

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard
6:30 p.m. Monday, January 11, 2010**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania
Larry Belge
James Blache
Gene Crabtree
David Evans
Kacy Evans
Lad Hawkins

Florence Holcomb
Carroll Huffines
Dewey Marshall
Edward Maxted
Tami Moe
Eddi Parsons
David Peck

Jerry Petoskey
Mary Anne Saadeh
Lamar Swanner

Members Excused

Al Cherry
Michele Davis
Sandi Hibbard
Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig
Patricia Schorr
Chester Spellman

Guests

Tamera Branam
Sally Doherty
Duncan Ross

Staff/Resources

Lt. Amy, JSO, Zone 2
Kelly Boree, COJ, Mayor's Liaison
Jim Green, FDOT
Johnny Johnson, COJ, Code Compliance
Selinda Keyes, Duval County Schools
Ed Lukavovic, Planning and Development
Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development

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 thanked everyone for attending the December Holiday Gathering, presented the Subcommittee Chair with their Certificate of Appreciation for those that were unable to attend the December meeting. Also, reminded everyone that Marcella Lowe was still under the care of her physician and hope to rejoin the group in the early spring.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the November 9, 2009 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Jeff Winkler, Director, RealSense Prosperity Campaign, introduced himself and the programs that are offered through RealSense and their partners. Some of the services that they provide are free financial classes, some of the topics include: how to fix your credit, open or reopen a bank account, use credit wisely, and set up a budget and save money. RealSense also offers Matched Savings Account. This program matches every \$1 you save by \$2 so the money saved can be used to buy your first home, start or grow your own business or pay for college or technical school for your self. RealSense also offers free income tax preparation. RealSense is a United Way Initiative; for additional information and tax preparation sites contact United Way at 211 or 632-0600 or visit their website at www.REALSENSEJAX.ORG.

Matt Shirk, Public Defender, Fourth Judicial Circuit, informed the group that the 4th Judicial District includes Duval, Nassau and Clay counties. The public defenders office was created in 1963 to handle non-capital offence felonies. Since taken office, Shirk has worked to develop an efficient administration, effective representation and engage the community. Another way they will try to save taxpayer funds is by recovering some funds from acquitted clients, by postponing their bill for services rendered until they become employed. Also, there appears to be a large number of people who claim to be indigent are not, and public defender investigators could check for income not divulged in court. If you would like to learn any additional details you can visit www.MattShirkPublicDefender.com.

Don Redman, District 4 City Council Member, shared with the group that there will be a major zoning issue from Council District 4 coming before City Council at the January 26th City Council meeting. Council Member Redman also offered to answer any questions and hear any concerns.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall – no report

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Larry Belge – informed everyone that along the Wonderwood Expressway many trees are being planted and a sprinkler system is being installed too.

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Mike Anania –

Opposition to Ordinance 2009-401 regarding the illumination advertisement on bus shelters. CPAC opposes the placement of internally illuminated advertisement in bus shelters in Planning District 2 since all Planning Districts in Jacksonville are not to be treated equally and therefore oppose any action that is discriminatory.

Opposition to the Administrative Deviation AD-09-113 to deviate the side yard from 5 feet to 2.8 feet and the rear yard from 10 feet to 0 feet to allow the replacement of an existing shed at 10770 Java Drive between Kuralei Drive and Indies Drive. The applicant has the room to relocate the shed to meet the City's zoning code.

Opposition to Permit Application Number SAJ-2007-03007 SP-MRE) RaceTrac Corporation application to construct a RaceTrac fueling station and convenience store on 2.8 acres of wetlands on Merrill Road , Jacksonville.

- During RaceTrac's land use application process to the City for this proposed use CPAC recommended that this application be denied based on various reasons. However, the main reason was environmental. CPAC felt the wetlands of the site were valuable and should be preserved.
- The St. Johns River Water Management District will approve any wetlands alteration in their permit process as long as the applicant agrees to either mitigate the wetlands on site or pay into a mitigation bank. CPAC always opposes the idea of losing their community's wetlands to some other location.
- There is other non-wetland land available to locate the gas station and convenience store.

Opposition to the Land Use Amendment LU-2009D-003 (2010-18) to change the land use category of 3.6 acres from LDR to MDR to allow for elderly housing at 14321 Van Zile Avenue on the corner of Van Zile Avenue and San Pablo Road. The proposed density is too dense in an area of Low Density Residential land use. Approval would set a precedent for spot zoning.

Opposition to the Minor Modification MM-10-03 to modify the sign allowance as stipulated in the PUD from 18 inches to 42 inches at 2771-12 Monument Road between Monument Road and Monument Landing Boulevard. Approval will set a precedent for other tenants to want larger signs thereby, nullifying the PUD restriction.

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

TRANSPORTATION – Co-Chairs Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel – not present.

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – extended an invitation the group to participate in the Air Potato Round-Up at the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens in honor of Arbor Day on January 16th from 9:00 am to Noon.

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

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – not much has happened lately.

Growth Management Visioning Plan – Mike Anania – nothing new to report; still waiting on the consultant to complete report.

Staff Reports:

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree reminded everyone about the Day of Service on January 20th and it is rumored that Disney will be giving away tickets for groups that volunteer. A ribbon cutting will be held on January 20th ~ 10:00 a.m. for Castaway Island. Also The projects at Buck Park and David Wayne Park have been completed.

JSO – Lt. Amy informed the group that there has been a rash of auto burglaries due to individuals leaving their car “warming up” alone in the drive way. There were a number of robberies to several delivery drivers on Edenfield Road. JSO arrested 4 individuals and that cleared up most of the cases.

DCSB – Selinda Keyes – informed the group that the new Atlantic High School Boundaries were set; check the website to see the boundary changes. Last week Mayor Peyton and Superintendent Pratt-Dannals visited a few schools to get an inside look. The School Board will be attending a retreat to discuss “Race for the Top” The first phase of FCAT begins in February.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic – informed the group that the Planning and Development Department will be moving to the Ed Ball Building on February 5th.

FDOT – Jim Green – informed the group that FDOT is currently developing work budget for 5yr. plan. Currently round 2 of Stimulus Funds Projects are receiving bids. Bids are coming in lower than what were previously quoted so FDOT is able to get more done with the funds. The 9B project is expected to start soon and landscaping on 9A from Merrill south is underway.

MUNICIPAL CODE – no report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski made a request for speakers; if anyone has any requests, please contact Rosemary, Dewey or Eddi with their suggestions.

Announcements

Public Comments

(Comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, February 8, 2010, 6:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.

**GREATER ARLINGTON/BEACHES
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January 11, 2010

To: Grey Edwards, Chair, Planning Commission
Hon. Ray Holt, Chair, City Council Land, Use, & Zoning Committee

Re: Opposition to the Administrative Deviation AD-09-113 to deviate the side yard from 5 feet to 2.8 feet and the rear yard from 10 feet to 0 feet to allow the replacement of an existing shed at 10770 Java Drive between Kuralei Drive and Indies Drive.

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Sincerely,

Dewey D. Marshall

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

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

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January 14, 2010

To: Department of the Army
Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Division
Jacksonville Permits Section
Post Office Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232

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The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) was created in Jacksonville to advise the Mayor, City Council and the City's various agencies to provide advice and give feedback on various aspects of government and community matters. We have six such committees in the City representing the planning districts of the City. The Committee consists of volunteers from various communities throughout Planning District 2 (Greater Arlington and the Beaches).

The Greater Arlington/Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in opposition to Permit Application Number SAJ-2007-03007 (SP-MRE) as stated above for the following reasons:

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Therefore, CPAC recommends that this application be denied and that the applicant be forced to restore the wetlands to its original state prior to its destruction.

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

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