

# District #2 – Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Michael Anania

Vice Chair: Eddi Parsons

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Location: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport

DATE: Monday, July 13, 2015

### **Attendance:**

#### **Organizations/Representatives**

#### **Members:**

Anania, Michael - Arlington Business Society  
Barletta, Robert - Charter Point Community Association  
Belge, Larry - River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA  
Blanche, James – The Woods Community Association  
Conderman, Laurel - University Park Civic Association  
Evans, Kacy - Caroline Forest Homeowners Association  
George, Shirley - University Park Civic Association  
Hunter-Nowak, Karen - Hawkins Cove HOA  
Jarnutowski, Sherrie - Walkers Glen HOA  
Kline, Jeanne - Arlington East Neighborhood Association  
Litwhiler, Sheila – Beachwood Civic Association  
Maxted, Ed - Bentwater Place  
Miller, Pete - Indian Springs Community Association  
Parsons, Eddi - Monument Oaks HOA  
Petoskey, Jerry - Old Mill Cove Community Organization  
Pougiouklidis, Nina - Ibis Point Owners Association

#### **Excused:**

Agnihotri, Amita - Hawkins Cove HOA  
Davis, Michele - Council Appointee – District 1  
Hawkins, Lad - Communities of East Arlington  
Henry, David - Kensington Association  
Lowe, Marcella - Alderman Park Civic Association  
Ludwig, Helen - St. Johns Woods HOA  
Roberts, John - The Valley at Hidden Hills  
Schirado, Carol - Communities of East Arlington  
Schorr, Patricia - Covington Creek HOA  
Tucker, Ben - Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

#### **Elected Officials:**

**Staff:** Green, Jim; Freeman, Terrance; Mason, Darren; Nasrallah, Karen; Lancaster, Elaine; Wesolowski, Rosemary; Davis, Paul; McNeil, Julie; Phelps, Joshua

#### **Guests:**

Wesley, Joyce – Brookwood Forest HOA  
Gillem, Tiffany – JAA/JAXEX

Denton Scheck, Jeanne – University Park  
Hipps, Alberta

### 1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum**

Chair 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 June meeting summary. Vice Chair Parsons made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Larry Belge seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 3. **Staff Reports**

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – not present, but CPAC Member, Pete Miller informed the CPAC that a new Assistant Chief has been assigned to Zone 2 and his name is Derrick Mitchell.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – no one assigned
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **Regulatory Compliance Department (Code Compliance Supervisor)**- Elaine Lancaster  
Ms. Lancaster informed the CPAC that her team just completed the systematic inspection in Alderman Park. It was also announced that Supervisor Lancaster is also helping out with supervision in District 3.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – to follow up on questions from the June CPAC meeting. Mr. Green provided an update on the I-95 Overland Bridge Project. It was stated that the I-95 south bound exits onto Atlantic Blvd. are nearing completion and should be open to the public by late summer and the north bound exits onto Atlantic Blvd. should be open by the end of the year. To follow up on the expense of landscaping road work projects; state law requires that 1.1% of the total cost of the roadway project be spent on landscaping. Typically, FDOT purchases plant materials that come with a 2 establishment agreement. FDOT tries to use as much Florida Friendly Landscaping material as possible. The intersection improvement project at the intersection of Beach Blvd. and University Blvd. will have a 14 foot bicycle lane added to accommodate the cyclist. It was confirmed that this type of improvement will not occur at the intersection of Atlantic Blvd. and University Blvd. because that intersection does not have a history of cyclist problems. It was announced that the University Blvd. Bridge in the Clifton area is scheduled to be completed and open to traffic in late 2015 or early 2016. There were a couple of issues pointed out to Mr. Green: The merge area on Kings Road (near the Overland Bridge Project) is very confusing; the flashing arrow makes it appear that the road is a 2 way road. Also, on Atlantic Blvd the portion west of Southside Blvd. has a speed limit of 40 is posted, but east of Southside Blvd. the speed limit is 45. Why the different speeds?
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** – Tiffany Gillem – informed the CPAC that landscaping project on Monument Road and St. Johns Bluff Road is about to be closed out. The contractor will still be watering the area for 1 year. Also, in the Monument Road/St. Johns Bluff Road area, there will be log trucks in and out to perform the mandatory forestry management. The JAA has a five year plan for each airport and has hired a timber management company to help oversee the activities. In addition, each airport plan has a reforestation program included. Currently, the contractor is working on the next group of trees that encompasses 72.5 acres. The duration of the project is approximately four

months. The contractor will be using the vehicle access gate near the intersection of Monument Rd. & St. Johns Bluff Rd. (across from the Winn Dixie plaza) to enter and exit the airport. For more information, visit <http://www.flyjacksonville.com/default.aspx?sMP=Craig> Ms. Gillem announced that there will be airfield work on the runway on July 22, 2015. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please contact Ms. Gillem at 904-641-7666.

**Renew Arlington** – Karen Nasrallah – provided a handout for the CPAC that provided an overview of the Renew Arlington CRA Development Timeline. The timeline included:

Finding of Necessity Resolution – 2015-476

- \* June 23 – introduction to City Council
- \* July 28 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- \* August 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – Finance/RCD Committee Consideration
- \* August 11 – Final Consideration City Council

Community Charrette – a tentative community charrette has been scheduled for September 17, 2015 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm – the location will be determined in the near future. The purpose of the charrette is to present a Master Plan to the community for the CRA. The meeting will provide all stakeholders to provide their comments and feedback.

CPAC Reporting – at the October 12, 2015 meeting a presentation for the final Master Plan to Arlington Community will be made.

Community Redevelopment Area Plan/TIF Ordinance

- \* October 12 – Submit to MBRC for consideration
- \* October 20 – File Legislation
- \* October 27 – Introduction to City council
- \* November 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- \* November 16 – Committee Week
- \* November 24 – Final Consideration City Council

Ms. Nasrallah also shared 3 draft logos for the Arlington area.

- **Planning Department:**
  - Housing and Community Development** – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that National Night Out has been moved to Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Please contact your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for details if your community is planning to participate. There are a few copies of the *Home Systems Guide How to Operate Your Home* book on the table in the lobby. If anyone would like a few copies to take back for your association, please let Rosemary know.
  - Planning Department** – Paul Davis no report, but available for questions.
- **JTA- Wendy Morrow** – Ms. Morrow and Fred Jones spoke on the Mobility Corridor projects. Mobility Corridors follow current and planned transit routes. The objective is to increase the reach of transit into neighborhoods and provide for multiple modes of transportation. These projects will enhance the transit travel experience for customers by improving accessibility and adding amenities that will facilitate multiple modes of movement. The mobility corridor projects in Arlington are located:
  - Arlington Expressway
  - Beach Boulevard
  - Merrill Road (Charrettes will be held August 5-7 for the northern section of University Boulevard around Merrill Road)
  - University Boulevard
- **JaxParks** –Joshua Rhodes – informed the CPAC that the dredging project at Saratoga Lake

is 90% complete. The Fort Caroline Pool at 4131 Ferber Road is now open. All City pools are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 - 6 p.m. Sunday, May 23 through Sept. 7. The COJ Parks department has plans to make some upgrades at Fort Caroline Community Club (4131 Ferber Road). The Blue Cypress Community Center has been reopened. At this time programming is limited, but they are hoping to have an increased programming schedule in the near future.

- **Public Works** – John Jones was in attendance on behalf of Steve Long. No report, but was available for questions

#### 4. Presentation(s):

**Ashley Smith-Juarez, Duval County School Board Vice-Chair** informed the CPAC that the Duval County School Board has completely overhauled the Superintendent evaluation criteria. It is one of the school boards duties to oversee and evaluate the Superintendent. The school board has also made a complete policy review and expanded the public comment portion of the board meetings. The school board will also revise and review their agenda at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The budget is another area that the school is addressing. At this time Duval County Schools has an annual budget of \$1.4 billion, which is a little increase due to the increase in the state pay per student fund.

With the slight increase in funding, some of the additional funds will be used to make sure all of the schools have Wi-Fi and additional technology/equipment will be added to the schools. There are plans to increase teachers training in effort to build capacity. Safety and security needs will be address school by school. DCPS has received a metal health grant; with these funds the mental health services will be expanded. Middle schools will be getting quite a bit of attention. The focus will be on increasing enrollment (enrollment drops after elementary school), to be proactive with discipline and reward positive behavior and to start offering college classes in middle school. DCPS is also looking to improve customer service and to improve parent interaction/involvement. DCPS is also looking to place Academic Interventionist in elementary schools.

An Academic Interventionist helps children mainly between Kindergarten and third grade—with special needs like speaking English as a second language or having a learning disability. Each state has a set of learning standards used to determine who moves on to the next grade. But kids can fall below state standards for a number of reasons: speech impediments, emotional problems, physical disabilities, or serious illnesses that keep them out of school. So the work of an Academic Interventionist begins with identifying the kids who are in danger of falling below these standards, and then help them catch up. There are different assessments and tests to find the ones who need extra help. One way is through observation. During class, the Interventionist can work with the Teacher Aides, keeping an eye out for students who have serious behavior problems or are confused about what's being taught. When they find a child with a problem, they can work one-on-one to come up with a plan to fix the issue. Solutions can vary from a behavior plan, extra study time, or using a different teaching style that conforms to their special needs. The Interventionist will also work with the student's parents and Teachers, forming an entire team of adults helping the child out. Many times house or hospital visits allow for extra lessons or to provide tutoring.

Vice Chair Smith-Juarez acknowledged that she only has 2 elementary schools that fall into the GAB district and she encourage the CPAC to reach out Schoolboard members Cheryl Grymes, Chairman, District I (City Council Districts 1 & 2) and Scott Shine, District II (City Council Districts 3 & 13).

An invitation to attend a school board meeting was made, but the CPAC was informed that anyone can watch a school board meeting from home. Duval County Public Schools, produced by DCPS Productions, provides video access and viewing to monthly board meetings through a streamed webcast, digital signal, and local cable access. In addition, board committee and workshop meetings will also be archived online for public listening and access. Monthly school board meetings are available through the district's live webcast, WJCT Channel 7.4 (digital antennae required), and Comcast channel 212.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Anania shared with the CPAC that he is continuing to work with the other CPAC Chairs. The 6 CPAC chairs asked Mayor Brown for a CPAC seat on the Planning Commission and the chairs plan to continue this pursuit with Mayor Curry. Chair Anania informed the CPAC that he has been serving on Mayor Curry's Transition Team and there has been a lot of dialogue about recreating the Neighborhoods Department. The Transition Team has made their recommendations and submitted the Administration.

6. **Elected Officials Reports –**

Darren Mason, Aide to Councilmember Morgan introduced himself to the CPAC. Mr. Mason informed the CPAC that Councilmember Morgan has been assigned to serve on City Councils LUZ Subcommittee, Transportation Subcommittee, Utilities/Energy Subcommittee and the Blight Subcommittee.

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

• **Land Use and Zoning:**

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:30 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed 3 applications (one was a companion application) and 2 motions were made:

*Support for Administration Deviation AD-15-44, 11415 Motor Yacht Drive*, due to the following observations: the site and surroundings are consistent with the proposed use, the site operates under the common control with the surrounding properties, addition to the property serves the public interest and the request is supported by the St. Johns Landing Owners Association. The motion passed unanimously.

*Support for Exception E-15-044 and companion AD-15-43* for the following reasons: the proposed activity meets an identified need in the community and the site is capable of supporting that need, the request will have minimal adverse impact to surrounding uses and traffic flow, access will be via the secondary street to the rear, the site is below minimum size for the proposed use, however the anticipated use appears that it is actually less intense than foreseen when the zoning standard was prepared. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Beautification** – Larry Belge – no report
- **Environment** – Lad Hawkins – not present
- **Membership** – Jeanne Kline and Karen Hunter-Nowak – no report
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – not present

• **Ad-Hoc:**

- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – not present
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Patricia Schorr – not present

8. **Unfinished Business** - none

**9. New Business –**

Member Jeanne Kline informed the CPAC that her association is having trouble finding neighbors to serve on their board. If the current board does not find any neighbors to replace them on the board, their association will probably fold. Ms. Kline expressed that she would like to remain active with CPAC, but time will tell.

Member Jarnutowski informed the CPAC that she and many others are still waiting to have the Sandalwood Canal cleared by the City of Jacksonville's Public Works department. Other CPAC members agreed that there is a significant amount of trash, debris and shopping carts in the canal and it is impeding water flow. Concerns of possible flooding in a number of communities are a significant and a valid concern. Many reports have been made through the 630-CITY and nothing is being done before the cases are closed. It was also stated that Public Works employees have attended this CPAC at several meetings promising to clear the canal, but nothing has been cleared yet.

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

**Motion to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport**  
**855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225**