

District #2 – Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Michael Anania

Vice Chair: Eddi Parsons

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport

DATE: Monday, April 13, 2015

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Barletta, Robert, Charter Point Community Association
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Blache, Larry, The Woods Community Association
Conderman, Laurel, University Park Civic Association
George, Shirley, University Park Civic Association
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Henry, David, Kensington Association
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Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove HOA
Keeley, Tim, Kensington Association
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association
Litwhiler, Shelia, Beachwood Civic Association
Miller, Pete, Indian Springs Community Association
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA
Petoskey, Jerry, Old Mill Cove Community Organization
Roberts, John, The Valley at Hidden Hills
Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Condo Association
Schirado, Carol, Communities of East Arlington
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

Excused:

Agnihotri, Amita, Hawkins Cove Owner Association
Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods HOA
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
Pougiouklidis, Nina, Ibis Point Owners Association
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA
Shacter, Melody, Clifton Civic Association

Elected Officials:

None

Staff: Roman, Dave; Nasrallah, Karen; Lancaster, Elaine; Wesolowski, Rosemary; Davis, Paul; McNeil, Julie; Williams, Valerie

Guests:

Ramsey, Salem

Fox, John - Laudonnie

Gillem, Tiffany – JAA/JAXEX

Akers, Charlene – Catholic Charities

Danford, Joyce – Candidate for City Council District 1

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Vice -Chair, Eddi Parsons, 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

Vice-Chair Parsons verified that there was a quorum and that everyone had the opportunity to review the March meeting summary. It was acknowledged that there was one change to the attendance and a corrected version was sent to the CPAC earlier in the day. Member Jeanne Kline made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Pete Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Nader** informed the CPAC that YTD numbers citywide is looking good. Citywide property crime is down 11.3% and violent crime is down 9.3%. Lt. Nader did not have any additional information to report. A CPAC member did inquire if the City had plans to install additional Red-light Cameras at intersections. Lt. Nader stated that he was not aware of any additional cameras.
- **Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman** - Informed the CPAC that the Duval County Clerk of Court, in conjunction with 59 of the other 66 Clerk's offices throughout the State, will be participating in a statewide campaign called "Operation Green Light" which will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2015. The goal of Operation Green Light is to help the community by allowing individuals who are delinquent in traffic fines and/or court fines and fees to make those payments and also have their driver's licenses reinstated. These customers can pay their tickets and/or court fines and fees and will not be charged the 40% collections surcharge. The Clerk of the Court will be partnering with the Tax Collector's Office to allow their customers the opportunity to reinstate a suspended license. The Tax Collector will be open at the Yates Branch downtown from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. in order to issue new licenses after the fines and fees have been paid in the Clerk's office and your license has been reinstated. For more information about reinstating your license, please visit the City of Jacksonville Tax Collector's Driver License Information webpage. One Spark was a big success once again and exceeded all expectations.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **Regulatory Compliance Department (Code Compliance)**- Elaine Lancaster and Jim Libero Ms. Lancaster announced that Code Compliance has completed 3 systematic inspections in the Arlington area in February; Alderman Park, Arlington Hills and Lake Lucina. In March Code Compliance completed systematic inspections in the Park Ridge community, Beachwood Community and in the Girvin area. In addition to their normal duties, Code Compliance has been actively working with the Blight Committee. Starting next month when the growing season begins, the number of active cases will drastically increase.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – not present, but sent word that FDOT is investigating a problematic truck in the Arlington area. The truck has been moved and they will continue to monitor/watch for the truck to make sure it does not come back.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** – Tiffany Gillem informed the CPAC that the JAXEX landscaping improvement project is completed. The final walkthrough will be April 17,

2015. The JaxEx CACAC meeting will be held tomorrow, April 14, 2015 at 9:00 am in this room. On April 16, the South Chamber and Arlington Chamber will host an event to get to know the airport. April 18th, one of the flight schools will host an open house to celebrate their 15th anniversary and their partnership with Liberty University from 10 am – 3 pm. JaxEx is one of the sponsors for the JSO Safety Fair and they will have a booth at the event.

- **Renew Arlington** – Karen Nashrallah – informed the CPAC that an RFP went out for a consultant. The duties of the consultant would be to “find” the necessity of the community, organize the community redevelopment plan and to look at the Justina Road apartment area. So far, they have received 3 very qualified applications and they hope to have a consultant ready to start in May. The Renew Arlington team has been working with JEA. It was determined that some of the power lines on Merrill Road and University Blvd. will be moved underground and brighter lighting will be added to the street light. Merrill Road and University Blvd. will be the first roadways in the City of Jacksonville that will meet CPTED requirements.
- **Planning Department:**
 - **Housing and Community Development** – Rosemary Wesolowski requested the input of the CPAC by having them test the new City of Jacksonville website. Please visit www.beta.coj.net. Please share any and all feedback so if changes need to be made, they can be before the system goes live.
 - **Planning Department** – Paul Davis stated that he did not have an additional report from the LUZ Subcommittee, but he announced that the Planning and Development Department Director, Calvin Burney has resigned. The Acting Director is Folks Huxford.
- **Consumer Affairs, City of Jacksonville** – Valerie Williams informed the CPAC about the Regulatory Compliance Department Office of Consumer Affairs and their responsibility to enforce City of Jacksonville, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 250- Miscellaneous Business, Chapter 696 -Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices, Chapter 804-Charitable Solicitations’ on the Right of Way.
 - Chapter 250- Miscellaneous Business oversees: Ice Cream Truck Operators, Feeding the Homeless, Mobile Food Dispensing (Food Trucks), and Vendors (sidewalk vendors, transient merchants, street vendors and residential soliciting/peddling)*
 - Chapter 696 – Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices oversees: trade mark infringement, misleading business practices, fake goods/false statements, misrepresentation, landlord tenant issues and auto repairs/motor vehicle sales.*
 - Ms. Williams also touched on Issuance of Permits, Mobile Dispensing Unit Vendor and education/outreach.
- **JaxParks** –Robert Hall – not present

4. Presentation(s):

John Crescimbeni, City of Jacksonville, City Council, District at Large Group 2 informed the CPAC about Operation Urban Blight. In 2014, then City Council President, Bill Gulliford, created a City Council Special Ad Hoc Committee to focus on Jacksonville's Neighborhood Blight. This committee was charged to examine the status of neighborhoods in Jacksonville as it relates to blight and the City's response and responsibility for improvement. The committee is 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. The Blight Committee meetings are open to the public and are held on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Lynwood Roberts Room.

After the first few Blight Committee meetings it was determined that the word “Blight” meant different things to different people. A number of Subcommittees were created to increase the scope of focus and to incorporate all the various interpretations of the word blight. The

Subcommittees that were created are: Foreclosure Subcommittee, Historic Structures Policy Subcommittee, Housing & Neighborhoods Subcommittee, Neighborhood Organizations Subcommittee, Stand Up for Neighborhoods Subcommittee and the Waste Tire Subcommittee.

Due to the Blight Committee and the various subcommittees, a number of great strides have been made to fight blight. Most recently, the City of Jacksonville, in partnership with the Jacksonville City Council, hosted the second annual tire and sign buy-back event at EverBank Field on Saturday, March 28, 2015 as part of efforts to curb neighborhood and urban blight. Residents were able to trade in up to 10 tires at a rate of \$2 per tire, or up to 40 illegal snipe signs for 50 cents per sign. In 2014, the city collected more than 23,000 tires and 6,000 illegal signs at the event. In 2015, the city collected nearly the same amount.

The Blight Committee can also be credited for bringing us a Blight App. "MyJax" is your mobile connection to City of Jacksonville and its services. By downloading this app, it allows you to:

- Report concerns such as blight, potholes, missed garbage collections, animals and a host of other issues
- Pinpoint the issue location using GPS, attach photos, and receive automatic status updates from your smart device
- View local points of interest
- Review City news
- Link directly to the City's social pages
- One touch dialing
- Access to other City mobile apps
- Look up garbage and recycle schedules, add those dates to their smart device calendar

The Blight Committee will also spread the word about fighting blight through a fully-wrapped JTA bus and the Fight Blight mascot, a part-human, part-trash-can creature donning a baseball cap, sunglasses and boxing gloves. Currently there is a contest to name the mascot. The contest to name the mascot is being put on by the Jacksonville Children's Commission. Children between ages 5 and 18 can submit entries until March 25. The winner will receive an iPad.

The Blight Committee has also addressed illegal dumping. While most of the illegal dumping is currently occurring on the north, a couple of areas have been identified on the Southside and in Arlington. The Blight Committee has partnered with JSO. Through a special trust fund, JSO has purchased and installed cameras in the areas where individuals illegally dump regularly. They are hoping that this will stop the dumping.

The Blight Committee has addressed truancy with Duval County Public Schools, Community Development Corporations (CDC) and the use of funds from the Vacant Property Registry. Councilman Crescimbeni extended an invitation to the CPAC to attend a Blight Committee meeting. The Blight Committee meets weekly on Wednesdays at City hall and the meetings begin at 10:00 am.

5. Chair's Report – Vice Chair Parsons did not have a report.

6. Elected Officials Reports –

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **Land Use and Zoning: Member Jeanne Kline served as the LUZ Subcommittee Chair in the absence of Mike Anania.**

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:00 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed

several applications and 5 motions were made:

***Denial of rezoning application 2015-0238 and 2015-0238** Arlington Community School that proposes a private school and commercial development on approximately 9.6 acres. GAB CPAC recommends denial the rezoning is not consistent with the Old Arlington Neighborhood Action Plan in regard to intensification and neighborhood impacts. Numerous newly developed commercial property and shopping centers in the area have sat vacant for more than 10 years due to lack of demand. The request is not consistent with the GAB Vision Plan in regard to intensification and neighborhood transitions; there is no need for more commercial land use. It degrades adjoining residential property. Request is not consistent with the single family residential to the south and multi-family to the north. Proposed 60 ft. height is not consistent with one story commercial and nearby one story residential.

***Denial of Exception E-15-05** for the request to allow sale of alcohol for off premises consumption at 9595 Beach Blvd. because it is too close to residential neighborhoods and is too intense for CN Zoning

***Denial of Exception E-15-21** to allow a billiard parlor with beer and wine at 1825 University Blvd. too close to residential neighborhoods and not approved for CN zoning and too close to 3 churches.

***Denial of Waiver of Liquor Distance WLD-15-05** of the request to allow sale of alcohol for decrease in minimum distance from a church or school for off premises consumption at 4022 Atlantic Blvd.

***Denial of Administrative Deviation AD-15-18** 9750 Regency Square Blvd because site development is substandard. The non-transferable nature of the request precludes correction of site deficiencies in foreseeable future.

All motions passed unanimously.

- **Beautification** – Larry Belge – no present
- **Environment** – Lad Hawkins – no report
- **Membership** – Jeanne Kline and Karen Hunter-Nowak – no report
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report

- **Ad-Hoc:**
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – not present
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Patricia Schorr – was not in attendance, but she sent a report which was read on her behalf: Sheriff Rutherford attended the meeting and provided an explanation along with a handout to the Commission members in regard to the budget lapse/year-end surplus explanation. The information provided by the Sheriff satisfied the members as to the lapse. No new audit reports have been issued by the City Auditor's Office since the March 2015 meeting. The Legislative Sub-Committee did not meet because there was no new legislation introduced that was of concern to the Commission. The members voted and approved City Auditor's Reports #758 and #759.

8. Unfinished Business - none

9. New Business –

Pete Miller informed the CPAC that Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is once again hosting A

Brush with Nature, a juried plein air painting event, where over 30 of the region's finest landscape artists will set up their easels to capture the essence of the Arboretum's beautiful settings. From Thursday, April 16, 2015 through Saturday, April 18, 2015, the artists will paint their favorite scenes from locations throughout the 120-acre site.

2015 Patrol East ShAdCo Safety Fair will be held on April 18, 2015 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Regency Square Mall, 9501 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL 32225. Local law enforcement, health and public safety agencies will have a wide variety of safety exhibits, displays and interactive demonstrations setup both inside and outside of the mall.

Citizens will have the opportunity to turn in their unused or outdated medications to JSO detectives for proper disposal. Citizens that are unable to drop off medications at the Safety Fair can bring them to the collection box at the Forsyth Street entrance of the Police Memorial Building (501 E. Bay Street), 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Also at the event, children will have a chance to participate in the North Florida Bicycle Club's "Bicycle Safety Rodeo" and complete a course that requires them to learn and follow the "Rules of the Road". At this station kids will also be fitted for a brand new bicycle safety helmet** provided by the Florida Department of Transportation.

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

Charlene Acres introduced herself and Catholic Charities. Ms. Acres provided information about Catholic Charities and encouraged the CPAC to get involved with the organization

Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225

