

# Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library  
6:00 P.M. June 14, 2004

## Minutes

### Members and Alternates

Terry Akins	Lad Hawkins	Janet Ostler
Skip Benolken	Johnny Holden	Bradley Richards
Laura Brown	Sherrie Jarnutowski	Ray Salman
Albert Cherry	Joseph Lek	Carol Schirado
Sandra Curran	Marcella Lowe	Tom Shouplin
Dorothy Fant	Helen Ludwig	N. Kathleen Smith
Kevin Feldt	Barbara Mazer	Ben Tucker
Mark Foss	Gail Melton	Clay Yarborough
Beverly Garvin	Tom Olney	Lewis Palmer (Alt.)

### Members Excused

Geraldine Atkinson	Jay Olchak	Roberta Thomas
Rick Smith	Gary Dickinson	

### Guests

Valerie Britt	Erinn Deglow, UNF	Stacey Hunt, UNF
Bobby Cherry	Cora Dudley, UNF	Laura Henderson, UNF
Rebecca Ray, UNF	Paula Ordonez, UNF	Angela Nocks, UNF
Lynn Phelan, UNF	Lynne Conderman, UNF	Jane Craven, JMOMA

### Staff/Resource

Jim Green, FDOT	Representative, JFR	Edward Lukacovic, PDD
Howard Gunter, Animal Control	Robert Prado, Prop Saf	James Richardson, NSD
Robert Jernigan, JSO	Skip Roeszel, Bldg Insp	Matt Dominy, JTA
Steve Lawing, Bldg Insp	Lynn Westbrook, Admin	Mike Miller, JTA
Margo Moehring, PDD	Dawn Wood, NSD	
	Anna Sheperd, PDD	

### 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.

### Speakers

Howard Gunter, Animal Control Division gave an overview and update on the new animal care & control ordinance. In answering questions, he spoke to the specific duties of the Animal Control Officer, rat control, domestic pets within a household and leashed and tethered animals. He also mentioned the Wildlife Rescue Coalition of NE

Fla in dealing with raccoons, armadillos and possums. Howard can be reached at 387-8924, ext. 226.

Matt Dominy, Deputy Executive Director, JTA spoke on the Wonderwood Connector and addressed questions and concerns of the group. He indicated that the bridge over the Intercoastal is scheduled to open at the end of July. Segment 3 will temporarily be two lanes. Signage and traffic signals are being reconfigured to accommodate this temporary action. During this presentation, Lynn Westbrook indicated that the Girvin Road redesign was currently underway. No indication as to date of conclusion of the project. Matt can be reached at 630-3181.

Jane Craven, Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art, provided information on the Museum and its programs. She led the group on a virtual tour of the facility located Downtown. The museum just unveiled it's new website, [www.jmoma.org](http://www.jmoma.org).

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from the May 10, 2004 meeting were corrected and unanimously approved.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

**PARKS AND RECREATION** – Chair was absent, however, Marcella Lowe reported that Gary had attended the Mayor's Parks Task Force meetings and was impressed with the membership. He will bring information to future meetings.

**BEAUTIFICATION** – Gail Melton reported that she has not received any applications for the Communi-Tree program. She distributed several at the meeting.

**GRANTS AND AWARDS** – Dorothy Fant reported that she had not received any nominations for awards to date. She again solicited input from the membership and reiterated that the deadline is July.

**LAND USE AND ZONING** – Joe Lek reported that the subcommittee met reviewing the Planning Department project list and had no motions. He indicated there was still some concern over 2004-246. It was also mentioned that building height limits had been lowered from 55 to 48. Marcella Lowe recognized Margo Moehring as the new Chief, Strategic Planning for the City of Jacksonville and acknowledged the work she had done with the group over the years. Margo introduced Anna Sheperd and Ed Lucakovic who will be replacing her as PDD support to the group.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Clay Yarborough introduced Sandra Curran as a new member representing The Valley at Hidden Hills. He indicated that he had a few applications that he was working on.

**SCHOOLS** – No report.

TRANSPORTATION – Mark Foss reported that the transportation subcommittee met on May 18<sup>th</sup> and were presenting the following motions:

*That a letter be drafted to the Mayor, FDOT, JTA and Jacksonville city council members in the district that the Wonderwood Connector Segment 3 median breaks be accommodated to allow a wider area for U-turns*

After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

*That a letter be drafted to the Mayor, FDOT, JTA and Jacksonville city council members in the district that the Wonderwood Connector include less monumental directional signage than proposed, that steel backed timber guardrails be used and that landscape be coordinated with the community.*

After input from Kevin Feldt and discussion, the motion was amended to include the following statement:

*That a letter be drafted to the Mayor, FDOT, JTA and Jacksonville city council members in the district that the Wonderwood Connector include less monumental directional signage than proposed, that steel backed timber guardrails be used along with other aesthetically pleasing street lighting, bus stops, etc., and that landscape be coordinated with the community.*

After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

The Transportation subcommittee will meet at 6:00 p.m. June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Regency Mall community room.

NAP – Gail Melton reported that the next and final meeting is to be held June 22<sup>nd</sup> at JU from 6 to 8 pm.

CPAC PICNIC – Tom Shouvin reported that the date would be August 7<sup>th</sup>. The location is yet to be determined, however, Blue Cypress, PAL and the YMCA are under consideration. He also indicated that approximately 120 attended last year and that “everyone” received a door prize. With that in mind, he charged the group to solicit area businesses in an effort to obtain prizes to be distributed during the picnic. Anything and everything is accepted. He also indicated that the Mayor had been invited to attend.

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins reported on the ongoing concern expressed over the Freedom Commerce Development. He also indicated that they are awaiting a report on the siltation in Greenfield Creek. He asked members for input and status report on the effect of the Mill Cove flow channel cut through a few years ago. He has asked, and is awaiting status reports from the SJWMD and the ACOE. He then spoke to the issue of litter in the community, particularly motorists who discard cigarette butts and ashes out windows. He strongly encouraged enforcement of local laws concerning litter. After discussion from the group, JSO representative Jernigan advised that he will follow up

on this, and that there were one or two officers who have this as a priority and strictly enforce it if witnessed.

There was brief discussion concerning the demolition of the Fuller Warren Bridge and the disposal of the remains in the St. Johns river. Marcella asked him to get with the Waterways Commission and get an updated report. There was discussion of the Port Authority plan to relocate the Cruise Ship Terminal and whether the group should take action such as letter expressing ardent opposition.

### **Staff Reports**

**MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE** – Lynn Westbrook reported that at the urging of Councilwoman Self, the City would be responsible for irrigation and maintenance of the median on Wonderwood Connector.

**JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE** – Bob Jernigan reported that Sgt. Carlson of Zone 2 was moving. Sgt. Steve Mullen is to be the replacement. He also reported the new DUI units were extremely effective and addressed the groups concerns regarding the vehicles and the absence of hood lights.

**DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOLBOARD** – No report.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT** – No report.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** – Jim Green reported the following upcoming meeting:

- Thursday, June 24 from 5-7 at the Fairgrounds. The meeting is about the Matthews Bridge alternatives.

**BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING** – No report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Groundbreaking of Fire Station #58 on Joeandy Road was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and site work already being done. Station #59 is slated for a further south location, but no timetable.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** – No report.

**NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY SAFETY** – Bob Prado reported that Zone 2 now has 50% new officers and asked for patience. He indicated that a sweep of the major corridors in Arlington proper was recently done and over 200 letters will be sent to commercial interests regarding unscreened dumpsters. This was done at the request of Arlington Churches Together (ACT). He also provided information on the new process for enforcement of overgrown lots. Lastly, he praised the work of the district Code Enforcement Board and indicated that their next meeting is to be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Committee Room B of City Hall St James Place.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson was introduced to the group as the new Neighborhood Coordinator for District 2. He briefly shared a little history and a commitment to work closely with the district residents. He reported that the Leadership Training Institutes were to begin shortly, encouraged nominations for the Individual and Neighborhood awards to be submitted to the Grants Committee so that the deadline of August be met to NSD and that he had Zoo tickets for distribution after the meeting.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No report.

**Other Business**

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella mentioned upcoming Clean it Up – Green it Up events in October and January. She and Gail Melton will be attending the planning meetings and she encouraged every neighborhood to participate. She mentioned the Northeast Florida Center for Community Initiatives at the University of North Florida would be hosting a forum for District 2 on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 pm at the Regency Library and encouraged everyone to attend. It was noted that the Matthews Bridge meeting was the same evening at the same time. She also reported on the June 8<sup>th</sup> CPAC Chairs and Vice-Chairs meeting with the Mayor.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – No announcements.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – James Richardson suggested, and was asked to have a representative from JaxPort to speak at the next meeting along with other invited speakers.

GUEST COMMENTS – Valerie Britt expressed concern about the Mayor's goal to have all Jacksonville children age 4 reading.

**Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 12, 2004 at the Regency Square Branch Library at 6:00pm.**