

# Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library  
6:00 P.M. February 14, 2005

## Minutes

### Members and Alternates

Geraldine Atkinson	Sherrie Jarnutowski	Tom Olney
Larry Belge	Joseph Lek	Eddi Parsons
Skip Benolken	Marcella Lowe	Bradley Richards
Albert Cherry	Helen Ludwig	Ramsey Salem (Alt.)
Sandra Curran	Barbara Mazer	Ray Salman
Dorothy Fant	Gail Melton	Tom Shouvin
Ingrid Freeman-Claxton	Jay Olchak	Clay Yarborough

### Members Excused

Cindy Alderson	Johnny Holden	Roberta Thomas
Mark Foss	Ben Tucker	Rick Smith
Lad Hawkins		

### Guests

Dale Parsons	Waverly Fant	Angela Scruggs
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### Staff/Resource

Bob Baughman, Mayor's Rep.	Chief Doug Pilinko, JFRD	James Richardson, NSD
Selinda Keyes, DCSB	Robert Prado, Code Enf.	Eric Taylor, JHRC
Ed Lukacovic, P&D	Lt. Bob Jernigan, JSO	Ronnie Brown, JHRC

### Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and followed with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

### Speakers

Tom introduced Denise French with the Mandarin Relay for Life. She talked about her personal involvement with the Relay there and encouraged those organizations/neighborhoods present to sign up and participate. Marcella then introduced Drew Frick with Gate who shared information and visual plans about

KendallTown and the proposed development to take place there. He answered several questions from the members.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as submitted. Ray Salman commented on the letter the CPAC sent regarding the Freedom Commerce Center. He suggested that it was an excellent example of the type the CPAC should be sending on all matters.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

Marcella informed the members and commented on the recent death of Yvonne McGruder. Several members expressed fond sentiments. Before moving into the reporting portion of the meeting, Marcella introduced Robert (Bob) Baughman, Director of Parks and Recreation as the Mayor's Representative to the CPAC.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Marcella asked if Bob wanted to comment on anything in the absence of the committee chair. He indicated that the soccer fields at District 2 Regional Park were now complete. He also indicated that they were 99% complete with Blue Cypress Park.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail Melton mentioned that applications for the first grant period of the Communi-Tree program, in conjunction with JEA, were being accepted through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Species of trees available include, but are not limited to: Chinese Elm, Crepe Myrtle, Flowering Dogwood, Live Oak, Laurel Oak and Red Maple. A complete list of trees and the application for the program are available online at [www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com). A copy is also attached for your convenience. Applications should be mailed to:

**Gail Melton  
5734 St. Isabel Drive  
Jacksonville, Florida 32277**

GRANTS AND AWARDS – No report at this time.

***Note: Those individuals wishing to submit for the 2004-2005 New Ways Initiative CPAC grants must do so before March 11, 2005. Information on the grant and the application can be found online at [www.jaxkids.org](http://www.jaxkids.org) or by contacting Harrison Conyers at 630-7266.***

LAND USE AND ZONING – Joe Lek announced his upcoming nuptials and indicated that he will not be present next meeting. He then reported that the subcommittee met, reviewed the Planning Department project list and had 2 motions:

**Opposition to the Rezoning 2005-128, to change the zoning from RR, RMD-A and CO to PUD, 781.25 acres of proposed mixed-use development named “Mediterra” including commercial, residential and recreational uses on Beach Boulevard between Kernan Blvd. and Hodges Blvd.**

*The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposal for a rezoning from RR, RMD-A and CO to PUD named “Mediterra” on 781.25 acres of proposed mixed use*

*development including commercial, residential, and recreational uses on Beach Boulevard between Kernan Blvd. and Hodges Blvd. because it is felt that there is not enough information to make a judgment on. We would like to see more information on numbers of lots at various sizes, density of commercial and better potential traffic impact.*

Motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

**Opposition to the Rezoning 2005-185, to change the zoning from IBP-1 to IBP-2 on 1.69 acres so that the Applicant could store some of the products and materials that is used for his business on Monument Road across from the intersection of Lee Road.**

*The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposal for a rezoning from IBP-1 to IBP-2 on 1.68 acres so the Applicant could store some materials and products that is used for his business on Monument Road across from the intersection of Lee Road because it is felt that IBP-2 is too intense, possible environmental wetland impacts and out of character with the surrounding uses.*

Motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Joe also reported that there were several guests present who discussed several ordinances pending before council but that the subcommittee was not recommending taking a position at this time.

Marcella talked about a nightclub which was open during Super Bowl week on Arlington Road across from the old Krystal and asked Michael Koerner to check and verify that the permit was only a 4 day temporary permit. She also informed the members that the jazz club located at the former Red Lobster got its license despite the opposition expressed by the CPAC. She indicated that the Alderman Park Civic Association was appealing the decision with opposition to the noise after a decent hour.

**The Land Use and Zoning subcommittee will next meet at 4:30 pm March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Regency Square Branch Library.**

MEMBERSHIP – Clay Yarborough acknowledged Barbara Mazer was recently reappointed as the representative for Councilwoman Glorious Johnson, City Council At-Large Group 5. James Richardson is to contact Charter Point for new representation from that HOA.

SCHOOLS – Tom deferred to Selinda's report to come later in the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION – Mark Foss indicated that the committee did not meet in December. He suggested that he would like to have his committee join with the LUZ committee to take a look at Fair Share items within the district.

**The Transportation subcommittee will next meet at 6:00 pm February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Regency Branch library.**

NAP – Gail indicated again that there should be a final version of the document soon. Marcella talked about the various Town Center Initiatives in the Arlington area. She indicated that she will be working closely with the Mayor to ensure that funding is found and put in place for them to be completed. She indicated that she had received a request for a motion to send a letter to the Mayor from the CPAC on this topic. She felt however that she was representing the wishes and interests of the CPAC to the Mayor and assured everyone that she was in contact with him on the topic and a letter was not needed at this time. Gail Melton moved that a letter not be sent from the CPAC at this time. It was properly seconded. During discussion it was the consensus of those present that a letter should not be sent. Tom Shouvin indicated that things would be in order if the present motion was withdrawn and no action taken on the original request. Gail then withdrew her motion.

ENVIRONMENT – no report.

RELAY FOR LIFE – Tom and Clay reported that the event would be held April 1, 2005 at Terry Parker High School. They encouraged everyone to share the information with their HOA's and sponsor a team. Clay mentioned that on February 26<sup>th</sup>, Moe's at Regency would have "Celebrity Burrito Rollers" and that a portion of the proceeds from 11:00 to 8:00 would be donated to the Arlington Relay. If anyone wanted to participate they should contact Joy Dryden at the American Cancer Society.

### **Staff Reports**

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Bob Baughman wished a Happy Valentines Day to all the women present and indicated that he would have a full report at the next meeting.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Lt. Jernigan indicated that he basically did not have anything to report. The JSO got through the Super Bowl with no major issues. He indicated that they would be watching out for the nightclub on Arlington road, and would also continue the monitoring of Amnesia. He did state that there were still a number of new home construction burglaries in the Foxtrot subsector, and that there was a problem with stolen vehicles along Monument Road, mainly Chrysler vehicles. He encouraged everyone to park in well lit and secure areas. He reported that there were approximately 8 Cadillac Escalades stolen from Regency Mall during a Super Bowl event held there, and that they were found in the Miami area. In response to questions, he reported that the JSO officers involved in the river crash were recuperating after several surgeries. Tom asked that word be taken back that everyone did a great job during Super Bowl. James indicated that, as in the case following the hurricanes, the CPAC might consider sending a commendation letter to the Sheriff and the Mayor acknowledging the good work during Super Bowl. Marcella indicated that she would draft a letter.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Selinda reported that the students survived Super Bowl quite well. There were appearances and events held at several schools and many students were able to attend the NFL Experience. 2 days following the Super

Bowl, students took the FCAT. They had asked for a waiver, but were denied. In response to previous questions regarding Tasers in the schools, she reported the School Board heard the outpouring from the community. They have scheduled a Town Meeting with the Sheriff on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm at the School Board Building. She also indicated that the State Legislature was looking into the issue from a statewide perspective.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Ed Lukacovic again reported that the department has 6 new planners coming on board soon.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – no report. Marcella reported that she had sent Jim Green an email in regards to burnt out streetlights on the Mathews Bridge and he responded that they were indeed working on the problem. Ray Salman asked that members be emailed information on proposed traffic patterns when construction begins on the bridge grating replacement.

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Bilenko reported that although the station at JoeAndy Road was still on schedule, he was not confident. He also mentioned the new equipment planned at several stations in the district. He also reported that they survived Super Bowl quite well. He reported that it was JFRD who came to the rescue at the stadium during the game by pumping out most of the overflowing water through a series of relays and received thanks and praise from Wayne Weaver. In response to a question, he indicated that fire hydrants in new developments were placed in response to JEA standards. He reported that they work closely with JFRD in setting those and he thought the process was working well at this time. He also reported that several residents of Queen's Harbour were opposed to a back entrance for safety vehicles. Although explaining that response time would be cut considerably, they remained steadfast in opposition. As an example of what could happen, he pointed out the recent fire and resulting death at Spicewood Springs apartment complex. The primary gate was locked when responding units arrived which cost extra time. Property damage was more substantial and a life was lost because of the extra time involved.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY SAFETY – Robert Prado remarked about the recent efforts to clean up the area prior to the Super Bowl. He also mentioned that they had met with the owners of the abandoned Shell station on University Boulevard and they had agreed to clean up the land and refurbish the building. He also indicated that after 4 years of service in the Arlington area, he was being reassigned to the Urban Core. Although there would continue to be Code Enforcement Officers working the area, there would be no representation at the CPAC meeting until they could get back to normal staffing levels. On behalf of the CPAC, Marcella thanked him for his service and attention and wished him well.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson informed the group that information regarding the 2005 Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants would be available online later that week. Interested parties may also call Charles President at 630-7022 to receive one via mail. He advised those present of the annual training for CPAC and committee chairs would be Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall. He encouraged all committee chairs and those interested in future leadership positions within the CPAC to attend. He again asked members to make him aware of happenings in their neighborhoods. And he again asked people to save the date of the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit - June 24, 2005, at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. He mentioned that a workshop/forum to solicit ideas for workshop topics was in the planning stages and more information would be forthcoming. He also strongly encouraged those present to get with their respective organizations and commit to a team for the Arlington Relay for Life. This is the first attempt at using the CPAC as a prime method for organizing the event and gathering teams.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No report.

### **Other Business**

Marcella recognized Eric Taylor and Ronnie Brown from the Jacksonville Human Relations Commission. They indicated that they would be attending meetings of the CPACs basically to get a feel for the issues confronting the neighborhoods, but periodically they would be bringing information to share as well.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella had no further report.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – none.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

GUEST COMMENTS – Marcella acknowledged guests present and offered an opportunity to speak. Representatives from the Oak Haven Preservation Society shared information about two pieces of legislation before the city council and urged those present to research them and hopefully join them in opposition.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 14, 2005 at the Regency Branch library at 6:00 pm.**