

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
6:00 P.M. August 9, 2004

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Cindy Alderson	Ingrid Freeman-Claxton	Tom Olney
Geraldine Atkinson	Lad Hawkins	Bradley Richards
Larry Belge	Sherrie Jarnutowski	Ray Salman
Skip Benolken	Joseph Lek	Carol Schirado
Sandra Curran	Marcella Lowe	Sandra Spencer-Shabla
Dorothy Fant	Helen Ludwig	Clay Yarborough
Kevin Feldt	Gail Melton	Darryl Flynn (Alt.)
Mark Foss	Jay Olchak	Janet Ostler (Alt.)

Members Excused

Terry Akins
Al Cherry
Tom Shouvin
Roberta Thomas

Guests

Dale Parsons	Bill Kintz
Eddi Parsons	Peter Preiskorn

Staff/Resource

Jim Green, FDOT	Michael Koerner, PDD	Lynn Westbrook, Admin
Selinda Keyes, DCSB	Steve Lawing, Bldg Insp	Edward Lukacovic, PDD
Robert Jernigan, JSO	Robert Prado, Prop Saf	James Richardson, NSD

Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A prayer followed and then everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance.

Speakers

Marcella introduced Elizabeth Kohler, Administrator of the Preservation Project. She gave a brief history of the Preservation Project and explained that from 1999 until now, the focus was on land acquisition. 75 miles of land was purchased or obtained through partnerships, both public and private. She indicated that the majority of BJP monies have been spent or allocated. Mayor Peyton is now focused on providing access to this land and park system. He established a Parks Task Force which is to present a report in December 2005 on how to manage the Park System, including the Preservation land. She encouraged those present to attend a Public Input meeting scheduled for

September 18, 2004, 2:00 – 5:00 pm at City Hall St. James. Elizabeth then proceeded to answer questions and concerns. She indicated that written comments can be mailed to her or sent to her via email at ekohler@coj.net.

Marcella then introduced Nancy Kilgo with JEA who spoke about the newly created Water & Sewer Expansion Authority. She introduced Fred Odum, Executive Director and Sherry Hall with Public Works. Last summer, the council created the Authority because of the high cost of water & sewer installation in existing neighborhoods. JEA had the money to rehabilitate water/sewer lines, but not to install them, in addition to the fact that some neighborhoods want this, but not all. The Authority acts as a financing medium to allow neighborhoods to pay for the installation over time. There are currently two projects – a 30 resident area on the Westside and the Arlington YMCA. At this point, JEA is the contact agency for information. Nancy can be reached at 665-6439 and by email at kilgna@jea.com. Information should be coming to the website soon.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the July 12, 2004 meeting were corrected and unanimously approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

PARKS AND RECREATION – no report.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail Melton indicated there was no report. She did announce again that she has the applications for the Communi-Tree program and encouraged members to contact her.

GRANTS AND AWARDS – Dorothy Fant reported that the committee met and after discussing issues around the criteria, decided on winners in the following categories:

Individual Award – Albert G. Cherry

Neighborhood Award – Woodland Acres

James Richardson indicated that the process for these awards would be reviewed and discussed by the Neighborhoods Dept. staff and the Mayor's Office. Changes may be forthcoming. Dorothy also indicated that she had calls from recipients of the JCC grants stating they had not received any monies to date. James was asked to follow-up.

LAND USE AND ZONING – Marcella talked about her attending the recent Planning Committee. There were a good representation of Arlington residents to speak against E-04-60 and WLD-04-24. Joe Lek reported that the subcommittee met and after reviewing the Planning Department project list, had two motions:

Re: Support for the Rezoning 2004-803, 2004-806, 2004-807, 2004-808 and 2004-809, to change the zoning from RMD-E to RMD-A west of Acme Street, on lots on India Avenue, Jasper Avenue, Oakwood Villa Estates

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in support of the above proposal for a rezoning from RMD-E to RMD-A because it is felt that it will add

improvement to the neighborhood because this area needs intensive improvement and any changes to this area would be a welcome improvement.

Motion was 2nd by Carol Schirado and approved by the group.

Re: Opposition to 2004-811 for a Waiver to reduce the minimum road frontage from 70 feet to 45 feet which would allow 2 dwelling units on a lot. on 8465 and 8465-1 Highfield Avenue.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) opposes the above proposal for a waiver to reduce the road frontage from 70 feet to 45 feet because we do not want to create a precedent for dividing lots to allow for more than one mobile home.

The motion was 2nd by Gail Melton and approved by the group. He mentioned that they still had no action on the proposed Tresca Rd development as they are still gathering facts and figures.

The Land Use and Zoning committee will next meet at 4:30 pm September 14th at the University Park Library.

MEMBERSHIP – Clay Yarborough introduced Larry Belge as a new Primary member representing River Woods at St. Johns Landing and replacing Janet Ostler who becomes the Alternate. He indicated that he had no other new applications at this time.

SCHOOLS – James reported for Tom Shouvin that school had begun and for all to please be as careful as possible on the roads.

TRANSPORTATION – Mark Foss reported that the transportation subcommittee last met on July 20th and discussed ways that they could be more proactive to issues as opposed to reacting to things as they come up. With that in mind, they developed a list of issues that they will begin discussing in detail and will be bringing forth recommendations on what stance the group might want to take. He indicated that Cindy Alderson (Osprey Pointe) would be joining the committee. He also indicated that he, and other CPAC members, attended the Craig Airport Advisory Committee and shared with the group issues that were discussed.

The Transportation committee will next meet at 6:00 pm August 17th at the Regency Branch library.

NAP – Gail indicated there was no report.

CPAC PICNIC – James Richardson reported for Tom that overall, the event was fun and went off well. There was a communication snafu around the timing of the food delivery, but that allowed time for introductions, door prizes and other announcements. There is no indication as to which district will host next year.

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins reported that the Freedom Commerce Development item had been withdrawn again from the agenda for the St. Johns Water Management

District. He expressed his opinion that they are considering withdrawing. He indicated that the committee had one motion”:

“The ABCPAC recognizes that siltation and runoff control from construction sites is an issue of serious concern. The ABCPAC supports the work that the Waterways Commission and Mayor Peyton are doing to address our water quality.

The ABCPAC looks forward to working with Mayor Peyton, the City and the Waterways Commission to reach a timely resolution of this most important matter.

The motion was 2nd by Helen Ludwig and approved by the group.

Staff Reports

MAYOR’S REPRESENTATIVE – Lynn Westbrook asked that members call 630-CITY for siltation from construction sites into storm drains and catch basins.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF’S OFFICE – Bob Jernigan again stressed that school had begun and pleaded for everyone to be careful, especially around bus routes and bus pickup areas. There were comments that Lake Lucina had severe traffic problems during the day. He indicated that he would share the information. Ray Salman also made an impassioned plea about the traffic and signage issues around the Wal-Mart at Kernan & Atlantic. Several members joined him in his comments. After some discussion, the Transportation committee agreed to discuss the issue at it’s next meeting. It was also suggested that Shadco be contacted. James also suggested, and Marcella agreed to consider a subcommittee to address the impact of and issues around large shopping developments in the district.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOLBOARD – Selinda Keyes mentioned the hot air balloon at Lake Lucina that morning and the impact it might have had on traffic. However, she has listened to the group’s concerns around traffic there and discussed things with Safety and Facilities and they are looking at ways to address it. September or October will have the groundbreaking for Arlington Middle, and Terry Parker and Merrill Elementary have construction going on.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Ed Lukacovic introduced Mike Koerner as a new planner also supporting the district who also happens to be a resident of the area.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Jim Green talked about the Mathews Bridge article that appeared in the Florida Times-Union the previous day. He also explained that the poles along the Cesery Bridge are to support the new barriers to be going in. He also reported that 9A had opened that day.

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY SAFETY – No report, but in answer to a question, he indicated that owners have 18 days to have something cleared when signs have been posted by the City.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson asked that members please keep him informed as to what is happening in the district. He would like to periodically get information on events in the neighborhoods so that when it comes time to print the magazine, he has things to choose from. He asked that HOA's, civic groups and clubs please advise him of upcoming meetings so that he can make an effort to attend them, especially after the FNC. James reminded the group again about the upcoming Florida Neighborhoods Conference scheduled for Sept 16th – 18th. And finally, the September meeting should be held at the University Park Library. The LUZ subcommittee would be able to meet as usual at 4:30 pm.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No report.

Other Business

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Nothing to report.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – Clay mentioned that there were two articles in the recent Neighborhoods Magazine that prominently featured the Greater Arlington/Beaches District. He also met with a representative from the American Cancer Society about starting a "Relay for Life" in the Arlington area. Marcella agreed that they would be able to speak to the group at the October meeting.

Gail reported that the Shadco was hosting Sheriff Rutherford for two of his walks on August 12th. The first walk would be at 4:30 pm in the Arco Place Apartments area. The second would be at 5:45 pm in the Simca Dr/Sandburg Road area. All are invited to join in.

Sandra Spencer-Shabla expressed appreciation for the police presence at Kernan Trails, but indicated that sidewalks in the area are desperately needed. She was asked to provide wording to James so that a letter of support from the CPAC could be prepared.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

GUEST COMMENTS – None

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting

The September meeting is scheduled for the University Park library, 3435 N. University Blvd., with the LUZ committee meeting at 4:30, a tour beginning at 5:30 pm and the CPAC meeting beginning at 6:00 pm.

Seeking Volunteers!

We are seeking volunteers to chair a subcommittee focusing on the Traffic Impact of Large Retail Developments. We need members to serve and someone to chair the committee. Please contact Marcella or James prior to, or during our next meeting.