

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard
6:30 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2009**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania
James Blache
Al Cherry
Maria Condaxis
Gene Crabtree
Michele Davis
David Evans
Kacy Evans
Florence Holcomb

Lad Hawkins
Florence Holcomb
Johnny Holden
Carroll Huffiness
Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig
Dewey Marshall
Ed Maxted
Tami Moe

Eddi Parsons
Jerry Petoskey
Mary Anne Saadeh
Chester Spellman
Lamar Swanner
Erica Trent
Richard Witzel

Members Excused

Sandi Hibbard
Carolyn McDuffie
Jay Olchak
Roger Sharp
Erica Trent

Guests

Bobby Cherry
Tamera Branam
Dale Cook

Staff/Resources

Lt. Amy, 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 are scheduled to meet with Mayor Peyton on June 9, 2009. The meeting is designed so each of the CPAC chairs can express concerns in and around the districts that they represent. The issues and concerns that will be brought up by District 2 are: 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. Dewey also read a thank you letter to the group that he received from the Fort Caroline Club Estates South Civic Association in regard to the support the CPAC has soon to the Rogero Town Center and proposed roundabout projects.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the May 11, 2009 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Bob Frenzel, Regional Volunteer Coordinator, Americans for fair Taxation, informed that the FairTax Plan is a nonpartisan proposal that replaces all federal income and payroll taxes with a progressive tax on consumption (national retail sales tax). The FairTax Plan includes a cash “prebate” that ensures no Americans pay federal taxes on their spending on essential goods and services up to the poverty level. According to the Americans for FairTax every American can keep their entire paycheck, completely removes the IRS, the 16th Amendment, untaxes tuition, existing / future savings and investments are tax free, positive impact on retirees, no federal taxes or compliance costs hidden in consumer prices, stops the export of American jobs, promotes economic growth, provides substantial wage increases for working Americans and raises the same amount of revenue as the current system with much lower marginal rates. To learn more about the FairTax please visit their website at www.FairTax.org

Wanda Forest, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, provided an update of the short term road projects that have started or will start soon in Duval County. Those identified projects are: Arlington Expressway from Southside Connector to Sears Entrance; traffic signal update
Atlantic Blvd. at San Pablo River ICWW Bridge; fender work
Atlantic Blvd. from Kings Ave to University Blvd.; resurfacing
Cesery Blvd. from Arlington Expressway to the Arlington River Bridge; add turn lanes
Dames Point Bridge; bridge painting
Hart Bridge; bridge painting
Mathews Bridge; bridge painting
Mayport Road from Old Mayport Road to Broad St.; resurfacing
SR 9A from I-95 South to Monument Road; adding ITS freeway management
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To learn more about the various roadway project www.northfloridatpo.com

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall – no report

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Marcella Lowe – no report

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

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 of 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.

The subcommittee did discuss other applications, but decided that they would not take any action on the other applications.

MEMBERSHIP – Co-Chairs: Jay Olchak and Eddi Parsons – new member Ed Maxted representing Bentwater Place HOA was introduced to the CPAC.

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

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – announced that dredging will begin on the St. Johns River. It is believed that in some areas of the river there will be up to 50 feet dredged. At this time the impact and the final outcome is still to be determined.

T.R.U.E Commission – Marcella Lowe – informed the group that the commission has been very involved in reviewing the Trailridge contracts, reviewing the city's procurement procedures and reviewing JEA, JTA, JPA, and JAA revenues and expenses. There are still a number of questions that need to be answered.

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – no report.

Growth Management Visioning Plan – Mike Anania – informed the group that the Growth Management Steering Committee has almost completed the guiding principals. The next steering committee meeting will be held on June 18th at the Pablo Creek library.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree, Mayor's Liaison informed the group that the budgets are being finalized and will be presented to City Council in July. There are many big financial holes that need to be filled. To learn more about the budget please visit the COJ website – go to the Mayor's page.

JSO – Lt. R. N. Amy – informed the group that the Arlington rapist is in jail. DNA from this individual was not previously taken, but through solid police work the individual was caught. There has been serious discussion in regard to making it mandatory that all felons must give DNA; lawyers are currently reviewing this issue. Also, the PERF (Police Executive Research Forum) will be ending soon, but the program will be returning in the future. Operation Safe Streets (OSS) now has 20 officers dedicated to create an OSS pool. The 20 officers or pool will be used citywide to address and correct area hotspots

in the evenings. This should eliminate some of the overtime and reduce crime. Lastly, the Animal Care and Control Department no longer has a city staff member available to pick up dead animals found in City of Jacksonville roads. The community is responsible for removing and disposing the carcass. At this time, FDOT will continue to provide roadway animal removal on FDOT roads only.

DCSB – Selinda Keyes – not present.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic – announced that the Comp Plan is in the 1st round and the community still has time to make comment . Future FLUM meetings and minutes will be announced soon. Wetlands are currently under examination. The way wetlands are addressed by local, state and federal government will effect how Jacksonville is developed in the future.

FDOT – Jim Green – informed the group that FDOT is working on the stimulus projects. The project in Duval County is:
Beach Boulevard (Hodges to San Pablo) expansion of the east/west lanes up to 6 lanes.

Other upcoming projects include:

Atlantic Boulevard resurfacing from Kings Road to University Boulevard

9A resurfacing from Main Street to New Berlin Road

Arlington expressway from Sears to Southside Boulevard will get new traffic mast arms

A1A resurfacing has begun in the Mayport area

MUNICIPAL CODE – George Tawes – no report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski informed the group that the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWM) will hold a series of meetings and SJRWM would like to encourage public participation in the development of the 2010 District Water Supply Plan (DWSP) and review the 2008 District Water Supply Assessment (WSA). If you are interested in receiving updates from the St. Johns River Water Management District on the St. Johns River or to learn more about the public meetings, please visit their website at www.sjrwmd.com.

Councilmember Clay Yarborough, District 1 – recognized JSO and JFRD and thanked them for their service. Acknowledged that the budget is very tight this year and council plans to look at what is essential and non-essential. Council plans to take away the non-essential components of the city.

Councilmember Don Redman, District 4 – reminded the group that he is always available for any concerns or issues that they may have.

Announcements

(Announcements and comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Marcella Lowe thanked the 4 council members that were involved in passing the resolution for former Arlington activist and neighborhood leader, Gail Melton.

Carroll Huffiness stated the neighbors of Mayport Village and navy volunteers worked with Clean it Up Green it Up and did a clean up in the area. The clean up did generate

a lot of trash and they (Mayport Village) need a truck sent out to pick up the heavy items. Kelley Boree informed Carol that he needed to call this situation into the C.A.R.E. system then email the C.A.R.E. issue number to Kelley at KBoree@coj.net.

Eddi Parsons stated that 2 newspaper articles ignited a desire to address the problems that the citizens of Jacksonville are experiencing in regard to the crime in apartment communities. Eddi proposed that the City of Jacksonville adopt legislation similar to the ordinance in Milwaukee Wisconsin that holds the property owners of apartment communities financially responsible for the high rate of police calls in the complexes. The full CPAC discussed, voted and approved the motion.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 13, 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

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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

CPAC

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

CPAC MOTION

DATE: June 8, 2009

MOTION MADE BY: Eddi Parsons

SECONDED BY:

TEXT: I move that we send a letter to all of the other CPACs asking them to send a similar letter to the Mayor and city council concerning crime-ridden housing projects and the need for this ordinance. We shall enclose a copy of our letter to the Mayor.

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June 8, 2009

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

