

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, June 8, 2015

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Agnihotri, Amita, Hawkins Cove HOA
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Conderman, Laurel, University Park Civic Association
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
George, Shirley, University Park Civic Association
Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove HOA
Jackson, Mary Janes, Southern Grove Condo Association
Keeley, Tim, Kensington Association
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods HOA
Miller, Pete, Indian Springs Community Association
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA
Petoskey, Jerry, Old Mill Cove Community Organization
Pougiouklidis, Nina, Ibis Point Owners Association
Roberts, Barbara, 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:

Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Barletta, Robert, Charter Point Community Association
Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Henry, David, Kensington Association
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
Roberts, John, The Valley at Hidden Hills
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA

Elected Officials:

None

Staff: Green, Jim; Jones, John; Nasrallah, Karen; Lancaster, Elaine; Wesolowski, Rosemary; Davis, Paul;
Nader, Lt. Russell

Guests:

Ramsey, Salem- Queens Harbor
Gillem, Tiffany – JAA/JAXEX
Morgan, Joyce – Council Elect District 1
Mason, Darren – Council Elect Aide District 1

Shields, James - UPCA
Hipps, Alberta
Morrow, Wendy – JTA

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Vice Chair 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 May meeting summary. Member Jeanne Kline made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Karen Hunter-Nowak 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; crime continues to go down. Citywide property crime is down 5.99% and in Zone 2 property crime is 7.3%. Lt. Nader informed the CPAC that JSO will be enforcing the Click or Ticket program for the next 2 weeks.
- **Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman** – announced that the Arlington Accountability Board (the board addresses the punishment for children offenders) has been delayed. The proposal for the Arlington board will go before the full City Council on July 23, 2015. If approved, this will be the 4th Accountability Board in the city. Mr. Roman also stated that the Pension Reform Bill will get a vote soon. Lastly, Mr. Roman announced that this will be his last meeting as the Mayors Liaison. With the election of the new Mayor, Mr. Roman and the other appointed staff has been asked to resign.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **Regulatory Compliance Department (Code Compliance)**- Elaine Lancaster
Ms. Lancaster informed the CPAC that there are currently 985 active cases in the GAB area. The Urban Blight program will next focus on the University Park area. Ms. Lancaster shared with the CPAC that she and her team are aware of the concerns in regard to Jax Auto-mart located on the corner of University Blvd and Atlantic Blvd. Code Compliance is actively investigating the concerns/complaints.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – to follow up on questions from the May CPAC meeting. Mr. Green addressed the CPAC about the concern about the manhole covers on Atlantic Blvd. It appears that the pavement is actually deteriorating and testing has shown that it has not deteriorated enough to qualify repaving. In regard to the availability of crash data online; at this time that information is not available online, but contact Jim Green or Rodney Cooper at rcooper@dot.st.fl.us and that information can be provided. There was a question about guide signs being too close to the intersection of Atlantic Blvd at St. Johns Bluff Road. FDOT has looked into this and they will look into moving them back further from the intersection.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** – Tiffany Gillem – reminded the CPAC that the JAXEX Advisory Committee meeting will be held in this room tomorrow at 9:00 am. On June 27, 2015, there will be a Flying Day for the summer camp students. Summer camp will be held June 22-27, 2015. Last week Ms. Gillem held interviews for the Operation Manager for JaxEx. Lastly, visit www.flyjaxex.com to see information and the forestry activity/plan on the latest cuts at JaxEx. This will be a 3 to 4 month project for this current tree removal. It was also reported that the forestry project will be conducted during the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Vice Chair Parsons inquired if there has been a change in plans/use of the Blue Sky Golf Course; the sign in front of the golf course has changed from Blue Sky Golf Course to Blue Sky Bar and Grill. Ms. Gillem stated that there has not been a change, but the golf course is trying to expand the business at the golf course.

- **Renew Arlington** – Karen Nashrallah – informed the CPAC that new boundary maps have been completed and she shared a copy with everyone. There were only a couple of minor changes to accommodate storm water, water/sewer lines and they added the old Ramada Inn property. These changes will be presented to City Council at the June 23rd City Council Meeting. This should be approved by City Council by August. On June 18, 2015 the consultants will hold a community meeting from 4-6 pm at the City Council Conference Room, in City Hall on the 4th floor. This meeting will focus on branding and creating a logo for the Renew Arlington project.
- **Planning Department:**
 - Housing and Community Development** – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that there will be a free Homeownership Readiness Workshop on June 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Flyers for the event were provided. It was announced that Folks Huxford has been approved by City Council and will now serve as the Director of the Planning and Development Department. There will be a new Mayor and many new City Council members and they will take office on July 1, 2015.
 - Planning Department** – Paul Davis informed the CPAC that the Planning and Development Department hired a Traffic Engineer and a Traffic Planner. Member Schriado inquired if there is a new zoning district? Mr. Davis did confirm that there is a new zoning district and it is Residential Office Zoning district (RO). The RO was created so a business to be run out of private residence and there will be strict restrictions so the business will not impact the community. At this time, no applications have been submitted as a RO. Mr. Davis also informed the CPAC that the Chicken Ordinance has completed the recommended 1 year trail period and it is available to be made a permanent ordinance.
- **JTA- Wendy Morrow** – Ms. Morrow informed the CPAC that a number of bus routes will be changing on July 6, 2015. These changes will typically be 5 -10 minutes shifts. A handout of all the changes was handed out. It was also announced that the Beaches Trolley is back and flyers with the routes and stops were provided. It was recommended to that you should buy you pass before you go to the beach. It was confirmed that the Senior Star card will also be accepted so Senior Citizens can ride the trolley for free.
- **JaxParks** –Robert Hall – not present
- **Public Works** – John Jones was in attendance on behalf of Steve Long. No report, but was available for questions

4. Presentation(s):

Milton Locklear, NFTPO and Jim Green, FDOT presented the North Florida TPO the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Annually the NFTPO is required to develop a TIP for the urbanized areas; this is a 5 year work plan. The TIP is used to schedule the funding for the projects that will be completed in the area; most are FDOT projects. A handout was provided that contained minimal details about the various project. The presentation began on p. 6.

P. 6 Arlington Expressway Service Road Sidewalk on north service road and will cost \$2 million – from Arlington Road to Mill Creek – the project has not started yet.

P.7 Atlantic Blvd. - Atlantic Blvd. from Arlington expressway to East of Monument Road, modify intersection – old BJP projects and will start this fall – project cost \$2.4 million

P.8 Atlantic Blvd. from Brookview to Kernan Blvd., resurfacing approximately 2 miles – underway now – cost \$63,000

P. 9 Atlantic Blvd. from Kingman Ave to Bartram Road, modify intersection – traffic signal update –

cost will be \$2.14 million

P.10 Atlantic Blvd from Withrow Dr to Hickory Creek Blvd., landscaping – approximately 1 mile – cost \$1.5 million

P.11 Atlantic Blvd. at ICWW Bridge, bike lane/sidewalk – 1.49 miles – cost \$2.4 million

P. 12 Beach Blvd from F.O.P. Way to Ryar Road, modify intersection (Beach & University) – cost \$10.2 million

P. 13 Hart Expressway from Atlantic Blvd to University Blvd, landscaping – 1.6 miles – cost \$1.77 million

P. 14 I-295 from end of Dames Point Bridge to St. Johns Bluff, landscaping – 4 miles – cost \$358,000

P. 15 I-295 from Dames Point to JTB, add lanes and reconstruct (add express lanes) – 8.4 miles – cost \$36 million

P.16 I-295 Dames Point Bridge at St. Johns River and Mill Cove, bridge repair/rehabilitation – cost \$5.3 million

P.17 Mayport/St. Johns River Ferry Services Operations, Ferry Boat/Water Taxi – funding - \$900,000

P.18 Southside Connector at Merrill Road Overpass, landscaping - \$1.85 million

P. 19 University Blvd. at Bartram Dr. to Cesery Blvd, intersection modification – cost \$7.7 million

P.20 University Blvd at Los Santos Way to Merrill Road – traffic signal update – cost \$1.7 million

P.21 Wonderwood Connector from I-295 to Mayport Road, drainage improvements – 5.3 miles – cost \$8.8 million

P.22 Wonderwood Connector from Sandcastle Lane to Mayport Road, resurfacing – 1.11 miles – cost \$3.3 million

There were a number of questions and concerns about the cost of the landscaping projects. Mr. Green stated that he would look into the numbers and share an update at the July meeting.

5. **Chair's Report** – Vice Chair Parsons – no report

6. **Elected Officials Reports** –

Councilmember Redman informed the group that he has completed his second term and will be leaving office. Redman stated that he has enjoyed working with the community.

Councilman Redman announced that Scott Wilson was elected to Council District 4 and will serve a number of the communities in the GAB area.

Councilmember elect Morgan informed the CPAC that she has completed her orientation with the city and acknowledged that they will be very busy as they rush to get up to speed before they tackle the budget. Morgan extended an invitation to the CPAC members to attend the community meeting that she and Councilmember Yarborough will be holding at the Regency Branch Library on June 22, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Councilmember Morgan also introduced her ECU, Darren Mason to the CPAC.

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

• **Land Use and Zoning:**

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:00 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed 7 applications and 5 motions were made:

Deny Zoning 2015-0370 at 3531 Royal Circle – passed unanimously

Support for Administration AD-15-36 at 4986 Maybank Way – passed unanimously

Approval with conditions of Exception E-15-033 at 6132-1 Merrill Road – passed 10 to 2

Approval of SW-15-02 Kernan Blvd. – passed 11 to 1

Approval of SW-15-03 11663 Fort Caroline Road – passed 11 to 1

- **Beautification** – Larry Belge – no report
- **Environment** – Lad Hawkins – not present
- **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 – not present

8. **Unfinished Business** - none

9. **New Business** –

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

Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225**