

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Cindy Alderson	Sherrie Jarnutowski	Ray Salman
Geraldine Atkinson	Joseph Lek	Carol Schirado
Skip Benolken	Marcella Lowe	Tom Shoumlin
Albert Cherry	Helen Ludwig	Rick Smith
Gary Dickinson	Bill Marshall	Roberta Thomas
Dorothy Fant	Barbara Mazer	Ben Tucker
Kevin Feldt	Gail Melton	Clay Yarborough
Ingrid Freeman-Claxton	Jay Olchak	Ed Chiarotti (Alt.)
Beverly Garvin	Tom Olney	Ramsey Salem (Alt.)
Lad Hawkins	Bradley Richards	

Members Excused

Terry Akins
Mark Foss
Johnny Holden

Guests

Laura Henderson	Eddi Parsons	Stacey Hunt, UNF
Martha Barrett, DCSB	Lawrence Belge	Sally Robson, RSVP
Doug Ayers, DCSB	Waverly Fant	David Stubbs, JaxPort
Dale Parsons	Bill Kintz	

Staff/Resource

Jim Green, FDOT	Margo Moehring, PDD	Edward Lukacovic, PDD
Selinda Keyes, DCSB	Robert Prado, Prop Saf	James Richardson, NSD
Robert Jernigan, JSO	Lynn Westbrook, Admin	

Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A prayer followed and then everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance.

Tom Shoumlin gave a brief report on the picnic, as he had to leave early. Flyers and tickets have been distributed to all the other CPAC's. Tickets are on sale with Marcella Lowe, Tom Shoumlin or Clay Yarborough. He asked again that everyone donate something for door prizes and thanked Marcella and Barbara Mazer for the gifts they donated that evening. The YMCA is excited and looking forward to hosting the event. He also asked that anyone who wanted to volunteer to assist, such as greeters or with decorations, contact himself or Clay Yarborough.

Speakers

Martha Barrett, Chair – Duval County School Board was introduced by Tom Shouvin. She presented some general information regarding the state of the school system. She indicated that overall, the schools are in pretty good shape. She mentioned that in some cases the “middle school” concept was not working and the Board was discussing alternatives. The most promising might be an experimental K-8 & 9-12 format. The suggested location of these schools would be Arlington and the Urban Core. Ms. Barrett went on to applaud the fact that there were a significant number of A & B schools and a few C schools in her district. She mentioned the challenges faced by Woodland Acres and Justina Elementary. Lastly, she praised Selinda Keyes for the work she does in the district.

Ms. Barrett then introduced Doug Ayers, Assoc. Superintendent for Facilities to the group. He provided a long-term facilities plan to the group and spoke of planned construction activities for several District 2 schools. He then addressed several questions posed by the group.

Marcella introduced Sally Robson with RSVP. She spoke of volunteer opportunities for individuals over age 55. She specifically recruited for the “Tale Tellers” program. These individuals read to Pre-K and Kindergarten children once a week, with an emphasis on Title 1 schools. She acknowledged Helen Ludwig who had been involved in the program for some time. You may contact RSVP at 150 E. 1st Street, Jax., Fl. 32206, by phone at 630-0998 or via email at jduvall@coj.net.

Marcella then introduced David Stubbs with JaxPort. He shared a few cruise industry facts and figures. Using aerial photos, he then discussed the proposed location of the cruise ship terminal. He identified several alternative sites and discussed the challenges or obstacles for each. He then identified the parcel of land in question and shared JaxPort’s plans for the area. He indicated that a single owner who will develop something on the site owns the parcel. It will not stay in its current “green” state. He mentioned the additional parking for Joe Carlucci Park (which is to remain where it is) and a new boat ramp for the city. Mr. Stubbs then fielded questions and addressed concerns of the group.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the June 14, 2004 meeting were corrected and unanimously approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

PARKS AND RECREATION – Gary Dickinson reported that he attended the Mayor’s Parks Task Force meetings and took previously voiced concerns, which expressed that plans and priorities consistently change with each administration. He mentioned that the task force would soon be soliciting input from citizens through a series of public meetings. They may begin next month. He mentioned that the tree survey was now complete on Archie Dickinson Park. He also indicated that people have found out about the open space and are now beginning to use it as a dumping ground.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail Melton reported that she has not received any applications for the Communi-Tree program. She and Marcella mentioned the date of the upcoming “Clean it Up Jacksonville” day on October 23rd. Marcella asked for volunteers and confirmed the same four sites that were used last year.

GRANTS AND AWARDS – Dorothy Fant reported that she already had a few nominations and that she had received several at the meeting. Since the information has to be received in the Neighborhoods Department by the July 31st deadline, she asked that the CPAC authorize her group to meet and make selections on their behalf. CPAC agreed to that process. The committee comprised of Dorothy Fant, Gail Melton, Terry Akin, Helen Ludwig and James Richardson will meet soon.

LAND USE AND ZONING – Joe Lek reported that the subcommittee met and after reviewing the Planning Department project list, had one motion. (copy attached) The motion was 2nd and approved by the group. He mentioned that they were tabling action on the proposed Tresca Rd development as they are still gathering facts and figures. They also tabled action on a proposed sign waiver for a church sign on San Pablo Road.

The Land Use and Zoning committee will next meet at 4:30 pm August 9th at the regency Library.

MEMBERSHIP – Clay Yarborough introduced Ingrid Freeman-Claxton representing Eagles Roost NA and Cindy Alderson representing Osprey Pointe NA as new members. He indicated that he had no new applications at this time.

SCHOOLS – No report.

TRANSPORTATION – Ben Tucker reported that the transportation subcommittee was working with Ray Salman on a traffic light for the Kensington/Kernan intersection. The Florida Times-Union did a decent job covering all that took place at the Mathews bridge meeting held June 24th. He mentioned that Wonderwood was to open at the end of the month. He was uncertain of exactly what, but there is to be a celebration of some sort probably on the 26th or 27th. Beverly Garvin mentioned that she had heard the official date was the 26th, however, it might open a week or so earlier. Ben then mentioned that the committee also discussed the Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) and indicated that the committee was really going to be researching and following that effort.

The Transportation subcommittee will next meet at 6:00 p.m. July 19th at the Regency Library.

NAP – Margo Moehring discussed this item. She indicated that a meeting of the steering committee with the consultant took place on June 22nd. They agreed on some things and the report is currently being written. A hard copy should be available in the next few weeks. That is the next step.

CPAC PICNIC – previously discussed earlier in the meeting.

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins reported that the Freedom Commerce Development item had been withdrawn from the July docket of the St. Johns Water Management District. It now may go to the August docket if they do not withdraw it again. He mentioned that he would like to have the committee monitor the Cruise Ship Terminal location as it progresses. Marcella mentioned the Fuller Warren Bridge demolition and the fact that it would not be dumped in the river

Ray Salman then reported on a new group being formed called the Coalition of Kernan Boulevard Communities. It's purpose is to ensure community input on the expansion plans for Kernan Blvd. The coalition will combine communities in District 2 and 3. He also mentioned that all communities are being encouraged to join their respective CPAC.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Lynn Westbrook reported the Mayor would be making his budget address the next evening and invited everyone to come down and hear.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Bob Jernigan reported a new Zone Commander was coming to Zone 2. It will be David Stephens.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOLBOARD – Selinda Keyes reported that the start of school was fast approaching – August 9th. In response to questions she indicated that there were a considerable number of teacher vacancies and that early dismissal every other week was to begin with this school year.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported that after a sum total of one CPAC meeting, Anna Shepherd was leaving the Planning Dept. Her husband is in the military and they must report to Spain. Margo reported that the zoning code rewrite was underway.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Jim Green indicated the Mathews Bridge meeting at the Fairgrounds was already mentioned. Several questions and concerns were expressed to him regarding the present condition of the grating. He mentioned that a study was underway at this time to determine possible solutions. They are on the agenda for the MPO on August 12th and should have a report by then. He was asked to keep the group informed.

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY SAFETY – No report.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson reported that he left a list to secure up to date email addresses and preferences on how the group wanted to receive information. He asked for anyone with any information for “District Doings” to contact him by the end of the month. The Florida Neighborhoods conference is to be held September 16th through 18th at the Adams Mark Jacksonville. He asked for two volunteers to assist in staffing a booth with NSD staff for two hours. Each CPAC is being asked to provide a volunteer. Lastly, he mentioned that Jacksonville Public Library staff wanted to provide a tour of the University Park Library on University Boulevard. With that in mind, he was working with Library staff to conduct the August meeting at that location. A tour of the facility will take place at 5:30 pm with the meeting to follow at 6 pm. If any plans change, he would inform the group. He was asked to see if the LUZ subcommittee could be accommodated at 4:30 pm.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No report.

Other Business

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella encouraged picnic participation and ticket sales. She also mentioned a letter that she had received from Chip Patterson, Emergency Preparedness Division. He has already sent to some neighborhoods a Hurricane Evacuation Zone & Route map. Some were in the rear of the room and if additional copies are needed to contact James Richardson – 630-7036.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – Gary announced that the Zone 2 Shadco would be having a joint sector meeting on the 4th Thursday (July 22nd) 7:00 pm at the PAL bldg. Ted Hires would be the guest speaker.

Bill Marshall mentioned that after a quick and/or heavy rain, Monument and McCormick roads have the tendency to “wash out” making it extremely unsafe. He asked Lynn Westbrook to check on it.

Ray Salman again mentioned that the Coalition of Kernan Boulevard Communities would be meeting Tuesday night, July 13th, 7 pm at Caruso Dodge.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

GUEST COMMENTS – None

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 9, 2004 at the Regency Branch library at 6:00 pm.

The September meeting is tentatively scheduled for the University Park library, with the LUZ committee meeting at 4:30, a tour beginning at 5:30 pm and the CPAC meeting beginning at 6:00 pm.