

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
6:00 P.M. April 11, 2005

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Terry Akins
Larry Belge
Skip Benolken
Ed Chiarotti (Alt.)
Gary Dickinson
Dorothy Fant
Mark Foss

Ingrid Freeman-Claxton
Lad Hawkins
Johnny Holden
Sherrie Jarnutowski
Joseph Lek
Marcella Lowe
Gail Melton

Tom Olney
Janet Ostler (Alt.)
Eddi Parsons
Ray Salman
Tom Shouplin
Rick Smith
Ben Tucker

Members Excused

Geraldine Atkinson
Albert Cherry
Helen Ludwig

Jay Olchak
Bradley Richards
Carol Schirado

Clay Yarborough

Guests

John Lowe
Larry Martin
Lenora Martin

Eric Martin
Gary Warrens
Mike Hancock

Eric Jones
Jeff Albritton
(Apr. 20 others)

Staff/Resource

Bob Baughman, Mayor's
Rep. (Phil Bruce)
Ed Lukacovic, P&D
Chief Carson Tranquille,
JSO
Jim Green, FDOT

Jackie Maddox,
Consumer Affairs
Steve Lawing, Bldg.
Insp.
Lt. Bob Jernigan, JSO
Off. Phelps, JSO

Selinda Keyes, DCSB
James Richardson, NSD
Eric Taylor, JHRC

Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and followed with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Speakers

Marcella introduced Tiffany reeves with the State Department of Financial Services. She provided information on planning for natural disasters in relation to financial and insurance documents. At 6:20, Marcella relinquished the meeting to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for a public hearing and introduced Gary Dickinson. Mr. Dickinson then introduced Sheriff John Rutherford. He presented information on Tasers and other JSO related matters. He then proceeded to field comments and questions from the audience. The JSO public hearing continued until 7:30 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Marcella resumed the regular CPAC meeting at 7:35 pm. Minutes from the March meeting were approved as submitted.

Sub-Committee Reports

Marcella acknowledged Phil Bruce from the Parks and Recreation Dept. who was attending for Bob Baughman. He advised that all should take the time to review the newly released Parks report. He had several copies made which were available at the back of the room. The report is also available online at:

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Parks+Task+Force/default.htm>

Marcella reported that she had spoken with Gary Dickinson who requested she appoint a Co-Chair of the Parks Subcommittee. She approached Cindy Alderson, CPAC Primary from Eagles Roost who agreed to serve in that capacity. They both attended the Parks Task Force press conference at Sisters Creek Marina announcing the final report and also encouraged everyone to read it. Marcella then acknowledged Gail Melton who had knee surgery the night of the last CPAC meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION – deferred to the comments made previously.

BEAUTIFICATION – No report.

GRANTS AND AWARDS – Dorothy asked James Richardson to discuss the 2005 Mayor's Awards and the procedures to be used. James distributed the award criteria and nomination form to those present and indicated that he would be mailing it out to those absent from the meeting. He shared the timing and the necessity of the short deadlines and process to be used to determine winners at next month's meeting.

LAND USE AND ZONING – Joe Lek reported that the subcommittee had reviewed the planning project list and had no action at this time. During the committee meeting, there was discussion of LU-2005-003, LU-2005-18A, B and C and LU-2005-019. Marcella mentioned last month's presentation by Beazer Homes and their attorney to the subcommittee on the "Mediterra" project. As reported, it was the consensus of the subcommittee that if the developer followed their plan, there were several concessions

and improvements and they no longer had opposition to the plan. The day of the LUZ Subcommittee meeting of the City Council, she received a call from the developer's attorney requesting an email to the chair indicating there was no longer any CPAC opposition to the project, which she did send. She requested a motion to that effect from the CPAC. Joe Lek moved the CPAC override their previous position on LUZ-2005-128 as they were now in support. Motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

The Land Use and Zoning subcommittee will next meet at 4:30 pm May 9th at the Regency Square Branch Library.

MEMBERSHIP – No report.

SCHOOLS – No report.

TRANSPORTATION – Mark Foss reported that he had been asked to serve as the District 2 CPAC representative on an advisory committee reviewing issues pertaining to the widening of Kernan Boulevard. A motion was made approving that request, was properly seconded and passed by the group.

Skip Benolken asked a question about the property **at Hartsfield and Merrill Roads** *(revised via motion at May CPAC meeting)*. It was noted that the development has been approved for town homes and single family residential to go in there.

The next meeting of the Transportation subcommittee was scheduled to be April 19th, 6 pm at the regency Branch Library. (It was subsequently cancelled that day.)

NAP – No report.

Marcella reported that she attended a meeting with the Old Arlington, Inc. Board of Directors, the Principal of Arlington Elementary, FDOT representatives and officials from the Neighborhoods and Public Works Departments. The meeting had been called by Councilwoman Pat Lockett-Felder to discuss the ISTEIA project. After 10 years of nothing happening, the project is ready to begin. It calls for beatification efforts to take place along University Boulevard from Arlington Road going south to the Clifton area. It will be done in phases. Councilwoman Lockett-Felder was not pleased with a \$300,000 shortfall in the project budget, but assured the group that complete funding will be found. She directed that \$100,000 of funding from her be placed in the account. Work should begin by the end of August.

Additionally, the original Towncenter Initiative for Old Arlington is in the design process and they will be holding meetings with the original group to finalize those plans. Also, she has personally continued to ask the Mayor to secure funding to continue the other Towncenter projects, namely Rogero Road and University Boulevard/Charter Point. She asked for patience, but felt that eventually things will happen.

ENVIRONMENT – Marcella asked Lad if he was bringing any motions regarding the Scenic Watch request to support their efforts requesting FDOT to not allow billboards to be replaced following the storms of last year. After discussion, Marcella deferred the item again. James Greene and James Richardson were directed to try and get a copy of the sign ordinance.

Lad Hawkins announced that the St. Johns River Water Management District would hold hearings on the Freedom Commerce Center project on April 18th. He indicated they were still monitoring the Fuller Warren Bridge & Cruise Ship terminal location. It was noted that the Waterways commission would be meeting on April 25th at 6 pm concerning the Fuller Warren Bridge.

RELAY FOR LIFE –Tom Shouvin reported that the event was postponed at this time. He questioned whether the use of a CPAC was the best thing to do in this instance. A final meeting will be held on April 26th.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Phil Bruce previously reported.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Lt. Jernigan reported that overall, crime was down in the sector or flat. He mentioned that there was an increase in purse snatchings in grocery stores in the district. It was also mentioned that someone left their keys on the table at the library (Regency). Someone picked them up and stole the car. He encouraged everyone to be aware of things and be careful. Gary Dickinson reported that auto thefts were up across the city and distributed a brochure with tips on keeping your auto safe.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Selinda reported that with the Superintendent leaving, the district had a vacancy and encouraged those interested to apply. She mentioned that there were several departure activities scheduled and she was certain there would be announcements of those the public would be able to attend. Nancy Snyder, the current Chief of Staff for the district, is slated to become the Interim Superintendent. Both she and the Board are doing everything possible to ensure a permanent replacement is in place prior to September 1st. She also mentioned that the School Board was in negotiations to purchase land for several high schools. One would be for Sandalwood, tentatively scheduled for fall of 2008. The other would be for the Mandarin area where they are looking at a potential joint use campus with FCCJ.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported there were several applications and exceptions that have been filed awhile ago but seem to linger. He is monitoring them. He also mentioned two wetlands area issues that he was watching and would keep the CPAC informed.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – No report

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY SAFETY – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson presented Gary Dickinson with a Certificate of Appreciation for service as Chair of the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee. Following that, he reported that the deadline for the Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants was May 31st. All neighborhoods interested should attend one of the final mandatory workshops if they have not done so already. He mentioned the date of the upcoming Mayor's Neighborhood Summit – June 24th. Eric Taylor of the human Relations Commission had been at the meeting but left early. He left flyers on upcoming Study Circles, which James recommended to everyone. Lastly, James asked everyone to pick up a flyer from the Mental Health and Welfare Division asking for donated clothing for the Indigent Burial program (flyer attached).

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - CONSUMER AFFAIRS – Jackie Maddox reported that 2005-288 passed which repealed permits for Charitable Solicitations and Going out of Business permits. Now organizations only need state permits for this. She reported also that the division would be out patrolling the community Wednesdays through Sundays to see if peddlers were out selling things without the proper permits. They would be first asked to leave the site. After that, they would be cited \$250 for each infraction that day. If anyone is aware of any illegal vendors, please call the Consumer Affairs Division at 630-1212, ext 4090. Jackie can also be reached via cell at 307-5921 on the weekends.

Other Business

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella reported receiving a letter from Jeannie Fewell thanking the CPAC for taking the time to write her and thank her for sending Randy Gallup and Fred Atwill to the March meeting to discuss the Fair Share program. The CPAC also received a letter from Mayor Peyton thanking it for the kind comments regarding the Super Bowl and how well city agencies were coordinated.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – Mary Anne Saadeh from Oak Haven talked informed the CPAC about a proposed Land Use change for property located at Atlantic Boulevard and Bartram Road. This is a semi annual land use amendment to change the definition of a “node”. The NE Florida regional Planning Council recommended the item be sent back and it will be coming back to City Council in May. The concern is that this was a floor amendment that did not have the regular vetting process and it will have a detrimental effect on the entire community if passed. She urged those present to contact their council representatives and urge opposition.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

GUEST COMMENTS – None.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 9, 2005 at the Regency Branch library at 6:00 pm.