

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Square Mall – Community Room ~ 9501 Arlington Expressway
6:30 p.m. Monday, November 10, 2008**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania
Larry Belge
James Blache
Albert Cherry
Gene Crabtree
Michele Davis
Gary Dickinson
David Evans
Kacy Evans

William Figueroa
Sandi Hibbard
Florence Holcomb
Johnny Holden
Carroll Huffines
Laura Langton
Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig
Dewey Marshall

Tami Moe
Jay Olchak
Eddi Parsons
H. Roger Sharp
Tom Shouvlín
Ben Tucker
Richard Witzel

Members Excused

Lad Hawkins
Chester Spellman

Guests

Tamera Branam
Sally Doherty

Staff/Resources

Shorty Robbins for Kelley Boree, Mayor's Liaison
Lt. Joseph Janaski, JSO
Ed Lukavovic, Planning and Development
Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development
Selinda Keyes, Duval County Schools
Bruce Chauncey, Code Compliance

Call to Order

Helen Ludwig 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.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the October 13, 2008 meeting summary was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Assistant Chief Robert Connor, JSO, Zone 2, provided the group with an overview of the budget and staffing for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Budget limitations have affected the amount of officers and services that are available to the community. Currently, Jacksonville has had the highest murder rate in the state for the last 9 years and is 3rd in the nation for traffic fatalities. To combat these challenges JSO had a nationally recognized auditor, Matrix, complete an evaluation. Results from the evaluation revealed that JSO needs to add a substantial amount of staff; 225 police officers, 124 correctional officers and 84 civilian positions. Currently JSO has 1.95 officers per 1000 individuals, the statewide average is 2.4 officers per 1000 individuals and highest ratio in the state is Tampa with 2.91 officers per 1000 individuals. The goal is to increase our officer ratio; adding enough officers to meet the statewide average as our minimum. Assistant Chief Connor explained the recent prestigious recognition that JSO has received. There are 3 law enforcement accreditation agencies and all of them accredited JSO; this makes JSO 1 of 31 police forces throughout the country to have achieved this distinction. The CPAC members were encouraged to form Neighborhood Watch programs, join ShAdCo, communicate with their area schools and to talk to their neighbors. To learn more about the various JSO programs and crime statistics visit www.coj.net and click on the Sheriffs' Office.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall – provided an update on the park projects in district 2:

Reddie Point Pier – completed

Arboretum and Gardens - grand opening set for November 15th 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Castaway Island Preserve – the dredge project will start in February.

Dewey emailed a copy of all the parks in District 2 earlier in the month. If you weren't able to open or download the file Dewey provided a print out of the district 2 parks.

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Marcella Lowe – has application for trees; the deadline to submit your application is December 31, 2008. The Arlington Town Center project is nearing completion; expected to be completed around Christmas and the Rogero Town Center project has started. The medians in Mayport Road have been planted and that project is completed.

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Al Cherry – **Opposition to the JaxPort Master Plan (Text Amendment for the 2010 Comprehensive Plan) 2008-970** GAB CPAC has previously express their opposition to the companion rezoning 2008-893 and land use amendment 2008-892 regarding the relocation of JaxPort Cruise ship terminal in Mayport Village. JaxPort Master Plan text amendment work-shop on 2-13-06 and approved by Resolution from City Council is not the same document that is being proposed now. The 2 documents are vastly different. The Mayport Village proposal is not being properly scrutinized by the State Department of Community Affairs where an ORC report will be issued on this part of the Master Plan. The proposed JaxPort Master Plan text amendment does not have strikethroughs and underlining thereby giving the appearance of trying to sneak through changes to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

MEMBERSHIP – Co-Chairs: Jay Olchak and Eddi Parsons – no report

TRANSPORTATION – Co-Chairs Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel – informed the group that a CPAC member expressed their concern in regard to a traffic situation that is occurring south of the intersection of St. Johns Bluff Road and saints Road. The subcommittee investigated their concern and determined that as a subcommittee they recognized the problem and a letter of concern was sent to Joey Duncan, Director of Public Works from the Transportation subcommittee in regard to vehicles driving across a road median due to the lack of a turn lane.

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – send his report and Helen read it. The report reminded the group that the Arboretum grand opening will be held this Saturday, November 15th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; for details or directions please visit the website www.jacksonvillearboretum.org. The proposed Pine Island land use change was withdrawn.

NOMINATION – Chair Dave Evans – the subcommittee nominated Dewey Marshall for Chair and Eddi Parsons for Vice-Chair. There were 2 nominations from the floor: Helen Ludwig for Chair and Larry Belge for Vice- Chair. The CPAC members voted; the ballots were counted by Dave Evans and James Blache. The results were Dewey Marshall elected as the Chair and Eddi Parsons was elected as the Vice-Chair for 2009.

T.R.U.E Commission – Marcella Lowe – no report

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – informed the group that 2 J-Bills have been introduced to City Council. The first Bill sponsored by Councilman Fussel states that the JAA must take any funding for the Craig Field extension and put it below the line. This requires them to come back before council before they can spend this money. The second Bill is sponsored by Councilman Bishop; this bill puts even more limitations on the JAA by requiring Council approval for any new spending over \$10,000 not included in their approved budget. The Bill introduced by Councilman Fussel is up for approval tonight and the Bill introduced by Councilman Bishop is still in Committee. It has become known that JAA has submitted an application to the SJRWMD for wetland mitigation at Craig Field. This appears to be a violation of agreement that they agreed to with Councilman Fussell.

Growth Management Visioning Plan – Mike Anania informed the group that all of the charrettes for district 2 have been completed. The last charrette was held on Saturday, November 8th at the Mayport USO and there was a good turn out. The will be a wrap up meeting this Saturday, November 15th at the University Park Library starting at 10:00 a.m. the meeting is open to the public and everyone is invited.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Shorty Robbins presented on behalf of Kelley Boree, Mayor's Representative, reminded the group that Veterans Day is tomorrow – it is a city holiday. She also informed the group that various city personal are actively working on implementing recommendations from the Jacksonville Journey. Lastly, a survey was distributed to the CPAC members in effort to learn what the community would like to see offered at the local and regional parks. It is noted that the programs should not be

one size fits all; some parks have the ability to offer more than what they currently are offering.

JSO – Lt. Joseph Janaski, no report ~ available for questions.

DCSB – Selinda Keyes reminded the group that the ACE Committee was still actively involved. There are a couple of recommendations available. 1. The school board is waiting for a report from the Navy to determine if another ship is expected in the area; this report will determine the future of Finnegan Elementary in Mayport. 2. There are boundary changes proposed for Lone Star Elementary, Merrill Road K-2 and Don Brewer (grade 3-5). ACE will also take an academic look at high schools; there is a committee now looking at accelerated programs like early college in high schools. Currently, there are 2 high schools that offer early college: Ribault High School and Lee High School. There is a committee analyzing if the accelerated programs should be offered in other schools distributed through out the community. Then due to the budget restrictions there is another committee looking at high school scheduling. The current scheduling has the high schools on an A-B block program and it has been determined that the block programs are more expensive. With the block program the schools have 5-6 additional teachers to accommodate the block. The committees are looking at ways to cut cost but continue to meet the needs of the student; the block program may be one program that is changed.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic – by the end of the year a draft for the comprehensive plan. This draft will go out to various agencies for their review. Sometime next year there will be a completed document.

FDOT – Jim Green - not present – Helen Ludwig read the following report from Jim: Following are some upcoming public meetings by either FDOT or JTA

Nov.10 [M] 4pm – 6pm JTA Public Hearing Potential site for North Bus
Maintenance Facility Formal presentation: 5:30pm
6pm – 7:30pm JTA Public Meeting Kick-Off North BRT Corridor
Implementation study Location: Gateway Mall Stage

Nov.13 [TH] 6pm FDOT Community Meeting Consider application to
close RR Crossing on River Oaks Road at FECRR Location: FDOT Urban Office, 2198
Edison Ave.

FDOT has received an application from the residents near the crossing, asking it be closed. The meeting will be to hear the community and the City regarding this proposed closure. Note: this is adjacent to the proposed Jackson Square multi-use (TOD) development

Nov.17 [M] 6pm – 7:30pm JTA Public Meeting Kick-Off North BRT Corridor
Implementation study Location: FCCJ North Campus

Nov.20 [TH] 5pm JTA Public Meeting Wonderwood Road at
Mayport Road Alternatives Location: Finnegan Elementary School (near Hannah Park
Entrance)

JTA is considering a flyover from eastbound Wonderwood, north toward Mayport Naval Station

Dec. 4 [TH] 4:30pm FDOT Public Workshop Interchange improvements – I-295 at Commonwealth Ave. Location: FDOT Urban Office, 2198 Edison Ave.
Public comments at 6pm

Dec.16 [TU] 5pm FDOT Public Hearing Annual Work Program Public Hearing Location: FDOT Urban Office, 2198 Edison Ave.

MUNICIPAL CODE – Bruce Chauncey – no report available for questions.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski informed the group that she would get a flyer pertaining to the community meeting that is scheduled for the November 17, 2008 in regard to the Fort Caroline Road construction project.

CHAIRS REPORT

*Helen reminded the group that at the December meeting there would be a brief meeting and that everyone that is planning to come should bring a tray of finger foods with them. Also, if you plan to attend please inform Helen or Rosemary that you plan to attend the meeting.

* Helen congratulated Dewey and Eddi on their new roles as Chair and Vice-chair.

Announcements

(Announcements and comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Marcella Lowe informed the group that her neighborhood, Alderman Park Civic Association will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary as civic association. To celebrate the association will host an event on December 9, 2008 at the Faith Christian Church Youth Center (old Winn Dixie facility) from 5 to 7 p.m. Councilman Yarborough will present a “Proclamation” plaque honoring the Alderman Park Civic Association for all of its achievements.

Tom Shouvlin thanked Helen Ludwig and Larry Belge for their service as Chair and Vice-chair.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, December 8, 2008, 6:30 pm at the Regency Square Mall Community Meeting Room – 9501 Arlington Expressway.

GREATER ARLINGTON/BEACHES
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Chair: Helen Ludwig Vice Chair: Larry Belge



November 12, 2008

Mr. Joey V. Duncan PE
Director of Public Works
City of Jacksonville
214 N Hogan St
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: St. Johns Bluff Road – Dangerous Condition

Dear Mr. Duncan:

At the meeting of the District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) held on November 10, 2008, the Chair of the Transportation Committee, Mr. H. Roger Sharp, PE, reported on a site visit that he had made at the request of another committee member to investigate a dangerous situation on St. Johns Bluff Road.

South of the intersection of St. Johns Bluff Road and Saints Road there is evidence of vehicles crossing the grass median. The situation occurs just north of the curbed section as shown on the attached aerial photograph. This situation is dangerous because there are no turn lanes at this location. Mr. Sharp recommended that the median between the present end of the curbed section and the Saints Road intersection – a distance of about 400 feet—should be reconstructed with curbs. In addition, a northbound left-turn lane should be constructed at the Saints Road intersection to provide for left-turning and U-turning traffic.

The CPAC agreed unanimously that this situation should be brought to your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Ludwig".

Helen Ludwig, Chair
Greater Arlington/Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor
Hon. Bill Bishop, Councilmember

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Chair: Helen Ludwig Vice-Chair: Larry Beloe



November 10, 2008

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

**Re: Opposition to) the JaxPort Master Plan (Text Amendment for the 2010
Comprehensive Plan) 2008-970.**

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in opposition to the above mention text amendment for the 2010 Comprehensive Plan for the following reasons:

- The Arlington/Beaches CPAC has previously expressed their opposition to the companion rezoning 2008-893 and land use amendment 2008-892 regarding the relocation of JaxPort Cruise ship terminal in Mayport Village.
- Previously the JaxPort Master Plan text amendment work-shopped on February 13, 2006 and approved by Resolution from City Council is not the same document that is proposed for adoption now. These two documents are vastly different and the new cruise ship terminal location in the document proposed for adoption was not addressed in 2006 and approved by resolution (2006-105A). The Mayport Village proposal is not being properly scrutinized by the State Department of Community Affairs where an ORC report will be issued on this part of the Master Plan. Therefore the JaxPort Master Plan text amendment should be denied and/or withdrawn.
- The proposed JaxPort Master Plan text amendment does not have strikethroughs and underlining thereby giving the appearance of trying to sneak through changes to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.
- Placing a cruise ship terminal in Mayport Village will irreversibly damage the fishing character of the village and negatively impact the people of the community.
- All acquired lands in Mayport Village by JaxPort that are not ferry properties should be sold for redevelopment and should follow the revitalization plans previously approved by the City thereby placing the land back on the tax records.
- Also as previously stated by letter placing a cruise ship terminal/seaport in a designated "Working Waterfront" is against Florida State Statutes (Section 342.07).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen Ludwig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Helen Ludwig, Chair
Greater/Arlington/Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor
Brad Thoburn, Director, Planning Department
Sandy Simmons, Planning Department