

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
December 12, 2005 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Albert Cherry
Sandra Curran
Eddie Daniel
David Evans (Alt.)
Dorothy Fant

Johnny Holden
Joseph Lek
Marcella Lowe
Barbara Mazer
Gail Melton

Jay Olchak
Lewis Palmer (Alt.)
Eddi Parsons
Tom Shoumlin
Richard Witzel

Members Excused

Geraldine Atkinson
Armando Grundy-Gomes
Helen Ludwig

Thomas Olney
Brad Richards

Guests

Honorable Richard Clark, Dist 3
Honorable Lake Ray, Dist. 1
Barbara Cherry

Tamara Branam
Travis Zwenger
Sally Doherty

Staff/Resource

James Green, JHRC
Selinda Keys, DCSB

James Richardson, NSD
Skip Roszel, Bldg Insp.

Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. After establishing that a quorum was present, a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Speakers

Marcella thanked everyone for coming and indicated that it would be a very brief meeting and then the Holiday party. She introduced Councilman Richard Clark. He thanked Marcella for her leadership of the CPAC during his tenure on the Council. He acknowledged the impact the CPACs have on the Council and the Planning Commission. He indicated that he had just come from finalizing the Jaguars Lease Agreement and thought that it was pretty fair. Overall, he thought things were pretty good with the City Government. He reiterated his appreciation for the CPAC and the time they take to review and research issues. In response to a question, he indicated that he was unsure of the status of the Neighborhoods Department, but encouraged

everyone to attend the Finance Committee meetings during the Budget process to ensure their voice is heard.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the November 14, 2005 meeting summary was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Chairman's Report

Marcella acknowledged that Councilman Clark had attended 4 CPAC meetings during his brief tenure in office. She went on to acknowledge the hard work of the CPAC during her tenure and thanked everyone for their time and participation. She talked about the work that had been done and the position taken on several items, and advised everyone of the stellar reputation that the District 2 CPAC enjoyed. She again thanked everyone for supporting her during her time as Chair.

James Richardson, on behalf of Mayor Peyton and Roslyn Philips, Director of Neighborhoods, acknowledged the leadership of Marcella and thanked her for her time in the position. He presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Paperweight acknowledging her time as Chair. He then thanked all of the CPAC members for their time and efforts, especially the Chairs of the various Subcommittees. He then presented those Chairmen present with Certificates of Appreciation.

Subcommittee Reports

Marcella mentioned that in the interest of time, she would call on the various subcommittees and asked them to only report if there was action to be taken.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail Melton reported that the committee had met and reviewed two Communi-Tree applications. They both were approved by the group and she recommended approval of the CPAC. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Staff Reports

Marcella thanked the Staff and Resource Persons who had provided support to the CPAC.

Selinda Keyes reported that the new Superintendent had hit the ground running. He was making a grand effort to get to all of the schools before the end of the year. He had his first Board meeting which went very well. She also reported that on the 16th, the students were going to walk over to Arlington Middle which would officially open the “new” school. Everyone, teachers, faculty and students were all excited.

Marcella acknowledged Councilman Lake Ray who had joined the meeting. He thanked Marcella for her leadership of the CPAC. He also thanked the CPAC for being the eyes and ears of the community. He reported that he would be strongly pushing funding for an Intelligent Transportation System at the following evening's Council meeting. He

strongly thinks that it will help improve transportation systems throughout the City. He indicated that he thought that it was important because the BJP was a 20 year plan and things needed to be put into place now to ensure that things are better by the end of the time period.

Marcella again thanked everyone and asked that they continue to support Tom in his role as Chairman. The meeting was then adjourned to begin the Holiday party.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 9, 2006 at the Regency Square Branch Library at 6 p.m.