

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
6:00 P.M. March 8, 2004

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Geraldine Atkinson	Johnnie Holden	Tom Olney
Skip Benolken	Sherrie Jarnutowski	Janet Ostler
Judith Cobble	Joseph Lek	Bradley Richards
Gary Dickinson	Marcella Lowe	Clay Yarborough
Dorothy Fant	Barbara Mazer	Tom Shouplin
Kevin Feldt	Ray Salman	Rick Smith
Mark Foss	Gail Melton	Benjamin Tucker
Russ Girolamo	Carol Schirado	Ramsey Salem
Jay Olchak	Larry Nelson	

Members Excused

Roberta Thomas	Al Cherry
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Guests

Cindy Alderson	Mike Hancock	Reba Thompson
Anna Bradley	Jenell Lamantia	Gregory Bruce

Other guests were present but did not sign in.

Staff/Resource

Michael Dickey, C A	John Shellhorn, CIU	Jim Green, FDOT
Lorrie DeFrank, NSD	Margo Moehring, P&D	Lynn Westbrook, PW
Garry Denson, NSD	B. C. Owens, F&R	Bob Prado, Codes
Lt. Gene Douberly, JSO	Selinda Keyes, DCSB	Skip Roszel, Bldg. Insp.

Call to Order

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

Speakers

John Shellhorn, Chief, Clean It Up, Green It Up, spoke about upcoming cleanup events around the city and his division's outreach efforts. For information about these events contact him or Sue Jantz at 630-4185 ext. 225 or visit the city's website at www.coj.net Clean It Up, Green It Up Division.

Scheduled speaker for CPAC was Assistant Chief Randy White of the city's Fire & Rescue Department. He was unable to make it due to a fire emergency. Deputy Chief B. C Owens was present and answered questions about the departments response times, new fire stations, policies and procedures. A question and answer period followed.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the February 9, 2004 meeting had the following amendments:

Guest Comment – Valerie Britt made comments regarding JTA's plans for the Park & Ride at the corner of Atlantic Boulevard and San Pablo Road.

Land Use and Zoning - Motion passed for CPAC to send letter to the Mayor requesting a traffic study of the Regency Square North area.

It was requested that members who are excused be included in the minutes.

Sub-Committee Reports

PARKS AND RECREATION –Gary Dickinson reported on the grand opening of the Golf Course at Blue Cypress Community Center would be coming up on March 13th, new areas that will open at Tree Hill and Arlingwood Park. He also said the proposed park land between Lee and Jackson Roads has gone through Planning and Zoning Committee.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail Melton reported that the tree applications deadline is September 30, 2004. Anyone who wants a JEA tree grant application may call her at 744-0962.

GRANTS AND AWARDS – Dot Fant reported that the deadline for the Jacksonville Children Commission's New Way's Initiative grants is March 15, 2004. Lorrie DeFrank, Chief, NSD reported on the Mayors Matching Grants, deadline June 30, 2004.

LAND USE AND ZONING – Joe Lek said that the LUZ sub-committee recommended approval of 2004-136, for a mobile home park to be turned into an apartment complex at 2200 Mayport Road but subject to the conditions that the wetlands would not be disturbed. Discussions followed including information from Ben Tucker and mobile home owner Mrs. Reba Thompson. Representatives of the developers were invited to attend the full committee meeting, but declined due to prior commitments. The motion was denied unanimously.

Joe Lek also moved that the application 20-181 by Dixie Construction to park heavy equipment on Rogero Road be denied. Motion to deny passed unanimously.

The following motions were made:

- Motion passed unanimously for CPAC to send letter to recommend denial of proposed PUD rezoning 2004-136 in its entirety.
- Motion made for CPAC to send letter to recommend denial of proposed rezoning 2004-181, as CCG-1 is too intense for the corridor and this appears to be an attempt to legalize current uses which are inconsistent with the current zoning and the character of the area.

MEMBERSHIP – Clay Yarborough was present but had no report.

SCHOOLS – Tom Shoumlin said that students appeared to be very optimistic about the FCAT test this year. He also said that there is no school Friday, March 12th – 19th and that 9 week finals are in mid-May.

TRANSPORTATION – Ben Tucker said that the committee has not met. Meetings are usually the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN – Gail Melton reported on the Old Arlington Neighborhood Action Plan. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month. The next meeting is March 25, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at JU.

CPAC PICNIC – Tom Shoumlin said that next month he expects to have jobs for everyone to participate in making District 2 CPAC picnic one of the best.

ENVIRONMENT – No representative and no report given.

Motions Made

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Staff Reports

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – Property Safety, Officer Bob Prado reported that they have a new Operations Manager, Mark Mahony.

Skip Roszel, Building Inspection Division, reported on the new sign contract that would allow the pick up of signs four days a week including weekends.

Lorrie DeFrank, Chief, NSD, gave update on the Florida Neighborhoods Conference, seeking corporate sponsorships, conference cost (\$40 per person), tour applications and she encouraged all neighborhoods to apply. She also said that the Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants are in and the application process is open for community groups that have been in existence for at least six months and have a worthwhile community project.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Margo Moehring gave report in support of LUZ committee.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Jim Green said that Strawberry Creek Bridge will be closed for about 6 months. He also said that JTA will be conducting a workshop concerning the Regency by-pass on Monday, March 22, at 6p.m. at Terry Parker High School and the kick off meeting to let the public know what Metropolitan

Planning Organization is doing will be on Thursday, March 25th at 6 p.m. at the Regency Square Library. A question and answer period followed.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Selinda Keyes said that the School Board is negotiating with developers for land for new school, Arlington Middle School (built on same land) construction will begin in August, Merrill Road School will start construction on its Media Center and Terry Parker will start its renovation projects soon. Selinda also said that she is looking into the lighting situation on 9A and that they are working on alternatives to help solve the problem.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF’S OFFICE – Lt. Gene Douberly reported on several issues surrounding the Arlington area including the recent stakeout for car thieves at Regency Mall. Four car thieves were caught in the process.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No representative present.

MAYOR’S REPRESENTATIVE – Lynn Westbrook said that the Mayor asked JTA to look at the entire Beach and Atlantic corridors before making decisions on where to put interchanges.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – Michael Dickey reported that his division is still working with the “What You Need To Know” series and the new approach they are taking in meeting consumer needs. Michael reported that JHRC is having an awareness program on fair housing April 24, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Radison Riverwalk Hotel, 1515 Prudential Drive. He also mentioned that the division chief, Cecelia Jefferson wants to introduce herself to the CPAC in April.

Neighborhood Announcements, Comments and Issues (Guests and Members)

- HOA task force and other information on covenants and restrictions had a 46 page report that will be going before the state to suggest changes. This information is found on the Department of Business and Professional Regulation site under the State of Florida.

Other Business

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella Lowe announced the CPAC chair and vice chair’s meeting with the Mayor will be on March 9th at 4 p.m. and wanted comments from CPAC members to take with her.

Reported on the sheriff’s comprehensive law enforcement initiative on March 19th at 4 p.m. called “Operation Show Down”.

REPORT FROM VICE-CHAIR - Tom Shoumlin had no report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Capital Improvement Commission Report .

GUEST COMMENTS – Reba Thompson thanked the CPAC for their stand with 2200 Mayport Road trailer park concerns.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 12, 2004 at the Regency Square Branch Library at 6:00 p.m.