

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Square Branch Library
March 13, 2006 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Skip Benolken
Ed Chiarotti (Alt.)
Gary Dickinson
David Evans
Dorothy Fant
William Figueroa
Anne Hancock

Linda Hemphill (Alt.)
Johnny Holden
Joseph Lek
Helen Ludwig
Barbara Mazer
Gail Melton
Lewis Palmer (Alt.)

Eddi Parsons
Tom Shoumlin
Ben Tucker
Richard Witzel
Clay Yarborough

Members Excused

Larry Belge
Sandra Curran
Eddie Daniel
Armando Grundy-Gomes

Marcella Lowe
Brad Richards
Maxine Terrell

Guests

Hon. Lynette Self
Waverly Fant
Mary Anne Saadeh
Phillip Hannah
Tamera Branam, JPL

Stephanie Ruccolo,
UNF
Debi Wagner, UNF
Jessica Townsend, UNF
Christine Colomer, FSS

Bob Richards, UNF
Sally Doherty, JPL

Staff/Resources

John Culbreth, Dir - PREC
James Green, FDOT
Selinda Keyes, DCSB
Michael Koerner, PDD
Ed Lukacovic, PDD

James Richardson, NSD
Skip Roszel, Bldg Insp.
Lt. Bob Jernigan, JSO
Bob Winter, Property Safety

Call to Order

Tom Shoumlin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. After establishing that a quorum was present, an inspirational moment led by Clay Yarborough was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Speakers

Tom Shouvlín introduced Christine Colomer & Linda Hemphill with the Full Service Schools (FSS). He then acknowledged the UNF Nursing students and thanked them for attending the CPAC meetings. Tom then announced that Superintendent Wise was delayed, but in route and proceeded with the meeting as listed on the agenda. Tom later announced that the Superintendent had been delayed in traffic and would miss the meeting. He apologized and promised to attend at a later time.

The Honorable Lynette Self, City Council District 2 addressed the group concerning action taken at the last meeting. She talked to the Ivey Road Park proposal and provided additional details not considered at the time action was taken. The primary information she added was that the road going through the park was existing and there is precedence for that in urban parks throughout the country. She also indicated that the builder was going to build the park out, as the community desired, for close to \$1.2 million. She indicated that there had been 2 Town Meetings on the subject and a final one was scheduled for March 20th. At that meeting 3 options would be discussed and voted on:

- 1) allow the builder to build the additional 54 homes and build the park out as currently proposed.
- 2) do nothing and when funding becomes available (\$2 million) the park will be built out
- 3) preserve the entire park area using Tree Mitigation funds and Hydraseed the area which would require future maintenance costs until the park is built out.

Councilwoman Self then fielded a few questions from the group and indicated that she looked forward to returning next month for several presentations. She also reported that in 8 - 12 months, a Senior Center was coming to the District 2 park. Staff will be working with PAL and it will be intergenerational.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the February 13, 2006 meeting summary was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION - Gary Dickinson reported that public art was coming to the Ed Austin - District 2 Regional park. 3 statues were scheduled to be placed in front of the PAL building.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail Melton had no report but thanked James Richardson for including the Communi-tree information in the CPAC packet.

GRANTS & AWARDS – Dot Fant indicated there was no report.

LAND USE & ZONING – Joe Lek reported that the committee reviewed the projects list and had no recommendations at this time.

The next meeting of the LUZ Subcommittee will be held Monday, April 10th, 4:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library.

MEMBERSHIP – James Richardson indicated that Dave Evans was moved from Alternate to Primary from the Kensington HOA with Dave Hoffman as the new alternate. He then introduced Anne Hancock as the new Primary for Marsh Creek HOA. James then reported that Neighborhood Services, at the request of the Mayor's Office, was about to undergo a major recruitment of CPAC representatives from neighborhood organizations. There will be an informational session held April 4th to share the importance CPACs have to the community and the Mayor would be speaking to their importance to his administration. Clay Yarborough then encouraged those present to speak with neighboring organizations and encourage them to join the CPAC.

SCHOOLS – Tom Shoumlin deferred to Selinda Keyes later in the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION – James advised that they were heavily encouraging a member to step up as Chair of the committee. He encouraged members to consider it as it has traditionally been a key committee of this CPAC. Please contact him if interested.

NAP – Gail Melton reported that there have been several items submitted to the final draft and that it was in the hands of city officials. She then explained what a NAP is to the group for the benefit of those who did not know.

ENVIRONMENT – No report.

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative - John Culbreth reported that PREC had just completed a successful "Jax Parks - Get Out There" event the previous weekend. He was making every effort to get word out about the park system. Upcoming activities will be mini festivals in the parks and will be held in conjunction with neighborhood organizations. He has recently asked personnel at parks to organize walking clubs in an effort to provide new activities and increase park usage. He also reported that he had been pulled into planning for Downtown and was working on plans to "green up" downtown with increasing the tree canopy and pocket parks. He also reported that the Mayor's Growth Management Task Force would soon be making their recommendations and PREC would have input into that. In closing, he indicated they would be making efforts to increase security at parks by things such as cameras to deter crime and having more JSO staff living in the parks. He then fielded questions from the group.

JSO – Lt. Jernigan indicated that he had no formal report, but indicated that overall stats remained down in Zone 2. He indicated that the NCAA regionals were coming o town and would present increased traffic, especially around the arena. In fielding questions about the murder rate in Jacksonville, he indicated that Zone 2 was holding its won, but most had occurred in other areas of town. He indicated they were watching aggravated batteries very closely and working to ensure no retaliation took place. He urged everyone to be careful and vigilant to avoid becoming victims. After some urging, he reported that JSO had won the Guns & Hoses event, which was the 2nd year in a row. Over \$180,000 has been raised for charity with the event.

DCSB - Tom announced that Selinda Keyes had been appointed as the new Regional Superintendent. Selinda reported that the Superintendent and Board were working together well and had devised a set of Core Beliefs which contained something that everyone could embrace. He reported that while he has been visiting schools talking to students and faculty, he was making changes as well. She announced the new positions that he was looking to fill and that they would be announced probably at the April Board meeting. She also reported that the new planned high school would need to be delayed a bit to a 2009/2010 projected open date due to unanticipated costs and negotiations.

PUBLIC WORKS - no report.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported the Strategic Planning and Current Planning divisions would soon be merging to form a Comprehensive Planning division with Margo Moehring the probable Chief.

FDOT – Jim Green reported that FDOT was also plugged into the Downtown planning efforts, especially in the Brooklyn area, by participating in the planning committees. They will be providing funding for several landscaping projects, including the Hogan's Creek Greenway, and was committed to its success. He reported that the extension of 9A to the UNF Interchange was scheduled for May.

JHRC –no report.

LANDSCAPE/BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT - Skip Roszel had no report.

NEIGHBORHOODS - PROPERTY SAFETY - Bob Winter indicated that he had no report and that his name should be placed on future agendas.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson indicated that applications for the Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grant program were available and reminded everyone that attendance at one of the workshops in March was mandatory for those applying. He reported that NSD was in the process of contacting all neighborhood organizations it had on record to secure updated information. He mentioned the St. Johns River Celebration cleanup scheduled for March 18th and encouraged neighborhoods to participate. He then described his efforts to enhance the "CommUniverCity" trainings provided by NSD and described some of the upcoming activities. In closing, he reported that the planned changes for the Neighborhoods Department had now been developed. A new department - Housing and Neighborhoods - is being recommended to City Council with 4 divisions: Housing Services, Neighborhood Advocacy/Services, Community Development and Property Safety. The new department will allow for a comprehensive approach to affordable housing and strengthening neighborhoods. It should allow some funds to be shifted and available for use in neighborhoods to support various projects and activities. There should be no changes to the support provided to CPACs.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - Tom talked about FSS and the services they provide to the community. Christine Colomer reported that over 500 families had been served through the Terry Parker Full Service Resource Center. There is also a Beaches Family Resource Center housed at Fletcher High School.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS & ISSUES - Clay reported that the Arlington Relay for Life was scheduled at JU for March 31 and April 1st. He encouraged those present to participate and maybe form teams to join in as well. He also reported that Tree Hill would be celebrating its 30th Anniversary on April 29th from 12 - 5 pm. Everyone is encouraged to join in the festivities. Vendors interested in selling items should contact Lucy Cortese at 724-4646.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 10, 2006 in the Regency Square Branch Library at 6 p.m.