, Jeff McDonald, has been calling JSO each weekend when the shootings occur; most times JSO does not respond. Mr. McDonald became very frustrated by the lack of response from JSO, so he decided to go to the substation to express his concern. Mr. McDonald collected 2 paper bags of spent shells from the previous weekend shooting event and took them with him. Upon his arrival to the substation, Mr. McDonald stated that he got the run around and did not have the opportunity to speak to the Assistant Chief. It was requested that JSO follow through with this issue. Lt. Nader informed the group that Zone 2 is working with reduced staff and they respond to calls as quickly as they can. It was also mentioned that the sections of town that have the highest calls for service get the most officers. Many of the officers from Zone 2 have been pulled to other areas of town. Lt. Nader stated that he would share this concern with the Assistant Chief.
- **Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman** informed the CPAC that the budget goes before City Council tomorrow and City Council will vote on the budget on September 23, 2014. The city is poised to land 500 new jobs if an incentive deal being called "Project Speed" is approved by the City Council. An unidentified Fortune 500 company in advanced manufacturing is willing to commit providing a taxpayer package of \$10 million local tax dollars if the project is approved. The state is willing to kick in \$5 million to help seal the deal. The company currently does not have a presence on the First Coast. The Pension Bill will be coming up in the near future. The Mayor has started a Young Leaders Academy; the goal of this academy is to advise the Mayor and City Council of the concerns and needs of the youth in our city. The Youth Leader Academy is made up of Junior and Senior High students from 24 different zip codes and 60 teenagers are involved.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **Regulatory Compliance Department (Code Compliance)**- Elaine Lancaster
Ms. Lancaster announced that they are still working short staffed, but they are hiring more staff members. Ms. Lancaster is hoping to be fully staffed in the GAB area very soon.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – informed the CPAC that there will some work on the Mathews Bridge weekend; nothing serious, they will be working on barrier walls to make them removal. This would be helpful if the walls would need to be removed so traffic could all flow in one direction in an emergency evacuation. Mr. Green also announced upcoming public meetings: September 25, 2014, 4:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency, there will be a meeting on the proposed closing of the Main Street Bridge on-

ramp from Independent Drive (near the Andrew Jackson statue). FDOT did a study and it was determined that it will not significantly impact traffic. On September 15, 2014 there will be a public hearing on the extension of 9-B into St. Johns County.

- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** –Tiffany Gillem informed the CPAC that JAA is reviewing the bids for the landscaping project at Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport (Monument and St. Johns Bluff Road). JAXEX has received an email from Lad Hawkins requesting to let the area grow back naturally before JAXEX starts the new landscaping project; JAXEX Has agreed to wait. Work continues at the Blue Sky Golf Course; fliers were provided with all their new information or visit www.GolfBlueSky.com. The next JAXEX Advisory meeting will be held in this room tomorrow at 9:00 am. On September 11, 2014, the Civil Air Squadron that is based at JAXEX will hold a September Remembrance Ceremony with a flag retirement for WW2 Veteran, Master Sargent Andrew Lyle at 7:00 pm. Cecil Airport will be hosting a Spaceport Summit for industry professional. At JIA, Jet Blue announced nonstop service Reagan International Airport. JIA has obtained new furniture that increases the charge stations for the use of travelers to charge their electronic devices. JIA has a new observation area off Pecan Park Road at the end of runway 32.
- **Operation Dolphin** – Karen Nashrallah – informed the CPAC that they are still making progress. The members of Operation Dolphin are working with JEA, JTA and the COJ Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator. JEA is currently evaluating their infrastructure in the Dolphins Zone, and JTA is looking at mobility corridors and trying to identify funding for a traffic study.
- **Planning Department:**
 - Housing and Community Development** – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that the Housing and Community Development Division will be moving to the 3rd Floor of the Ed Ball Building. The move is expected to occur this Thursday and Friday; September 11th and 12th. The Housing and Community Development Division will offer free training for Condo Association, Townhome Association and Homeowner Association members on September 23, 2014. Fliers are available in the back of the room for complete details. National Night Out will be held on October 7, 2014; please check with JSO for complete details.
 - **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 introduced new District Manager, Joshua Rhodes to the CPAC.

4. Presentation(s):

Paul Martinez, Director of Intra-Governmental Services, City of Jacksonville informed the group that in his current position he is the Director of the following Divisions: 630-CITY, Fleet Management, Ombudsman, Procurement Division and Grant Administration.

In 2013, then City Council President, Bill Gulliford started an Ad Hoc Blight Committee comprised of the following City Council Members: E. Denise Lee – Chair; Greg Anderson; William H. Bishop; John R. Crescimbeni; Bill Gulliford; Warren A. Jones and Jim Love. As an Ad Hoc Committee it was agreed that the charge for them would be: "To create a comprehensive plan to maintain city-owned and privately-owned properties that violate city ordinances and to educate the public as to create a sense of community pride." Since their first meeting in October 2013 the Ad Hoc Committee has worked diligently on the subject and has made great strides. They have a clear definition of blight and the definition is:

Overgrown grass on public Right of Ways (ROW) and personal properties, illegal dumping (including appliances, tires, furniture, etc.), graffiti, abandoned properties, snipe signs and

unsightly garbage.

Other objectives that the Blight Committee focused on was to create a sustainable campaign that can transfer with different administrations, use City of Jacksonville assets whenever possible, to create a campaign that is pleasant in nature versus punitive, one that crosses neighborhood lines, think outside of the box and explore a character to represent and market the campaign in the community (like Smokey the Bear).

The Blight Committee has also incorporated new technology into the Blight Campaign. New technology exists that will allow a citizen to download an app, take a picture of blight and send it through the app to be registered with 630-CITY. The technology will use GeoCode to identify the location of the picture/area of concern. Then the problem area(s) will be processed like a traditional concern/violation that is handled through 630-CITY.

It was discussed that Identity Branding is another part of this campaign. The committee has been looking at uniforms, logos and mascots to help enforce this campaign. Examples of each were shared with the CPAC; it was stated that the committee is close to making their final selection.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Anania informed the CPAC that he is still attending the Operation Dolphin meetings and is pleased with the progress that they are making. Chair Anania also stated that he has been attending the Budget Hearing meetings and he is impressed with the work that City Council has completed.

6. **Elected Officials Reports – none present**

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 1 motion was made:

Opposition to ordinance 2014-0615 (SW-14-07) at 45 Kernan Road. The property is newly developed and the application provides no justification for why the site cannot be developed according to the development criteria. Furthermore, encroachment of the sign impairs the clear line of sight along Kernan Road for traffic, especially considering the proximity of the elementary school. The CPAC voted unanimously to send this opposition letter.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Larry Belge – no report

- **Membership** – Jeanne Kline and Karen Hunter-Nowak – Co-Subcommittee Chair Kline no report

- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report

- **Ad-Hoc:**

- **Craig Airport** – David Henry – no report

- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – not present

8. **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Patricia Schorr – was not present, but sent the following report:

A presentation was made by Jim Robinson, Director of Public Works. He spoke in regards to the job cost accounting reports for the Stormwater Subfund.

The following legislation was discussed –

2014-560 – to approve expenditures of \$2.6 million from the Downtown Investment Authority's Downtown Economic Development Fund and adopt the Downtown Investment Authority's Investment and Development Plan – recommendation for approval

2014-526 – transfer \$1.25 million from existing riverfront bulkhead accounts to the Liberty Street bridge repair project and the Bert Maxwell Park bulkhead repair project – recommendation for approval

2014-546 – amend Ordinance Code Chapter 116 – Employees and Employee Benefits – to provide for City self-insurance for employee group health coverage – recommendation for approval
2014-549 – authorize a first amendment to the economic development agreement with Parador Partners for construction of a downtown parking garage – recommendation for approval
2014-580 – appropriates \$5.5 million from Southbank CRA tax increment district revenues to the installation of context sensitive roadway and sidewalk improvements on Riverplace Drive from Museum Circle to Prudential Drive – recommendation for approval
Continued discussion on the Police and Fire Pension Fund – after the budget adoption process is completed the Council will be meeting to consider the latest proposal.

9. Unfinished Business - none

10. New Business – Member Pete Miller informed the CPAC that the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens will host its first Arbor”EAT”um Wine and Food Fest on October 25th, 2014. The limited attendance event will showcase some of Jacksonville’s best loved restaurants who will provide samples of their signature menu items. The event will be held lakefront at the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens from 4-7 p.m. The Jaguars’ Jaxson De Ville will make an appearance and the North Florida Bluegrass Association will provide lively music for this festive “Wine in the Woods” fundraising event. For complete details visit <http://www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/eventsactivities/>

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

Melody Shacter 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

Scott Wilson introduced himself and announced that he is running for City Council District 4

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

NEXT MEETING: October 13, 2014 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225