

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
January 9, 2006 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Larry Belge
Albert Cherry
Glen Crabtree (Alt.)
Sandra Curran
Eddie Daniel
Gary Dickinson
David Evans (Alt.)

Dorothy Fant
Jack Hart (Alt.)
Lad Hawkins
Joseph Lek
Helen Ludwig
Gail Melton
Lewis Palmer (Alt.)

Eddi Parsons
Brad Richards
Tom Shoumlin
Rick Smith
Ben Tucker
Richard Witzel
Clay Yarborough

Members Excused

Kevin Feldt
Armando Grundy-Gomes
Mike Hancock
Sherrie Jarnutowski
Marcella Lowe
Barbara Mazer

Jay Olchak
Ray Salman
Carol Schirado
Maxine Terrell
Travis Zwenger

Guests

Hank Rogers – Rep. Gibson’s Office
Terry Akin

Tamera Branam

Staff/Resource

Ron Stine, Parks & Rec.
John Culbreth, Parks & Rec.
James Green, JHRC
Selinda Keys, DCSB
Michael Koerner, PDD

Ed Lukacovic, PDD
James Richardson, NSD
Skip Roszel, Bldg Insp.
Asst. Chief Carson Tranquille, JSO

Call to Order

Tom Shoumlin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. After establishing that a quorum was present, an inspirational moment led by Helen Ludwig was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Speakers

Tom thanked everyone for coming and stated that he looked forward to a good year. He then introduced Wylie Hodges, Executive Director of First Coast Crimestoppers. Mr. Hodges spoke on the what, how and why of the organization. Explaining about the rewards they offered, he shared what the organization could do for those who participate. He then fielded a series of questions from the group.

Tom introduced John Culbreth, the new Parks & Recreation Director. He talked on his goals of partnerships with citizens, businesses and nonprofits to move the park system forward from the biggest to the best. He then fielded a few questions from the group.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the December 12, 2005 meeting summary was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Subcommittee Reports

Tom indicated that he and Joe Lek were pleased that everyone stayed on as chairmen of the subcommittees and indicated that if anyone wanted to switch or be considered for a subcommittee leadership role to let he or James Richardson know.

PARKS & RECREATION – Gary Dickerson reported that the Park Rules ordinance did go through City Council for approval. He will be meeting with the Parks Director to share some concerns and advise him of issues with Parks in the district.

BEAUTIFICATION – no report.

GRANTS & AWARDS – no report.

LAND USE & ZONING – Joe Lek reported that the committee reviewed the projects list and had no recommendations. Tom asked about the neighborhood next to Kohl's (Hawkins Cove). Ed Lukacovic indicated that he would check into the status.

MEMBERSHIP – Clay Yarborough called upon James Richardson to report. James reported that there were two new members to the CPAC: Travis Zwenger representing City Council At-Large Group 2 (Councilwoman Brown) and William Figueroa as the new Primary member for Queens Harbour.

SCHOOLS – Tom deferred to Selinda Keyes report later. He advised the group that the new Superintendent was scheduled to attend the March meeting.

TRANSPORTATION – Tom indicated that Mike Hancock would be serving as the new subcommittee Chairman.

NAP – Gail indicated that she had a draft in hand and that the Planning Dept. was waiting on final revisions.

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins reported that the Freedom Commerce Center project had been reduced in size from 466 acres to 48 and the committee would continue to monitor the project. He also advised that the next GACC meeting will be on Growth Management and advised everyone to attend. The meeting will be held February 2nd, 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Regency Branch library.

Staff Reports

Tom thanked the Staff for all they do to support the CPAC.

JSO – Asst. Chief Carson Tranquille spoke positively about the SHADCO's and advised everyone to get involved. Call 726-5100 for information on meeting times and locations. He reported that Zone 2 now has an Apartments Task Force that will be working with apartments in the area from Arlington Expressway to Townsend Blvd to Merrill Road to University Boulevard. They will be concentrating on crime prevention and safety. He asked those with Neighborhood Watches or neighborhood groups to call the substation with their emails so that they can be advised of what is happening in their areas. He also reported that there was a rash of auto burglaries from auto dealerships and sales lots. Gary Dickinson reported on the Graffiti Initiative and how each Zone was tasked with identifying and cleaning up areas. He also reported that some individuals had already been caught and were cleaning up areas themselves. Call 630-2160 with and for information. Jack Hart commended JSO for their prompt and attentive response after his home was recently burglarized.

DCSB - Selinda Keyes reported that the new Arlington Middle school opened on January 3rd. An open house was held January 7th and everyone had rave reviews of the facility. They are in the process of demolishing the old buildings. Dr. Wise was scheduled to visit 4 Arlington schools, although she did not know which ones yet. She indicated that all schools were gearing up for FCAT's and that the 13th and 27th were weather days. Teachers and student would be out of school.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported that Mayport was undergoing revitalization and in the next 5 years would be changing. Although there was to be lots of redevelopment, they were trying to keep the essence of the village. There were to be lots of shops, condos, restaurants and maybe a hotel. Because of how they were approaching this, the LUZ subcommittee may not see the projects, but he would keep the CPAC informed.

FDOT – Jim Green reported that 9A was progressing between Beach & Butler boulevards. He reported that the State had committed \$18 million to the Wonderwood Connector. Public Works will be holding a Public Meeting on the 90% Redesign of Ft. Caroline Road on January 23rd, 7:00 pm at the PAL Building.

JHRC – Eric Taylor had no report, however, he advised that his agency would work with any neighborhood organization that wanted to participate in a Study Circle. He also

advised everyone to review the schedule which was distributed for times and locations of new Study Circles in the area.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson reported that they were working with the Mayor’s Office to revise the Executive Order and By-Laws. The Mayor is really supportive of CPAC’s and is encouraging all neighborhoods to participate. James encouraged everyone to suggest those groups and neighborhoods that are not participating to join. He also advised he would soon be working with Tom to review attendance and purge those who were not participating fully. He also reported that he would be sending out a new and updated membership list.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, February 13, 2006 at the Regency Square Branch Library at 6 p.m.