

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard
6:30 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2009**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

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| Michael Anania | Lad Hawkins | Tami Moe |
| James Blache | Sandi Hibbard | Jay Olchak |
| Larry Belge | Florence Holcomb | Eddi Parsons |
| Maria Condaxis | Johnny Holden | Jerry Petoskey |
| Gene Crabtree | Carroll Huffines | Mary Anne Saadeh |
| Wayne Entsminger | Marcella Lowe | Lamar Swanner |
| David Evans | Helen Ludwig | Erica Trent |
| Kacy Evans | Dewey Marshall | Ben Tucker |
| William Figueroa | Edward Maxted | |

Members Excused

Al Cherry
Michele Davis
Chester Spellman

Guests

Bill Bishop
Tamera Branam
Benita Dawson
Sally Doherty
John Fox
Joanne Kazmierski
Lake Ray
Robert Sanders

Staff/Resources

Kelly Boree, COJ, Mayor's Liaison
Ed Lukavovic, Planning and Development
Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development
Bruce Chauncey, Code Compliance
Jim Green, FDOT

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 encouraged the members to become active in one of the CPAC subcommittees and assist the subcommittee chairs with their various responsibilities.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the July 13, 2009 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Tony Vecchio, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Executive Director, introduced himself; he just joined the Jacksonville Zoo after coming from the Portland Oregon Zoo 4 weeks ago. He shared with the group some of the areas he would like to expand on and develop such as: increasing conservation, improving and increasing the volunteer programs & community involvement, and develop programs for urban children and at risk teens. Areas of long term growth the zoo would like to increase / develop include involvement with locally endangered species, develop the zoo to have a zero carbon foot print and to increase/develop boat excursions to the zoo.

Mike Miller, Director of External Affairs, JTA presented the need for sheltered bus stops throughout the city. It has been proposed that 50 shelters a year, for the next 15 years should be constructed through out the city. To finance the shelters ordinance 2009-401 has been introduced; this bill amends ordinance code to include an exemption allowing signs on transit shelters located on public right-of-way or publicly owned property. With this ordinance in place the additional shelters can be financed by the process of selling advertisement on the shelters to pay for construction and maintenance of the shelters. For additional information, visit www.jtafla.com

Bill Bishop, City of Jacksonville Council member, District 2 informed the group that City Council will be meeting the next 5 Thursdays for 2009-2010 Budget Hearing meetings. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. The meetings will be held in Council Chambers located at 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, and St. James Building starting on Thursday, August 13th. The meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Please check the COJ website for any updates or changes. Also, Councilmember Bishop extended an invitation to everyone in regard to the next Budget Town Hall Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Police Athletic League, 3450 Monument Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225 on September 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Lake Ray, State of Florida Representative shared with the group that he has been very busy in Tallahassee and has held 3 town meetings so far to discuss what happen while they were in session. The next town meeting will be held on August 11th, 6:30 p.m. at Isle of Faith Methodist Church on San Pablo Road.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall – Kelley Boree informed the group that the Greater Arlington Beaches district has approximately 50 parks. It is important for the CPAC members to get involved the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee so the community can be involved with the development and growth of their area parks. There are Planners that work with the parks in the GAB District and it is key to have input from the CPAC's to identify the priorities and needs of each park. Current construction:

Buck Park is currently under construction; this includes basketball court renovation, replacing the tennis nets and improving the parking. Construction is expected to be completed in December or January.

Castaway Island the dredge should be completed this month and additional trail(s) project is underway and should be completed by the end of the year.

David Wayne Pack Park renovation on the playground and work will be completed to meet ADA compliance.

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Marcella Lowe – informed the group that due to her many commitments it is necessary that she steps down as the Beautification Subcommittee Chair. Larry Belge has agreed to assume the position of the Beautification Subcommittee Chair.

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Mike Anania – the full CPAC voted on and approved to send opposition letters on following:

- 2009C-013 ~ Land Use on the south side of Merrill Road, 500' west of the Merrill & Hartsfield Intersection ~ to change from RPI to NC to allow for a restaurant.
- AD-09-78 ~ Admin Dev at 7147 Merrill Road between Merrill Road & Townsend Boulevard ~ to deviate the parking requirement by twenty percent
- AD-09-76 ~ Admin Dev at 6322 Simca Drive between Thornhill Road and Simca Drive West ~ to deviate the side yard from 5 ft to 3.6 ft to allow an attached shed
- AD-09-75 ~ Admin Dev at 5254 Magnolia Circle North ~ to deviate the side yard from 5 feet to 0 feet and the front yard from 20 feet to 5 feet to allow a restored carport.
- AD-09-74 ~ Admin Dev at 12515 Hidden drive between Mt. Pleasant Road & Hidden Drive ~ to deviate the maximum height of fence from 4 to 6 ft.
- AD-09-72 ~ Admin Dev at 2133 Cortez Road between Beach and Atlantic Boulevards ~ to deviate the maximum height of fence from 4 to 6 ft.

After the LUZ Subcommittee report, Eddi Parsons, Vice-Chair made a motion to the LUZ Subcommittee and full CPAC to send an opposition letter in regard to Hometown Democracy (Resolution 2009-586). There was significant discussion on the topic and letter; the focus of the opposition was in regard to having the city council members vote and take a position as the elected officials. The CPAC members voted and an opposition letter will be sent on behalf of the GAB CPAC.

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 – expressed concern for the destruction of wetlands for a proposed construction of a Waffle House / new donut shop on Merrill Road.

T.R.U.E Commission – Marcella Lowe – informed the group that the T.R.U.E. Commission is and will be involved with upcoming budget meeting that the City Council will hold. There will be at least 1- T.R.U.E. Commission member at each of the meetings; Marcella encouraged the CPAC members to attend the meetings as much as possible. Marcella reminded us that the upcoming community room dedication to Gail Melton is still in the planning phase, but as soon as the details become available they will be provided.

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – informed the group that JAA Board has selected a new Executive Director / CEO, Steven Grossman. Mr. Grossman is currently the Director of Aviation at Oakland International Airport in Oakland, California. Also, overall operations and updates of Craig Field are: airport observation area is completed and open to the public, there has been 22 noise incidents reported in June 2009, runway 5/23 is scheduled for a resurfacing project to be completed and overall operations/activities are down.

Growth Management Visioning Plan – Mike Anania – informed the group that the Growth Management Steering Committee is currently waiting for the consultants input and then the committee will take the next steps towards finalization.

Staff Reports:

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree, Mayor's Liaison informed the group that the 1st of the 4 Budget Hearing Meetings will be held on August 13th starting at 8:30 a.m. The meetings can also be viewed online at www.coj.net for those that can not attend in person.

JSO – not present

DCSB – Selinda Keyes – reminded the group that school starts August 24th and the teachers report to work 1 week prior. Also, the lowest performing schools had training to help them improve their grades. Lastly, the school board wasn't able to hire as many new teachers this year due to the budget.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic – informed the group that the Planning and Development Department is still working on the Comp Plan – JaxPort Master Plan. The plan can be found at www.coj.net.

FDOT – Jim Green – informed the group that FDOT is working on the stimulus projects are beginning. Resurfacing of Atlantic Blvd. has begun; currently this project is in the first phase which consists of sidewalk renovation / ramp construction prior. The Hart Bridge painting continues and the Dames Point Bridge painting should be completed by spring.

MUNICIPAL CODE – Bruce Chauncey informed the group that Municipal Code has completed their move to the Jake Godbold Building downtown.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski thanked all the associations that extended an invitation to her to join them at their National Night Out activities. It was great to go to various neighborhoods and get to meet the neighbors. Also, don't forget to visit www.fixitnow.cc to share you thoughts on the city's budget.

Announcements

(Announcements and comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 14, 2009, 6:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.