

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, May 11, 2015

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Agnihotri, Amita, Hawkins Cove HOA
Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Blache, Larry, The Woods Community Association
Conderman, Laurel, University Park Civic Association
Davis, Bob, Monument Oaks HOA
Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
George, Shirley, University Park Civic Association
Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove HOA
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA
Keeley, Tim, Kensington Association
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
Miller, Pete, Indian Springs Community Association
Petoskey, Jerry, Old Mill Cove Community Organization
Pougiouklidis, Nina, Ibis Point Owners Association
Roberts, John, The Valley at Hidden Hills
Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Condo Association
Shacter, Melody, Clifton Civic Association
Sharp, Roger, Historic Marabanong
Schirado, Carol, Communities of East Arlington

Excused:

Barletta, Robert, Charter Point Community Association
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Henry, David, Kensington Association
Litwhiler, Shelia, Beachwood Civic Association
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods HOA
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

Elected Officials:

None

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

Guests:

Ramsey, Salem- Queens Harbor
Gillem, Tiffany – JAA/JAXEX
Morgan, Joyce – Candidate for City Council District 1
Rodgers, Andy - JTA

Fox, John - Laudonnie
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 March meeting summary. Member Jeanne Kline made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Bob Davis 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 9.3% and in Zone 2 property crime is 7.41 and violent crime is down 9.3%. Lt. Nader added that traffic fatalities remain a concern for JSO. Lt. Nader reminded the CPAC to drive safely, observe and maintain the posted speed.
- **Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman** – not present
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **Regulatory Compliance Department (Code Compliance)**- Elaine Lancaster
Ms. Lancaster informed the CPAC that she and her team are finalizing their inspections in the Monterey Community and plan to work in the Woodmere community next. In June, Code Compliance plans to work in the University Park and the Charter Point neighborhoods. Ms. Lancaster was informed that they are some code compliance concerns on Leon Road. Ms. Lancaster reminded the CPAC to call all of their concerns into 630-CITY.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – provided a copy of the draft Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal years 2015-16 to 2019/20 (% year plan). Mr. Green shared a brief overview of the following projects:
 - Arlington Expressway Service Road Sidewalk
 - Atlantic Blvd. from Withrow Dr to Hickory Creek Blvd., landscaping
 - Atlantic Blvd. from Brookview to Kernan Blvd., resurfacing
 - Atlantic Blvd. from Arlington expressway to East of Monument Road, modify intersection
 - Atlantic Blvd. from Kingman Ave to Bartram Road, modify intersection
 - Atlantic Blvd. from Southside Blvd. to San Pablo Road, sidewalk
 - Atlantic Blvd. at St. Johns Bluff Road, traffic signal update
 - Atlantic Blvd. at ICWW Bridge, bike lane/sidewalk
 - Atlantic Blvd. (east bound) at San Pablo River Bridge, Bridge repainting
 - Beach Blvd. from San Pablo Road to South 12th Street (Jax Bch), landscaping
 - Beach Blvd. from St. Johns Bluff Road to San Pablo Road, landscaping
 - Beach Blvd from San Mateo Ave to San Pablo Road, traffic control devices/system
 - Beach Blvd from Atlantic Blvd. split to Parental Home Road resurfacing (completed spring 2015)

Beach Blvd from Cedar Swamp Creek to Brougham Ave, drainage/retention
 Beach Blvd from F.O.P. Way to Ryar Road, modify intersection (Beach & University)
 Beach Blvd from San Mateo Street to Marion Road, traffic signal update
 Beach Blvd from Parental Home Road to Cortez Road, traffic signal update
 Hart Expressway from Atlantic Blvd to University Blvd, landscaping
 Hart Expressway from east bound off ramp to Atlantic Blvd east bound, modify interchange
 Hart Expressway at Beach Blvd Bridge, bridge painting
 I-295 from Dames Point to JTB, add lanes and reconstruct
 I-295 from end of Dames Point Bridge to St. Johns Bluff, landscaping
 I-295 Dames Point Bridge at St. Johns River and Mill Cove, bridge repair/rehabilitation
 Mathews Bridge at St. Johns River, steel repair
 Mathews Bridge over the St. Johns River Bridge, fender work (will complete summer 2015)
 Mathews Bridge approach spans, painting
 Mayport/St. Johns River Ferry Services Operations, Ferry Boat/Water Taxi
 Southside Blvd. at Atlantic Blvd, traffic signal update
 Southside Connector at Merrill Road Overpass, landscaping
 SR A1A South Mayport Ferry construction Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons
 Wonderwood Connector from Sandcastle Lane to Mayport Road, resurfacing
 Wonderwood Connector from I-295 to Mayport Road, drainage improvements

- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** – Tiffany Gillem – not present, but JAA Lobbyist, Alberta Hipps, reminded the CPAC that the JAXEX Advisory Committee meeting will be held in this room tomorrow at 9:00 am.
- **Renew Arlington** – Karen Nashrallah – informed the CPAC that a consultant has been selected and plans are in place to move forward with the Blight Study. At this time, plans are to review all of the current studies, visions and Neighborhood Action Plans (NAP's) and update as needed and bring them to life. It was stated that there will need to be a Housing Study conducted to assess the apartment on Justina Road. Ms. Nasrallah extended an invitation to the CPAC to attend the next Renew Arlington meeting; the meeting will be held downtown in the Ed Ball Building (214 N. Hogan Street), First Floor Training Room on May 13, 2015 at 9:00 am.
- **Planning Department:**
Housing and Community Development – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC that the Jazzfest is a couple of weeks away; hand-outs for the event were provided.
Planning Department – Paul Davis stated that he did not have an additional report from the LUZ Subcommittee.
- **JTA- Andy Rogers** – Mr. Rogers informed the CPAC that JTAMobilityWorks is a program designed to complete projects funded by the extension of the Local Option Gas Tax. Leveraging that future funding, JTA has issued bonds to cover the cost of the projects. With the \$100 million dollars generated through the bond issue, JTA will complete 13 roadway projects and projects in 14 mobility corridors in all areas of Jacksonville over the next five years. The project list was generated by the Jacksonville City Council and will not be altered without their approval. Some of the projects in the GAB area are:
Girvin Road - Reconstruct existing roadway to five lanes between Atlantic Boulevard and Ashley Melisse and three lanes between Asley Melisse and Wonderwood Drive. Includes curb and gutter, sidewalks and bike lanes.
Kernan Blvd. - This is a roadway widening project to reconstruct Kernan Boulevard from a four lane to a six lane urban roadway between Atlantic Boulevard and Matthew Unger Drive and four lanes from Matthew Unger Drive to McCormick Road. The road will have landscaped medians, curb and gutter, sidewalks, bike lanes, a 12-foot, multi-use path on the east side of the road, utility improvements and a closed drainage system.
- **JaxParks** –Robert Hall – shared copies of the Summer Guide and encouraged everyone

that is interested in Summer Camps to review the information and contact JaxParks. This year Parks has cut back on a few camps. Mr. Hall also mentioned that anyone needs to report a violation and the Dog Park to call 630-City.

4. **Presentation(s):**

Ron Tittle, FDOT informed the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville is located in the area that FDOT refers to as District 2. District 2, in Northeastern Florida, is home to more than 1.9 million residents. Its 18 counties (Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union) cover nearly 12,000 square miles. Travelers on the state highway system log more than 43.2 million miles daily.

Mr. Tittle reviewed a few roadway projects in and around the GAB District. The projects discussed were:

JTB and I-95 interchange: Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has started construction on the \$67 million project to improve the I-95/Butler Boulevard interchange. The interchange will be reconstructed to provide a flyover ramp for southbound I-95 traffic exiting onto eastbound Butler Boulevard. Other improvements proposed are a new free-flow ramp from westbound Butler Boulevard to I-95 northbound; widen Butler Boulevard to six lanes from Philips Highway to Belfort Road; add a new signal at Butler Boulevard and the I-95 northbound ramp to provide westbound left turns; convert Salisbury Road to a two-way roadway; close the right turn lane from Butler Boulevard westbound to Salisbury Road North; close the median opening between Philips Highway and Bonneval Road; and construct a noise wall adjacent to Windsor Falls, Coventry Park and Midtowne Townhouses.

Atlantic Boulevard resurfacing from Brookview Drive to Withrow Drive: The 1.7-mile long project includes removing the existing asphalt and repaving Atlantic Boulevard. The repaving is being done in two layers with the last layer coming at the conclusion of the project. Motorists may encounter uneven pavement until the final layer of asphalt is placed. The project also includes repairing sidewalks and bringing them up to current standards, upgrading traffic signals to include pedestrian signals, installing handicap-accessible mats at sidewalk crossings and replacing damaged drainage structures.

Wonderwood Connector drainage project: FDOT is replacing drainage structures and pipes beneath the road along Wonderwood from I-295 to the Intracoastal Waterway. The existing steel pipes are being upgraded to more durable concrete pipes. The completed roadway will still include four lanes with bicycle lanes and sidewalks. Landscaping in medians removed during construction will be restored. A half-mile long traffic shift from Longleaf Pine Way to Gately Road is planned to facilitate construction. Traffic will be shifted onto temporary pavement placed in the existing median area. Construction will also include rebuilding roadway approaches to the Ginhouse Creek bridge. The completed roadway will still include four lanes with bicycle lanes and sidewalks. Landscaping in medians removed during construction will be restored. This is the first of two projects currently funded in FDOT's Five Year Work Program to upgrade pipes beneath Wonderwood Drive from I-295 traveling east. The second project is anticipated to begin in 2017.

Mathews Bridge fender work: FDOT is currently doing work on the Mathews Bridge that will have minimal impact to the traveling public. This project includes fender work, access ladder replacement and navigational lighting at the Mathews Bridge. Hal Jones Contractor of Jacksonville began July 28, 2014 and should finish in 360 days (Summer 2015) at a cost of \$1,997,720.

Arlington River Bridge on University Boulevard bridge: Florida Department of Transportation began replacing the University Boulevard/Arlington River Bridge on November 4, 2013. The project extends from Cesery Boulevard to Clifton Avenue. The existing two lane bridge is being demolished and replaced with a new concrete bridge with 6 1/2 foot wide sidewalks and four foot wide bicycle lanes. A temporary bridge is being constructed to carry traffic while the existing bridge is demolished. The new bridge is being realigned slightly to reduce the curve on the east end of the bridge. Other improvements along University Boulevard include:

- Constructing a new signalized intersection at Cesery Boulevard
- Constructing a new intersection at Clifton Avenue
- Constructing a roundabout at the intersection with Colcord Avenue
- Adding decorative lighting and landscaping at both ends of the new bridge

Traffic impacts:

- Detours will be required for construction of the Arlington Expressway and University Boulevard ramp and roundabout
- No detours are allowed for bridge construction
- No lane closures allowed from 6-9 a.m. and from 3-7 p.m.
- Pile driving is only allowed between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Pedestrian access will be maintained

Atlantic/University Boulevard Intersection Safety Improvements: FDOT held a public hearing to discuss safety improvements to the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard (SR-10) and University Boulevard (SR-109), on January 29, 2015. The proposed improvements will provide safer traffic operations through the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and University Boulevard. The recommended improvements include:

- An additional left turn lane from westbound Atlantic Boulevard to southbound University Blvd. (currently single left turn).
- Adding a right turn lane from northbound University Blvd. to eastbound Atlantic Blvd.
- Extending the length of the existing right turn lane from southbound University Blvd. to westbound Atlantic Blvd.
- Relocate existing Lawrence Place (a city street) to provide a safer connection to University Blvd. (move it further north, away from University/Atlantic intersection).
- Replace/upgrade existing signals with new mast arms, and lighting improvements.

Right of way will be required to accommodate widening for additional turn lanes.

Mr. Tittle encouraged the CPAC to remain involved with FDOT projects and to participate in their community meetings/workshops.

- 5. Chair's Report** – Chair Anania informed the CPAC that he and the other 5 CPAC chairs met with Mayor Brown. At this meeting, the 6 CPAC Chairs united and asked the Mayor to appoint one CPAC representative appointed to the Planning Commission to better represent the citizens. The CPAC Chairs suggested that each year a different CPAC would provide 1 CPAC member to be a part of the Commission. At this time to accomplish this request an ordinance will need to be changed. Chair Anania stated that he would keep them informed.

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

- 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Land Use and Zoning:**

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:00 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed 12 applications and 8 motions were made:

Approval of application 2015-2047 at 11040 McCormick Road (Gate Gas Station); the motion passed with a 12 to 3 vote

Approve with conditions 2015-0239 at 2132 Art Museum Drive; the motion passed unanimously

Denial MM-2015-05 at 2701 Mayport Road; the motion passed with a 15 to 1 vote

Denial AD-15-23/E-15-21 at 1825 University Blvd. N; the motion passed with a 15 to 1 vote

Denial E-15-20 at 13733 Beach Blvd; motion passed unanimously

Denial 2015-0241 at Sundown Estates PUD; motion passed unanimously

Approval with conditions E-15-28 at 4522 Bluff Avenue; the motion passed with a 15 to 1 vote

Deferred T-776 at Carrol Road

- **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 – Mr. Sharp informed the group that most recent NFTPO meeting, they worked/review on the new draft of proposed projects.
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Patricia Schorr – not present

8. Unfinished Business - none

9. New Business –

Pete Miller informed the CPAC that there is a website called pleaserobme.com. This is a result from individuals sharing too much information on social media. It also recommended that if you are planning a trip out the country to contact your credit card companies ahead of time.

Jerry Petoskey informed the CPAC that JSO does provide a service to watch/monitor your home if you are on vacation. Mr. Petoskey stated that once JSO has been informed, they do a great job of watching and checking on your home.

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

Joyce Morgan introduced herself as a candidate for City Council District 1

Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225

