

District #2 – Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Michael Anania

Vice Chair: Jerry Petoskey

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport

DATE: Monday, October 13, 2014

Attendance:

Organizations/Representatives

Members:

Agnihotri, Amita, Hawkins Cove Owner Association
Anania, Michael, Arlington Business Society
Belge, Larry, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA
Evans, Kacy, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association
Henry, David, Kensington Association
Jarnutowski, Sherrie, Walkers Glen HOA
Kline, Jeanne, Arlington East Neighborhood Association
Jackson, Mary Jane, Southern Grove Condo Association
Litwhiler, Shelia, Beachwood Civic Association
Lowe, Marcella, Alderman Park Civic Association
Ludwig, Helen, St. Johns Woods HOA
Maxted, Ed, Bentwater Place
Miller, Pete, Indian Springs Community Association
Parsons, Eddi, Monument Oaks HOA
Petoskey, Jerry, Old Mill Cove Community Org
Pougiouklidis, Nina, Ibis Point Owners Association
Roberts, John, The Valley at Hidden Hills
Sanders, Patricia, Southern Grove Condo Association
Schorr, Patricia, Covington Creek HOA
Shacter, Melody, Clifton Civic Association
Sharp, Roger, Historic Marabanong
Sprague, Scott, Old Arlington Inc.
Tucker, Ben, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group

Excused:

Davis, Michele, Council Appointee – District 1
Hawkins, Lad, Communities of East Arlington
Hunter-Nowak, Karen, Hawkins Cove HOA

Elected Officials:

Senator Audrey Gibson

Staff: Lancaster, Elaine; Roman, Dave; Wesolowski, Rosemary; Davis, Paul; Green, Jim; Hall, Robert;
Nasrallah, Karen; McNeil, Julie

Guests:

Conderman, Laurie
George, Shirley – UPCA

Hamid, Farisha – Aide to Senator Gibson
Hipps, Lara - JAA

Gillem, Tiffany - JAA/JAXEX
Mathis, Karen
Martini, Terry

Schirado, Carol
Cunningham, Loretta – UPCA

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair, Michael 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 September meeting summary. Patricia Schorr made the motion to approve the September meeting summary; the motion was seconded by Dave Henry. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Sgt. Michael Monts** informed the CPAC that overall crime is down in the Zone 2. Over the past 30 days property crime is down 18.84% and violent crime is down 13.22%. Most of the violent crimes are robberies to businesses/restaurants.
Member Pougioukildis asked Sgt. Monts what are the guidelines that are in place for a JSO officer that is directing traffic in a school zone? Sgt. Monts stated that JSO typically does not direct traffic in school zones, but it does occasionally happen. Typically crossing guards handle the traffic/crossing duties in front of schools. Member Pougioukildis stated that due to a lack of traffic control on San Pablo Road, Alimacanti School can significantly impact traffic. It was questioned if JSO could help assist to relieve traffic congestion? Ms. Pougioukildis was informed that she should contact the Community Affairs Division of JSO at 630-7600 for assistance.
- **Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman** informed the CPAC that the budget passed and the next big issue to be addressed is the pension. The Blight Committee is meeting every other week; this week the meeting will discuss human blight and the meeting in 2 weeks will address right of way maintenance. Everyone is encouraged to call 630-CITY if you see right of way areas that are in need of attention. The next Blight Committee Meeting will be held on October 15, 2014, 10:00 am in the Lynwood Roberts Room in City Hall. The Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Committee will meet this Saturday in the Lynnwood Roberts room in City Hall. The meeting will start with a walking tour of downtown to familiarize the kids with the downtown area and Council City President Yarborough will speak to the students at 3:00 pm.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – not present
- **Regulatory Compliance Department (Code Compliance)**- Elaine Lancaster
Ms. Lancaster announced that all the new staff are completing their training. It was noted that this will be the first time in 4 years that the GAB District will have a Supervisor and 5 officers.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green – informed the CPAC that there are 2 roadway projects on Beach Blvd.; one project is a resurfacing project starting at the Atlantic Blvd / Beach Blvd. split in the St. Nicholas area and ending at Parental Home Road. The second project on Beach Blvd. is a landscaping project starting at St. Johns Bluff Road and ending at San Pablo Road. There is a drainage project that will start soon on the Wonderwood Expressway. On 295 an ITS system will be added; this project will start at I-95 South to Atlantic Blvd. FDOT will host 2 public meetings: I-295 Express lane (from I-95 to JTB) project meeting will be held on October 21, 2014 at UNF at the University Center. There will be an open house from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm; the project presentation will begin at 6:30 pm

and will be followed with public comment. The second public meeting will address the I-95/I-295 North interchange at the Oceanway Assembly of God. This meeting will follow the same format as previously mentioned.

- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority** –Tiffany Gillem informed the CPAC that JAXEX Golf Course is now open for more information about the golf course, please visit their website at: www.GolfBlueSky.com. It was also announced that the golf course is also offering special deals on golf on Facebook. Ms. Gillem also informed the CPAC that JAA will be hosting a Thank You Fish Fry and Hot Dog Roast on October 17, 2014. The event will be held at the JIA picnic grounds from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.
- **Operation Dolphin** – Karen Nashrallah – informed the CPAC that they are in a good place and ready to move ahead. Right now they are waiting on funding. They are looking for funding to hire a consultant for the CRA and for a transportation study of University Blvd and Merrill Road. While they are waiting for the budget/funding details to be worked out, the monthly Operation Dolphin meetings at City Hall have been cancelled. The meetings will resume as soon as the funding has been identified and is in place.
- **Planning Department:**
 - **Housing and Community Development** – Rosemary Wesolowski shared copies of today's (October 13, 2014) front page from the Florida Times. Member Pat Schorr was featured and the article focused on her work to enlighten City Council on her concerns of a proposed Charter School to be built off Kernan Blvd.
 - **Planning Department** – Paul Davis stated that he did not have an additional report from the LUZ Subcommittee, but he was available for questions.
 - **Public Works** – Steve Long, Chief of Right of way and Stormwater Management – not present
 - **JaxParks** –Robert Hall - no report, but available for questions.

4. Presentation(s):

Senator Audrey Gibson, Florida State Senate, District 9, attended the meeting initially as a visitor, but agreed to share a very brief update for her district. Senator Gibson shared the new district boundaries and she shared a brief update on all the committees that she serves on. Those committees are:

- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, Vice Chair
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
- Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities
- Criminal Justice
- Reapportionment
- Regulated Industries

Senator Gibson encouraged the CPAC to contact her if she can be of assistance. To reach Senator Gibson in Jacksonville:

101 E. Union Street, Suite 104, Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 359-2553 ~ FAX (904) 359-2532

Or in Tallahassee:

205 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
(850) 487-5009

Wendy Murrow, JTA spoke on the JTA Mobility Works. The CPAC was informed that The Mobility Works program is a 5-year strategic initiatives that will focus on specific roadway projects and

mobility corridors. The areas of focus in the GAB District will be the Arlington Expressway Corridor Improvements, Merrill Road Corridor, Southside Blvd. and Atlantic Intersection Improvements. These improvements will work in conjunction with Operation Dolphin and will also rely on community input to decide what types of improvement are needed. JTA will also partner with the City of Jacksonville and FDOT to work on these projects. These projects will focus on improving transportation, ADA compliance, and will look at the impact to the neighborhoods and try to create a ¼ mile buffer. JTA hopes to have plans completed and ready to go by fiscal year 2016.

Ms. Murrow also informed the group that JTA will be completing 3 BJP roadway projects that are no longer funded. Those projects are:

- Kernan Blvd. (Atlantic Blvd to McCormick Road) this project will begin soon.
- Girvin Road (Atlantic Blvd to Wonderwood Dr.)
- San Pablo Road (Atlantic Blvd to Beach Blvd)

JTA stated that they plan to host workshops and vision sessions for each of these projects and the CPAC members and guests were encouraged to attend. JTA stressed that community feedback is important to each of these projects. To view maps of the project areas or to learn more about the projects visit: www.JTAMobilityWorks.com

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Anania informed the CPAC that he travel a number of hours to get the CPAC meeting and did not have a report.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** –

Bill Bishop, City Council District 2, informed the CPAC that tomorrow night the City Council will vote on re-establishing the Inspector General office in the City. There may be an issue that will require a charter referendum to put all the Authorities on the charter. On October 22, 2014, they will take up the current pension proposal.

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

• **Land Use and Zoning:**

The Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee met at 5:00 p.m. The subcommittee reviewed several applications and 6 motions were made:

* **Objection to V-14-07 2520 Cortez Road** – to increase structure and encroachment for a recently constructed accessory building. The CPAC opposed this application because the owner should have been reasonably aware of the requirement for prior permitting of any structure. Passed unanimously

* **Opposition to SW-14-09 at 5910 Atlantic Blvd.** – encroachment of the sign impairs the clear line of sight along Atlantic Blvd. The property has ample area and location available for it to be developed according to the development criteria. Passed unanimously

* **Support for rezoning T705 at 3162 Gerona Drive** - Redevelopment of the property and the proposed uses serves the public interest and it is a welcome addition to the Arlington area. Passed Unanimously

* **Support for Administration Deviation AD-14-50 at 13947 Beach Blvd.** - The proposed use is a welcome commercial addition to the Arlington area. The site and its surroundings are consistent with the proposed use. Passed Unanimously.

* **Approval of Exception E-14-056 at 2800 University Blvd.** The activity is contained to the center of the sizable subject site and therefore has no off-site impact. The patrons of the site are more likely to be students of the university and therefore are subject to discipline when compared to a commercial establishment serving the general public. The use will be highly controlled. After a lengthy discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

* **Approval of Exception E-14-057 at 5850 Atlantic Blvd.** The activity is contained within the

subject site and therefore potential off-site impacts are limited. Passed unanimously.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Larry Belge – no report
 - **Membership** – Jeanne Kline and Karen Hunter-Nowak – Co-Subcommittee Chair Kline informed the group that they had no report
 - **Nomination Subcommittee** – Helen Ludwig informed the CPAC that the Nomination Subcommittee met prior to the CPAC meeting. So far they have received 2 nominations for Chair, Mike Anania and Pat Schorr and 1 nomination for Vice Chair, Jerry Petosky. Member Ludwig reminded the CPAC that they are still taking nominations and also nominations can be made from the floor.
 - **Transportation** – Ben Tucker – no report

 - **Ad-Hoc:**
 - **North Florida TPO** – Roger Sharp – At the last NFTPO meeting funding issues and the draft for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP starts off with everyone stating what is on their wish list and what they think will improve transportation. The next stage is to determine what can be afforded. To date they have a draft and he will leave a copy it with Rosemary if anyone would like to review it.
8. **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Patricia Schorr informed the CPAC that their last meeting was held on October 2, 2014. There was one report that was issued by Council's Auditors office and that was report 754 for the Tax Collector's Office. This was a clean report except for a couple of items. Those items were petty cash and terminated employees access had not been discontinued. They were asked to speak on these 2 items. The Legislative Tracking Subcommittee put together 2 ordinances for vote: 2014-653 and 2014-642. 2014-653 – The TRUE Commission passed a motion to ask the City to find a final resolution on the 30 year agreement on the Police and Fire Pension Fund. 2014-642 – appropriation for \$700,000 for a 5 year Federal Grant to fund school education enrichment programs at 3 elementary schools. They voted to oppose it because there is only funding for the first year and the city would have to come up with the funding for the next 4 years.
9. **Unfinished Business** - none
10. **New Business** – Member Pete Miller informed the CPAC that the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens will host its first Arbor"EAT"um Wine and Food Fest on October 25th, 2014. The limited attendance event will showcase some of Jacksonville's best loved restaurants who will provide samples of their signature menu items. The event will be held lakefront at the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens from 4-7 p.m.

On November 8, 2014 the Jacksonville Arboretum will celebrate their 6th Anniversary. Once a flyer is completed, it will be forwarded to Rosemary to share with the CPAC.

For complete details visit <http://www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/eventsactivities/>

11. **Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** –
- Bill Bishop introduced himself and announced that he was running for Mayor.
- Lisa King introduced herself and announced that she is running for City Council District 2
- Melody Shacter introduced herself and announced that she is running for City Council District 1
- Ramon Day introduced himself and announced that he is running for City Council District 4
- Scott Wilson introduced himself and announced that he is running for City Council District 4

Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 10, 2014 ~ 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport
855-1 Craig Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225