

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
6:00 P.M. January 12, 2004

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Skip Benolken	Johnny Holden	Bradley Richards
Laura Brown	Sherrie Jarnutowski	Ray Salman
Albert Cherry	Joseph Lek	Carol Schirado
Dorothy Fant	Marcella Lowe	Tom Shoumlin
Kevin Fedlt	Gail Melton	Rick Smith
Mark Foss	Larry Nelson	Maxine Terrell
Peter Garfield	Jay Olchak	Roberta Thomas
Lad Hawkins	Tom Olney	Benjamin Tucker
Joe Hofer	Janet Ostler	

Guests

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Other guests were present but did not sign in.

Staff/Resource

Michael Dickey, C A	Jim Green, FDOT	Bob Prado, Codes
Lorrie DeFrank, NSD	Selinda Keyes, DCSB	Skip Roszel, L&D
Garry Denson, NSD	Margo Moehring, P&D	Lynn Westbrook, CO
Lt. Gene Douberly, JSO		

Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Marcella established new seating arrangements. Her reason is for staff to have a place to sit that would readily identify them. She also announced changes for questions, comment times and prayer. The new time allotted for questions and comments has been changed from one minute to two minutes, with Tom Shoumlin keeping track. Concerning prayer, Marcella stated that she would like to have open prayer and asked if anyone had any objections. There were none.

Speakers

Bob Baughman, Director of Parks and Recreation provided a Power Point presentation of the parks located in Jacksonville. During his presentation he went over the growth plans for the Jacksonville park and recreation system. Bob stated that the city is updating some of its parks but resources are limited and the city has no plans on purchasing new ones. He also stated that Jacksonville has more parks than any other city our size and he is very proud to be apart of the parks department. A question and answer period followed.

Judy Stevens, President, Greater Arlington Civic Council provided information on their garden project and future plans. Judy stated that it is not a park but a botanical garden with plants relative to our part of the country. This is a one-hundred fourteen acre piece of land, but will be dedicated strictly as a garden and will not have any play or picnic areas. She said that all development will take about 5 years and will be run by private enterprise. A question and answer period followed.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the December 8, 2003 meeting were unanimously approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

PARKS AND RECREATION –No representative present and no reports given.

BEAUTIFICATION –Dot Fant reported that they received two applications for crape myrtle trees. The Woods and San Pablo Creek were the recipients.

GRANTS AND AWARDS – Dot Fant had no reports to give.

LAND USE AND ZONING –Joe Lek stated that they have not met yet but general meeting times will continue to be at 4:30 p.m. before CPAC meeting at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP – Garry Denson, Neighborhood Services Division, introduced new member Kevin Feldt from the Hidden Hills Country Club Estates HOA to the CPAC.

SCHOOLS – Tom Shouvin asked Selinda Keyes if she would report for schools. Selinda reported that Terri Stahlman apologized for not making it to the meeting and that she plans on attending CPAC in the future. She also reported on the school calendar changes due to FCAT. Other reasons for the changes were that the high school students take finals before winter break. This gives teachers more time in the classroom to prepare students for the test.

TRANSPORTATION – Ben Tucker reported that he solicited members for the Transportation Committee and now has a full committee.

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN – Gail Melton reported that the next Neighborhood Action Plan meeting will be Thursday, January 15, 2004, at Jacksonville University at 6 p.m.

CPAC PICNIC – Tom Shouvin stated that he would have the date for the picnic by next meeting. He will be checking with Lorrie DeFrank.

TOWN CENTER TASK FORCE – No representative and no reports given.

Motions Made

There were no motions made.

Staff Reports

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – Property Safety, Bob Prado reported that the new pool ordinance is in effect.

Lorrie DeFrank reported that the city is hosting the Florida Neighborhoods Conference and discussed the opportunities it will provide for Jacksonville. Lorrie also mentioned CPAC training and the survey for active associations.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Margo Moehring reported that the list for the Old Arlington Steering Committee was placed on table and that all organizations interested in being included on their list should sign or call her office at 630-1606.

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – Skip Roszel reported on the increase of unlicensed contractors and asked the CPAC to get the word out to the community and homeowners. Skip said doing this would make them more aware and keep them from getting ripped off. The number to call in case you have any questions whether or not a contractor is licensed is 630-1100.

A question and answer period followed.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Jim Green spoke about construction projects that were suspended during the holiday season and resumed afterwards. Jim also spoke about State Road 9B and encouraged citizens who were interested in this roadway to attend the public hearing Thursday, January 22, 2004 at Ft. Caroline Middle School.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Selinda Keyes reported earlier for Tom Shoumlin and gave further update on the Superintendent's recovery from surgery.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Lt. Douberly reported that JSO has in custody the person believed to be terrorizing the Ft. Caroline Road area. He also discussed issues concerning new mopeds, parking, traffic, intersections, how JSO plans to deal with them and Ashton Park Apartments being a haven for drugs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No representative present and no reports given.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No representative present and no reports given.

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Lynn Westbrook introduced himself to the CPAC, and gave a brief history with his involvement and working with the City of Jacksonville.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – Michael Dickey spoke about Consumer Affairs, future plans with his division and the new approach they are taking in meeting consumer needs.

Neighborhood Announcements, Comments and Issues (Guests and Members)

Maxine Terrell talked about the repairs on Old Jacksonville Elementary School, which is being changed into Rhoda L. Martin Cultural Heritage Museum. She said that all construction will be completed by September of 2004. Also they are having a fish fry Saturday January 24, 2004 to promote the project and to show the progress made.

Other Business

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - Marcella Lowe attended the Mayor's quarterly meeting with the CPAC chairs. She mentioned the Mayor's priorities and his areas of focus which are code enforcement, economic development, public safety, literacy, quality of life and public housing. Marcella also asked about which month CPAC would like to have its citywide cleanup for the year; the month of November was suggested.

REPORT FROM VICE-CHAIR - Tom Shoumlin said he is devising a report form for each committee chair to use and give to Garry Denson each meeting for the record.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Marcella Lowe discussed new committees and speakers for the up coming year.

GUEST COMMENTS – There were no guest comments.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, February 9, 2004 at the Regency Square Branch Library at 6:00 p.m.