

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
May 8, 2006 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Larry Belge
Al Cherry
Sandra Curran
Eddie Daniel
David Evans
Dorothy Fant

Phillip Hannah
Lad Hawkins
Dave Hoffman (Alt.)
Joseph Lek
Marcella Lowe
Lewis Palmer (Alt.)

Eddi Parsons
Carol Schirado
Tom Shoumlin
Rick Smith
Ben Tucker
Richard Witzel

Members Excused

Geraldine Atkinson
Yvonne Creswell
Armando Grundy-
Gomes

Helen Ludwig
Gail Melton
Jay Olchak
Maxine Terrell

Clay Yarborough

Guests

Christine Tyler
Jim Tafrahan

Waverly Fant
Valerie Britt

Staff/Resources

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

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

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 was led by Marcella Lowe and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Speakers

Tom Shoumlin introduced Chris Tyler who discussed Study Circles with the group. Study Circles allow for a group to come together over a common theme, weekly over a 5 week time period. In Jacksonville, the theme is Race Relations. She then fielded several questions from the group.

Tom then introduced Wanda Forest with the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization who presented information on the District 2 projects in the Transportation Improvement Plan. She then fielded questions from the group with the assistance of Jim Green with FDOT.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the April 10, 2006 meeting summary, with corrections, was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – no report.

BEAUTIFICATION – Marcella Lowe reported to the group that Gail Melton would be leaving the city very shortly. Tom asked her, and she has agreed to serve as the new committee chairperson. She discussed ideas that she had about a Yard of the Month program and asked the group to bring pictures in to future meetings.

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

LAND USE & ZONING – Joe Lek reported that the committee met with representatives of the proposed ADAMAC/Harley motorcycle training site and they are awaiting more information before determining a recommendation. They also reviewed Rezoning 2006-529 and are awaiting additional information. He then reported that the committee reviewed the projects list and had one recommendation at this time:

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The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

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The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

The next meeting of the LUZ Subcommittee will be held Monday, June 12th, 4:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library.

MEMBERSHIP – James Richardson reported that applications had been received by Caroline Cove and Kernan Forest Master HOAs.

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

TRANSPORTATION – James Richardson reported again that William Figueroa had agreed to serve as the new Chair of the subcommittee. If anyone is interested in continuing to serve, or join the committee, please contact him so that meetings can be arranged.

NAP – James Richardson then provided information on the Growing Great Neighborhoods Initiative announced that morning by Mayor John Peyton. There will be a number of countywide aspects along with additional resources provided to two pilot areas – Northwest Neighborhoods which combines the 45th & Moncrief and 29th & Chase NAP areas and Historic Arlington which encompasses the Old Arlington NAP area. (fact sheet attached)

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins presented a motion to send a letter to the DEP regarding proposed changes in nitrogen levels released into the St. Johns River. The motion died after lack of a second. Carol Schirado then presented a second motion which changed the letter to be sent. The motion was properly seconded, and after discussion, was approved by the group. Lad then presented the group an update on the Freedom Commerce Center and indicated that the committee would continue monitoring it.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE - John Culbreth indicated that the PREC Dept. was totally on board with the new initiative and discussed what their efforts would entail. He indicated that they were working with Old Arlington, Inc. on the Norman Studios project and they were working on the 2006-2007 budget. He mentioned the new Parks Advisory Board being established and suggested interested individuals to contact him. The Arborareum project was moving forward and he mentioned again that he was working with Tree Hill to bring them into the park system.

JSO – Lt. Robert Amy introduced himself to the CPAC. He indicated that he was a 29 year veteran of the dept., 10 years of which were in Zone 2. He reiterated that overall crime was down, across the city and in Zone 2. He mentioned the murder rate was receiving lots of attention, but implored that it not be confused with the crime rate. JSO is working as hard as possible to combat the increase. The homicide unit has established a Violent Crimes Unit to try and deter future crimes in designated areas. He did mention a slight increase in Burglary to vehicles and asked everyone to be sure and lock their cars when they leave them, roll the windows up and don't leave valuables in sight. He also mentioned that they were seeing good results from the Apartment Task Force.

DCSB - Selinda Keyes reported that the schools located in the Growing Great Neighborhoods pilot areas were excited about the initiative and that all the Arlington area principals were in attendance at the press conference earlier in the day. The

Arlington Middle School athletic fields were being landscaped and everyone remains excited over the new facility. She mentioned that the district was anxiously awaiting the FCAT scores. One of the major goals is to close the gap in student achievement and they are working furiously on that. They are also changing their focus to preparing all students for college.

PUBLIC WORKS – no report

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported they were working to get a new Mayport Overlay Zone through the City Council. They are also working with developers and condo owners to make them aware of the sights, sounds and smells that come along with a fishing village and that residential interests can work together with commercial interests within the area.

FDOT – Jim Green indicated that he had no further report. He did state that the City needs to move forward with the ISTE A project because concerns are beginning to arise around the languishing funds.

JTA - no report.

JHRC – no report.

LANDSCAPE/BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT - Skip Roszel encouraged everyone to use caution with roofing contractors, especially as we approach the summer and hurricane seasons. They are working very closely with the state to hit unlicensed contractors very hard.

NEIGHBORHOODS - PROPERTY SAFETY - Bob Winter had no report, but added they were ready to begin work on the new initiative.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson again reminded everyone that NSD was in the process of contacting all neighborhood organizations it had on record to secure updated information. He reminded everyone about the Neighborhood Summit to be held on June 23rd and encouraged everyone to consider submitting nominations for the Mayor's Awards to individual and neighborhood organizations.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - Tom indicated he had no report.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS & ISSUES – Valerie Britt indicated that Rezoning 2006-529 was another attempt to change the PUD previously negotiated with the neighborhood. She asked the CPAC to continue holding the line against any future changes.

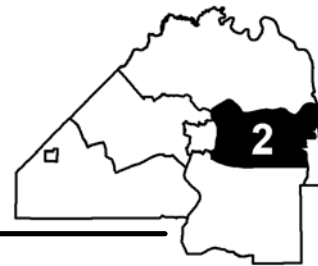
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 12th, 2006 in the Regency Square Branch Library at 6 p.m.

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Hon. Art Shad, Chair, City Council Land, Use, & Zoning Committee

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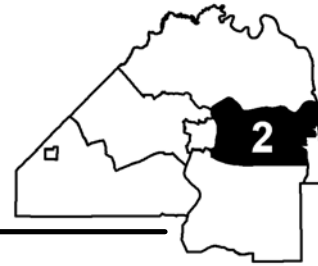
Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor
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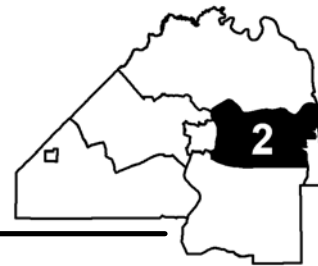
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May 10, 2006

The Honorable John Peyton, Mayor
City of Jacksonville
117 W. Duval Street – 4th Floor

Dear Mayor Peyton,

The Greater Arlington / Beaches CPAC opposes the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) proposal to reduce the federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) pollution reduction plan, or TMDL (Total maximum daily load) and implement a less protective plan that would allow more pollution to enter the St. Johns River, unless and until:

1. The Florida DEP has received the required approval from the EPA to change pollution rules on the St. Johns River
2. The DEP's proposal sets an expiration date so that any lower quality standard will not be permanent
3. The State of Florida receives a petition from an affected person, e.g. an industry, stating that it is impossible to meet current pollution rules for our public waterways, and
4. The DEP elects not to violate its own rules to serve the interests of polluters.

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cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor
Hon. Lynette Self, City Council District 2
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