

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
June 13, 2005 6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Geraldine Atkinson
Larry Belge
Al Cherry
Dorothy Fant
Mark Foss
Mike Hancock
Lad Hawkins

Johnny Holden
Joseph Lek
Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig
Elizabeth Lussier
Gail Melton
Tom Olney

Eddi Parsons
Brad Richards
Tom Shoumlin
Ben Tucker
Clay Yarborough

Members Excused

Skip Benolken
Yvonne Creswell
Sandra Curran

Armando Grundy-
Gomes
Sherrie Jarnutowski

Jay Olchak
Carol Schirado

Guests

Hon. Suzanne Jenkins
John Lowe
Eddie Daniel
Kristen Dunn

Valerie Britt (LUZ)
Kathy Brown (LUZ)
Sarah Broadway (LUZ)
Thomas Eastlake
*(proposed alt. For
Kensington)*

Mary Ann Saadeh
18 UNF Nursing
Students

Staff/Resource

Paul Crawford, Mayor's
Rep. (Phil Bruce)
Ed Lukacovic, P&D
Michael Koerner, P&D

Jackie Maddox, NB-CAff
Lt. Bob Jernigan, JSO
Selinda Keyes, DCSB
James Richardson, NSD

Innocent UMoinyany,
JHRC
Thelma Jackson,
Mayor's Faith Based

Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and followed with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Speakers

Marcella introduced the Honorable Suzanne Jenkins, Jacksonville City Council, District 4 who opened with a few brief comments. She thanked the group for the opportunity to meet with them. She spoke to an ongoing issue with residents of Jork Road and that she was leaving to attend another meeting with them later that evening. She spoke to the "Node" issue which was in the Times-Union earlier that day. She spoke to the Adult Entertainment legislation before the Council and the impact it would have. She spoke to the Drinking Hours in Downtown legislation and the research that had been done. She did not think that it was something that would be done county wide, but did think that it was worthy of a specified downtown entertainment district. Councilwoman Jenkins then fielded questions from the group. Marcella then thanked Councilwoman Jenkins for attending and offered the assistance of the CPAC if needed. She also mentioned that Councilwoman Lockett-Felder was unable to attend due to sickness in her immediate family.

Tom Shouvlin then spoke to the recently rescheduled Arlington Relay for Life. He indicated some of the challenges faced by the CPAC as they tried to be the organizing group. He indicated that an enthusiastic group of UNF students had taken up the cause and then introduced Kristen Dunn who is the new Chairperson. She indicated that the new date would be August 5th & 6th at the Ed Austin Regional Park. She mentioned several committees that needed someone to chair them. ***(for a list of committees, or if you have an interest in chairing something, please call Kristen on her cell phone at 502-2366, or Andrea Barran with the American Cancer Society at 398-0537, ext. 313)***

Marcella then deviated from the agenda and recognized Phil Bruce with the Department of Parks and Recreation who was representing Paul Crawford, Mayor's Representative to the CPAC. Mr. Bruce had no report at the time.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May meeting as submitted and properly seconded. A change was offered, and after discussion, the group approved the minutes as amended.

Sub-Committee Reports

PARKS AND RECREATION – No report.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail indicated that she had nothing new to report. She still had only one application for the Communi-tree program.

GRANTS & AWARDS – Dorothy Fant reported that the committee met and selected Marcella Lowe as the Individual for the Mayor’s Award and Crystal Ridge as the Neighborhood. She then indicated that everyone had received the recommendations of the committee for the 2005-2006 New Ways Initiative Grants along with another motion to send a letter asking that the program be extended and moved them as submitted. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

LAND USE AND ZONING – Joe Lek indicated that the subcommittee had 3 motions to bring to the group:

Opposition to the Rezoning 2005-639 to change the zoning of 22.8 acres from CO & RLD-MH to PUD to allow 315 multifamily residential units located at the southeast corner of San Pablo Road South and Cypress Drive.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposal for Rezoning 2005-639 to change the zoning of 22.8 acres from CO & RLD-MH to PUD to allow 315 multifamily residential units located at the southeast corner of San Pablo Road South and Cypress Drive because it is felt that the density is too high, the main access roads and schools are over capacity.

The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Opposition to the Rezoning 2005-643 to change the zoning of 115.00 acres from CO & RMD-A to PUD to allow 385,000 sq. ft. of commercial and 1360 multifamily residential units located at the northwest corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Kernan Boulevard.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposal for Rezoning 2005-643 to change the zoning of 115.00 acres from CO & RMD-A to PUD to allow 385,000 sq. ft. of commercial and 1360 multifamily residential units located at the northwest corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Kernan Boulevard because it is felt that there is too much congestion at the intersection, density is too high, schools in area are over capacity and the close proximity to the airport.

The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Support for to the Zoning Exception E-05-39 to allow outside sales and service of food for a restaurant on 0.63 acres in a CCG-1 Zoning District at 6185 Ft. Caroline Road.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in support to the above proposal for the Zoning Exception E-05-39 to allow outside sales and service of food for a restaurant on 0.63 acres in a CCG-1 Zoning District at 6185 Ft. Caroline Road because it is felt that it will improve the neighborhood and the conditions that the owner will agree to with the neighborhood.

The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

The Land Use and Zoning subcommittee will next meet at 4:30 pm July 11th at the PAL Building at 3450 Monument road.

MEMBERSHIP – Clay Yarborough indicated that we have applications for a new Primary representative for Charter Point and an application for a new alternate for Kensington.

SCHOOLS – Tom Shouvin reported that the FCAT scores were recently released and that the district did exceptionally well. He also reported that school was out.

TRANSPORTATION – Mark Foss reported that the committee met on May 17th. He indicated that there was a large turnout and the committee had considerable discussion and debate around Kernan Boulevard and transportation issues in that corridor. He indicated that Ray Salman presented a letter from the Kensington HOA for their consideration which asked that no new development providing access to or from Kernan Boulevard be permitted until such time that the construction for the widening of Kernan is completed. After some discussion, a motion was drafted around that Kensington letter. The motion was carried. Everyone present who was a CPAC member was allowed to vote. He drafted the motion out and, as is their practice, sent it out to all committee members to ensure that he had the correct intent, and to seek the input of the members who were unable to attend the meeting. He received a letter from Kevin Feldt, committee member and CPAC member who is a Transportation Planner with JTA which he read to the group. Mark then indicated that the committee was bringing forth to the CPAC two conflicting motions. He distributed them and read them each to the group. The first motion was the letter drafted around the Kensington letter calling for a halt to development along Kernan. The second motion was a letter calling for the construction schedule to be expedited and all proposed major projects along Kernan to be done at the same time. He then sought input from the group as to how to handle the motions. After some discussion, Mike Hancock moved the second motion which was properly seconded. After considerable discussion, the process was put into question and the motion was withdrawn. Mark then moved the first motion which was properly seconded. After a vote of 7 for and 9 against, the motion failed. Mark then moved the second motion which received a proper second. The motion carried with a vote of 16 for and 1 against.

The Transportation subcommittee will next meet at 6:00 pm May 24th at the Regency Square Branch Library.

NAP – Marcella reported that the planner working on the NAP was now working at Prosser Hammock and the plan was now back in the hands of Margo Moehring. The initial draft was being totally rewritten to include the wishes of the steering committee. It should be completed in a few weeks.

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins reported that there was not much to report. The Fuller Warren bridge was still being discussed, the Cruise terminal was basically on hold and the Corps of Engineers denied the Freedom Commerce Center project. After a question, he reported that the Arborareum was scheduled to have an opening this fall.

Staff Reports

MAYOR’S REPRESENTATIVE – Phil Bruce previously had no report.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF’S OFFICE – Lt. Jernigan had no report, however, in response to questions regarding the stretch of Wonderwood that goes through Queens Harbour, he indicated that traffic units were closely monitoring the reports of drag racing. Mike Hancock commended the JSO in working with the Woods community to reduce speeding.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Selinda Keyes reported that district officials were pleased with the FCAT scores. She also reminded everyone that schools are currently now a part of concurrency. Overcrowding schools will not stop development. She is pleased however, that the CPAC is aware of the impact of proposed development on schools and approves of the letters being copied to the Superintendent acknowledging that.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported that a planner has been assigned as the Project Manager for the NAP’s and that other work was being redistributed among the planners.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Jim Green was not present (Marcella acknowledged that his wife was ill and asked everyones prayers), however, Mark Foss read a statement from him indicating a desire to do a presentation at the August CPAC meeting regarding planned traffic rerouting for the Mathews Bridge regrating project.

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No report.

JACKSONVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - CONSUMER AFFAIRS – Jackie Maddox reported they had received a number of calls from seniors regarding identity theft. She provided a brochure with pointers and warned everyone to be on the watch for suspicious phone calls, letters and emails. She also talked about unlicensed contractors and indicated that if someone pays for work and the contractor is

unlicensed, there is nothing they can do to recover the money. Everyone should be checking for licenses before any work is done or any money exchanged.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY SAFETY – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES –James Richardson reported on a new pilot project which would allow people to report District Doings directly to the Public Information office for the Neighborhoods Magazine. He strongly suggested that members work with them to report what is happening in their communities. The Mayor’s Neighborhood Summit is on track and will offer a number of requested workshops and the always popular exhibits by over 100 vendors. He also reported that registration is underway for a revitalized Neighborhood Leadership Training and encouraged everyone present to sign up. He indicated that he had a limited number of zoo tickets available after the meeting and new guidelines strongly suggest that they be distributed to families who would otherwise be unable to afford to attend. He reminded everyone that the July and August CPAC meetings would be held at the PAL Building on Monument Road. The LUZ subcommittee would still meet at 4:30 at that building. The July meeting will have City Council members Lynnette Self and Richard Clark. James then read a letter received from Gary Dickinson asking to reappoint Marcella to the TRUE Commission for a 3 year term. Tom moved the motion which received a proper second. After Marcella explained what the TRUE Commission does, the motion was approved by the group.

Other Business

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella reported that she received a call from Jane Wahl with State Farm who wanted to know what the CPAC might want to have provided to them at the Summit. Hurricane preparedness, flood zone information and Board liability insurance were mentioned. Marcella then reported that Ingrid Freeman-Claxton had indicated that she wanted to take a more active part in the CPAC. After receiving a call from the Chairman of the Jacksonville International Airport Community Development Agency Tax Increment District asking for a representative from the CPAC, she asked Ingrid to attend one of their meetings. She will probably take the appointment. She then asked anyone who wanted to take the responsibility of any appointments or other leadership roles on the CPAC to let herself, Tom or James Richardson know. Marcella mentioned the CPAC Roundtable to be held at the Neighborhood Summit and that she and Tom would be representing District 2.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – Joe Lek asked that someone from the City come out to a future meeting to talk about Tree Ordinances. Gerrie Atkinson invited members to visit the corner of Rogero and Ft. Caroline to see a pocket park that they have in their neighborhood. Mike Hancock indicated that the Woods just spent \$16,000 on new playground equipment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

GUEST COMMENTS – Thelma Jackson provided members information on the Mayor’s Office of Faith Based and Community Based Partnerships. She advised that there were grants available and encouraged members to visit www.coj.net for information.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 11, 2005 at the PAL Building at 3450 Monument Road.