

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, September 14, 2015

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Agnihotri, Amita - Hawkins Cove HOA
Anania, Michael - Arlington Business Society
Barletta, Robert - Charter Point Community Association
Conderman, Laurel - University Park Civic Association
Davis, Michele - Council Appointee – District 1
Evans, Kacy - Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
George, Shirley - University Park Civic Association
Hunter-Nowak, Karen - Hawkins Cove HOA
Litwhiler, Sheila – Beachwood Civic Association
Ludwig, Helen - St. Johns Woods HOA
Mione, Peter – Old Arlington Inc
Parsons, Eddi - Monument Oaks HOA
Petoskey, Jerry - Old Mill Cove Community Organization
Pougiouklidis, Nina - Ibis Point Owners Association
Roberts, John - The Valley at Hidden Hills
Salem, Ramsey – Queens Harbour POA
Sanders, Patricia – Southern Grove Condo Association
Schorr, Patricia - Covington Creek HOA
Shacter, Melody – Clifton Civic Association
Sharp, Roger – Historic Marabanong

Excused:

Belge, Larry - River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Hawkins, Lad - Communities of East Arlington
Henry, David - Kensington Association
Lowe, Marcella - Alderman Park Civic Association
Maxted, Ed - Bentwater Place
Miller, Pete - Indian Springs Community Association
Schirado, Carol - Communities of East Arlington
Tucker, Ben - Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

Elected Officials:

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1

Staff: Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Freeman, Terrance; Hall, Robert; Long, Steve; Nasrallah, Karen;
Lancaster, Elaine; Stagner, Laura; Wesolowski, Rosemary

Guests:

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 August meeting summary. Vice Chair Parsons made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Jerry Petoskey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Before starting the Staff Reports, the CPAC as a group had a discussion about two issues. First the CPAC continued their discussion about starting the meeting with a prayer. There was some significant discussion both for and against reciting a prayer at the start of the CPAC meeting. Jerry Petoskey made a motion to continue starting the meeting with a prayer and the motion was seconded by Karen Hunter Nowak. The CPAC voted and the results are: 7 voted for starting the meeting with a prayer and 11 voted against having a prayer to start the meeting. The GAB CPAC will no longer start the meeting with a prayer. Next the CPAC discussed the pro's and con's of having a moment of silence at the start of the meeting. Eddi Parsons made a motion for the CPAC to have a moment of silence at the start of the meeting; this was seconded by Patti Sanders. The CPAC voted and the results are: 12 voted in favor of starting the meeting with a moment of silence and 6 voted against having a moment of silence. The GAB CPAC will now begin each meeting with a moment of silence.

The CPAC also discussed the possibility of moving their meeting night to a different night. The CPAC was informed that former City Councilmember, Denise Lee has joined Mayor Curry's staff and she will now is employed as the Director of Blight and will serve as the Mayor's Liaison to all six CPAC's. Currently, both the GAB CPAC and the SW CPAC hold their monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month. Ms. Lee has requested that the GAB CPAC consider moving to a different night to enable her to attend each of the six CPAC meetings. Neighborhood Coordinator, Rosemary Wesolowski and Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport Manager Tiffany Gillem worked out an option for the GAB CPAC to move to the 3rd Monday of the month. After some serious discussion a motion was made to keep the GAB CPAC meeting date on the 2nd Monday of the month by Eddi Parsons and seconded by Karen Hunter Nowak. The CPAC voted unanimously to keep the GAB CPAC meeting on the second Monday of the month. The CPAC stated that they would like to recommend that additional Mayor's Liaison(s) be added or that the current Liaison alternate between the two CPAC meetings.

3. **Staff Reports**

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Mullin** stated that the crimes statistic in Zone 2 are holding stable. There has been an increase in auto burglaries; unfortunately 99% of the auto burglaries that are committed are to vehicles that are unlocked. Lt. Mullin went on to state that a number of guns have been stolen from the unlocked vehicles. This is a very serious problems and JSO would like to stress the importance to locking your vehicles at all times, especially if there are valuable and guns in the car.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Guest Speaker
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **Regulatory Compliance Department** (Code Compliance Supervisor)- Elaine Lancaster

Ms. Lancaster shared with the CPAC that if she has said anything that has offended anyone, she is sorry. It has never been her intention to offend anyone. Ms. Lancaster went on to state that she has been very busy with Blight projects. Lancaster stated that in July the systematic inspection of Alderman Park added 57 new cases, Arlingwood added 73 cases, Arlington Neighborhood added 85 cases and in August, the Monterey community added 59 cases. In 2009 the GAB District averaged 600-700 complaints a month. In 2015 the GAB District is currently averaging 1225. If anyone has any questions, please contact Ms. Lancaster at ElaineL@coj.net or 255-7007. If you have an issue you would like to report, please call 630-CITY.

FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – informed the CPAC that FDOT will hold a Tentative Five -Year Work Program Public Hearing FY 2016/17—2020/21 on Tuesday, October 06, 2015 at 5:00 pm at the FDOT District Two Urban Office, Training Facility, 2198 Edison Avenue. The purpose of the public hearing and workshop is in regard to Section 339.135(4)(c), Florida Statutes, to consider the Department's (District Two and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise) Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2016/2017—2020/2021, and to consider the necessity of making any changes to the Work Program. All persons are invited to attend and be heard.

There will also be a public hearing on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 5-6 p.m. Open House followed by a Presentation and Public Comments at the FDOT District Two Urban Office— Training Facility, 2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL. This meeting will serve as the official public hearing and will include a presentation of the Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Department staff will be on hand to answer questions or concerns for the following counties: Baker, Clay, Putnam, Nassau, St. Johns and Duval.

Mr. Green also announced that the Arlington River Bridge is now open. There is still some work to be completed and the temporary bridge will be removed. Work continues on the Wonderwood Expressway and there is still some uneven pavement on the westbound lanes.

Jacksonville Aviation Authority – Tiffany Gillem – informed the CPAC that JAA is has started upgrading the baggage system at JIA. The upgrades will start on the north side of the terminal (Delta, Jet Blue, United). Once completed, the upgrades will start on the south side of the terminals (Southwest, American). JIA has also opened a lactation suite for mothers to nurse and pump; the suite is located between Concourse A and C. On October 16, 2015 from 11 am to 1 pm, JIA will hold their Annual Fish Fry; a flyer is available on the sign in table with complete details for the event. JIA has created a children's activity book for our young flyers. The Double Tree Hotel at JIA has reopened after extensive renovations. The US Navy is still using the Cecil Commerce Center as improvements continue at NAS Jax. There will be a holiday luncheon at Cecil Commerce Center. As the holidays approach, a flyer for the holiday luncheon will be provided to the GAB CPAC. At Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport (JAXEX), the JAA Board meeting will be held in this room on September 28, 2015 at 8:30 am. JAXEX will host a Teachers Planning Workshop and provide a tour on September 26th. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please contact Ms. Gillem at 904-641-7666.

Renew Arlington – Karen Nasrallah – informed the CPAC that they are actively working on Phase 2 of the CRA and extended an invitation to the CPAC to attend a Community Charrette at Jacksonville University (JU) in the Davis School of Business. on September 17, 2015 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. 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. Ms. Nasrallah will also present the draft to the community at the Greater Arlington Beaches CPAC meeting Monday, October 12, 2015.

- **Planning Department:**

Housing and Community Development – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that there will be a special 100th Birthday celebration and recognition for Johnny Holden on September 24, 2015, 7:00 pm at the Police Athletic League. Everyone is invited to attend. Also, in November, the CPAC must hold their annual election for Chair and Vice Chair. The GAB CPAC needs to have a minimum of 3 members to form the Nomination Subcommittee. If anyone is interested in serving on this temporary subcommittee please contact Rosemary.

Planning Department – Paul Davis no report, but available for questions.

- **JaxParks** –Robert Hall – informed the CPAC that JaxParks had a great summer season but he has sad to announce that the Blue Cypress community Center will be closing again. Blue Cypress will still be available for rental on weekends, but it will not be available during the week. It was brought to Mr. Hall's attention that there is problem with the dock at Lonnie Wurn Park.
- **Public Works** – Steve Long – informed the CPAC that Public Works has 7 divisions: Engineering (large scale projects), Traffic Engineering, Real Estate Division, Solid Waste Division, Mowing and Landscape Division, Public Buildings Division and Right of Way and Storm water Division. Mr. Long stated that he can assist in conveying information for all of these divisions. It was brought to Mr. Long's attention that that the traffic light located at the intersection of Atlantic Blvd. and Hodges Blvd. needs the signaling changed. During rush hour traffic can back up to Queens Harbour and it is due to the signaling sequence. Once again it was brought to Mr. Longs attention that the Sandalwood Canal needs to be cleaned out.

4. **Presentation(s):**

Denise Lee, Director of Blight Initiatives, City of Jacksonville, introduced herself to the CPAC and provided them with the history on how the Blight Initiative began in City Council as an ad hoc committee and how it has grown into a citywide initiative.

Due to Ms. Lee's commitment to fight blight, legislation has been passed to address some questionable businesses, such as the pop-up car washes. Blight also addresses abandoned homes, human blight (criminal aspect of blight), illegal dumping, code enforcement, schools/education, community revitalization, community housing and JSO involvement to name a few. This initiative is responsible for new legislation that addresses Blight city wide. This legislation has created a new Mowing Division, new legislation in regard to historic properties, Zero Tolerance of Litter, Increase Fine for Snipe Signs, increase the fees for the Vacant Property Registry, just to name a few.

Ms. Lee educated the CPAC about the new "app" that was created to help fight blight. Designed to be efficient, simple and user-friendly, the Fight Blight app allows users to use cell phones to pinpoint the precise locations of nuisances from GPS-enabled devices or an easy-to-use map within the app and report them directly to the City of Jacksonville, rather than having to register the report via telephone or website. The app also allows residents to include photos in their reports and receive updates via the app as progress is made.

The Blight committee also unveiled the Fight Blight mascot, which will make special appearances

at events across the city to engage with the public and educate young people on the importance of fighting blight. The mascot, a friendly trash can, was named Jax Can. The name was a result of a contest that was open to children between the ages 5-18 through the City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Children's Commission.

Ms. Lee touch on the website, www.coj.net/blight, which is dedicated to educating citizens on different types of blight, how to report it and what local government is doing to reduce blight.

Ms. Lee also shared a concern about the CPAC/Planning District boundaries and asked the GAB CPAC if they would move the day of the month that they meet. Currently, the GAB and the SW CPAC meet on the second Monday of the month. The CPAC stated that they did not want to change date/day of their meeting.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Anania shared with the CPAC that Marcella Lowe is currently at the Life Center facility for rehab. Marcella is progressing nicely and he hopes that she will be home soon.

6. **Elected Officials Reports –**

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1, reminded the CPAC that she will host a City Council District 1 community meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2015, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Lions Club and she encouraged everyone to attend. Morgan also informed the CPAC that she is looking into options for the Blue Cypress Community Center, the boat ramp at Lonnie Wurn Park and she is working with the NFTPO about issues on the Arlington Expressway.

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

• **Land Use and Zoning:**

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:30 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed 4 applications and 4 motions were made:

Opposition to Administrative Deviation AD-15-64 at 5392 Clifton Road because the request would be contrary to the interest of nearby property owners and would fail to uphold the integrity of the Zoning Code.

Denial of Exception E-15-070 with companion AD-15-67 at 6206 Arlington Road of the request to allow retail sales of beer and wine because the location is too close to several churches and is not compatible with nearby character and uses and there are numerous problems with parking situation.

Denial of Exception E-15-067 request to allow alcohol in conjunction with a vehicle museum at 9501 Arlington Expressway. 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:

- **Beautification** – Larry Belge – no report
- **Environment** – Lad Hawkins – not present
- **Membership** – Jeanne Kline and Karen Hunter-Nowak – Co-Chair Hunter-Nowak introduced and present their appointment letters to: Peter Mione, Old Arlington Inc., and Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour.
- **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – not present

- **Ad-Hoc:**
- **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – not present

- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Patricia Schorr – stated that they have reviewed and made recommendations to in regard to the City's Payroll. They have made recommendations for more controls and oversight. They are currently reviewing 765 -767 – Clerk of the Court, JTA and the Supervisor of Elections.

8. **Unfinished Business** - none

9. **New Business** –

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

Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 12, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225