

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard
6:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2009**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania	Sandi Hibbard	Patricia Schorr
James Blache	Johnny Holden	Roger Sharp
Larry Belge	Dewey Marshall	Chester Spellman
Al Cherry	Tami Moe	Erica Trent
Gene Crabtree	Jay Olchak	Richard Witzel
Michele Davis	Eddi Parsons	
David Evans	Jerry Petoskey	
Kacy Evans	Mary Anne Saadeh	

Members Excused

Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig
Edward Maxted

Guests

Tamera Branam
Sally Doherty
Robert Sanders

Staff/Resources

Lt. Parmer, JSO
Kelly Boree, COJ, Mayor's Liaison
Ed Lukavovic, Planning and Development
Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development
George Tawes, Code Compliance
Jim Green, FDOT

Call to Order

Dewey Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., established that a quorum was present, the meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Chairs Report

Dewey informed the group that he and the other CPAC Chairs had their meeting with Mayor Peyton on June 9, 2009. The GAB issues that were discussed were crime in multi-family housing communities, concerns with JPA and the land that they own in Mayport that is fenced in but not maintained, the need to stop building strip malls and renovate the empty strip malls, and why are we building a court house during difficult financial times. During the meeting the Mayor informed the group that experts expect the

population of Jacksonville to double in the next 25 years, thus impacting the future of the city greatly. Also, there will be some innovative changes made to Metropolitan Park; mostly to expand the green spaces and to provide more access to the river.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the June 8, 2009 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Brian Pippin, CEM, CGP, JEA Conservation Coordinator, informed that JEA has been working on creating a checklist to see which conservation measures will fit best into your home energy management plan. During the summer months 40 -50% of your monthly bill is due to HVAC. It is suggested that you try the low-cost or the no-cost options first. Some of the heating and cooling low or no cost tips are:

- Have regular heating and air conditioning system maintenance; this can save you up to 15% on your bill.
- Set the thermostat at 78-80 degrees or higher in the summer and at 68 – 70 degrees or lower in the winter for maximum savings.
- Seal all leaks in the heating and cooling ducts, this can save you 1 – 30%.
- Change or clean air filters monthly
- Use setbacks or setups of 5 degrees at night and when you will be away from home for more that one hour or more. A 5 degree shift can save you 3-5% in the winter and 6-8% in the summer.
- Reduce heat gain through glass by using insulated drapes, blinds, shades or exterior shading devices. During the winter this can save up to 2% and up to 12% in the summer.
- Use the thermostat's "auto" setting instead of the "on" setting for your air handler.
- Use ceiling fans or box fans in occupied rooms in the summer to make it feel 3-5 degrees cooler.
- Weather strip doors and windows; this can save you up to 8% on your bill.
- Caulk exterior cracks around windows, where different building materials such as brick and wood meet.
- Use landscaping to shade the air conditioner compressor unit; be sure to leave room for air circulation.

There are Capital improvements that can be made too. Some suggestions are:

- Whenever possible buy Energy Star (www.energystar.gov) qualified products, which use 10-50 % less energy and water than standard models.
- Install a programmable thermostat. Using a programmable thermostat with setups and setbacks can save you 5-15% on your bill.
- Upgrade attic insulation to R-30 or to a minimum of R-19. Good insulation can save you 10-20% on your bill.
- Install solar screens, landscaping, solar film, awning or other exterior shading devices to shade windows to reduce the heat gain through glass.
- Install fireplace doors if there is no flue damper present.

The use of Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) is another conservation tool that every household can use. CFLs use 75% less energy than incandescent light bulbs. They last

up to 10 times longer and they produce 70% less heat. CFLs cost more initially, but they cost less to operate.

Brian Pippin has a 45-60 minute conservation education program that is available for all neighborhood and homeowners association. If you are interested in learning more conservation techniques or would like Brian to speak to your neighborhood/homeowner association, please contact Brian at 665-7051 or pippbc@jea.com.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall – no report

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Marcella Lowe – not present

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Mike Anania – the full CPAC voted on and approved the following motions:

Re: Support for the Exception E-09-32 to allow retail sales of new and used automobiles in a CCG-1 zoning district at 12025 Beach Boulevard between Meadowbrook Boulevard and Kernan Boulevard. The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in support of the above Exception providing the following condition is included: Landscaping should be incorporated into the site plan for approval.

Re: Support for the Exception E-09-34 to allow a school (River City Science Academy) in a CCG-2 zoning district at 7555 Beach Boulevard between Hazelhurst Drive and Parental Home Road. The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in support for the above Exception for the following reason: The Exception will promote infill and provide enhancement to the surrounding community.

Re: Support for the Sign Waiver SW-09-05 to reduce the minimum distance between signs from 200 feet to 170 feet in a CCG-1 zoning district at 3634 Rogero Road between Rogero Road and Ft. Caroline Road. The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in support of the above Sign Waiver for the following reason: The 30 foot waiver will have minimal impact the commercial area and strip mall.

MEMBERSHIP – Co-Chairs: Jay Olchak and Eddi Parsons – no new members.

TRANSPORTATION – Co-Chairs Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel – no report

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – not present

T.R.U.E Commission – Marcella Lowe – not present

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – not much new news. At recent meeting there has been a lot of discussion in regard to new candidates for the board.

Growth Management Visioning Plan – Mike Anania – informed the group that the Growth Management Steering Committee will meet on July 14, 2009 ~ 6:00 pm at the

University Park Library. The committee will have their final meeting on the guiding principles.

Staff Reports:

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree, Mayor's Liaison confirmed that Metro Park is due for a renovation; the 1st priority of the renovation is to add green space, to improve the "flow" of the park and to blend the uses of the park better. The budget was presented to City Council. There will be a number of community meetings to discuss the budget. Some of the meetings will be hosted by the Mayor and other meetings will be hosted by City Council. On July 15th there will be a public meeting at FCCJ Deerwood Campus, 6:00 p.m., sponsored by City Council. On July 16th there will be another public meeting at Ed White High School, 6:00 p.m., sponsored by Mayor Peyton. Please visit www.COJ.net to get a complete list of all of the community meetings. Also, a handout was available that contained a list of JaxParks projects are underway to improve river access. Visit the links at www.jaxparks.com for complete details.

JSO – Lt. R. Parmer – informed the group that overall crime is down, the violent crime rate is down, murders are down, but robberies & burglaries are up. There has been a sharp increase of crime on Kernan and Hodges Blvd., in particular auto burglaries have increased significantly in inter-coastal area of the district. Please remember to keep your cars locked at all time, even in your drive way.

DCSB – Selinda Keyes – not present.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic – informed the group that last week he received report/recommendations on the 2030 plan. There is an emphasis on recreation waterfronts, protection of the environment and the quality of the surrounding of the water.

FDOT – Jim Green – informed the group that FDOT is working on the stimulus projects are beginning. The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization will be starting their 2025 plan. In August there will community meetings; the first one will be held on August 25th at the Main Library, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The second meeting will be held at the Southeast Branch Library, August 27th at the Southeast Branch Library, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL CODE – George Tawes – no report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the group to share their thoughts and concerns with the proposed 2009-2010 budget; please visit www.fixitnow.cc. Also, recognition was sent out to the students of Terry Parker High School for their volunteer hours at Tree Hill removing air potato vines and vegetation clean up.

Announcements

(Announcements and comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 10, 2009, 6:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.

GREATER ARLINGTON/BEACHES
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Chair: Dewey Marshall Vice Chair: Eddi Parsons



June 8, 2009

To: James F. Register, Chair, Planning Commission
Hon. Arthur Graham, Chair, City Council Land, Use, & Zoning Committee

Re: Opposition to the Variance V-09-07 to allow a recreational vehicle in the front yard of a residential lot at 10265 Fontana Court North between Brookview Drive and Fontana Court West.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in opposition to the above Exception for the following reasons:

- The proposal is against the zoning code.
- The applicant has an alternative. The recreational vehicle can be parked in the side yard of the property.

Sincerely,

Dewey Marshall, Chair
Greater/Arlington/Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor
William Killingsworth, Interim Director, Planning Department
Sandy Simmons, Planning Department

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To: Honorable John Peyton, Mayor
Members of the Jacksonville City Council

RE: Let's put an end to crime-ridden housing projects

The City of Jacksonville must do more to advance the JSO's Crime Free Multi-Housing Program by passing an ordinance similar to the one in the City of Milwaukee. That city has passed legislation requiring property owners of apartment complexes with a high rate of police calls for drug dealing, prostitution, etc. to submit plans detailing how they will attack these problems. Failure to make improvements results in the city billing them for law enforcement services on their tax bill.

Because apartment complexes can be havens for violent crime, such legislation will put the burden on the property owners to be pro-active in maintaining a safe environment for the tenants.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee is in support of such an ordinance. It would definitely motivate the managers and owners to participate in the Crime Free Multi-housing Program.

Sincerely

Dewey D. Marshall

Dewey Marshall, Chair
Greater Arlington/Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Paul Perez, Chair, Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee
Sheriff John Rutherford

