

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

University Park Branch Library
6:00 P.M. September 13, 2004

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Skip Benolken	Joseph Lek	Clay Yarborough
Albert Cherry	Marcella Lowe	Larry Nelson (Alt.)
Dorothy Fant	Bill Marshall	Dale Parsons (Alt.)
Mark Foss	Gail Melton	Ramsey Salem (Alt.)
Lad Hawkins	Bradley Richards	
Johnny Holden	Rick Smith	

Members Excused

Terry Akins	Jay Olchak	Roberta Thomas
Cindy Alderson	Ray Salman	Ben Tucker
Gerry Atkinson	Carol Schirado	
Helen Ludwig	Sandra Spencer-Shabla	

Guests

Earlene Holden	Bernandine Oy, UNF	Kinsey Carlson, UNF
Kevin Leachese, UNF	Jayna Baldwin, UNF	Judy Stevens, GACC
Shakhia Herring, UNF	Stacia Hurst, UNF	

Staff/Resource

Jim Green, FDOT	Ed Hall, Pub	James Richardson, NSD
Selinda Keyes, DCSB	Wks./Admin	
Lt. Gene Dubberly, JSO	Edward Lukacovic, PDD	

Call to Order

CPAC members present at 5:30 pm were taken on a tour of the University Park Library led by Margaret Smith & Michael Sullivan.

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and followed with a prayer.

Speakers

Due to the tour preceding the meeting, there were no speakers.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the August 9, 2004 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

Sub-Committee Reports

PARKS AND RECREATION – no report. Marcella reported receiving correspondence from the Mayor’s Task Force and was forwarding it to Gary.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail Melton indicated there was no report. She did announce again that she has the applications for the Communi-Tree program and encouraged members to contact her. She provided her address (5734 St. Isabel Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32277) and asked that applications be mailed to her.

GRANTS AND AWARDS – Dorothy Fant reported that JCC awardees had finally received their funds. She indicated that James Richardson was following up on the process and expressed again that awardees need to be assured of receiving their monies during the summer.

LAND USE AND ZONING – Joe Lek reported that the subcommittee met and after reviewing the Planning Department project list, had six motions:

Re: Opposition to the Rezoning 2004-801 and 2004-802, to change the zoning on two parcels, 1.03 acres and 1.6 acres from CO to CCG-1 located north of Arlington Exway and east of Cesery Blvd.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposal for a rezoning of two land parcels of 1.03 acres and 1.6 acres from CO to CCG-1 on property located north of Arlington Exway and east of Cesery Blvd. because the proposal is too intense for a small properties on a dirt road.

The group approved motion.

Re: Support with conditions for the Rezoning 2004-856 on the west side of Hartsfield Road, to change the zoning from RMD-A to PUD, 9 acres of proposed townhomes in MDR land use.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in support with conditions of the above proposal for a rezoning from RMD-a to PUD on the West Side of Hartsfield Road. It is felt that there may be a traffic problem at the intersection of the main road and project entrance therefore we recommend that traffic improvements be made at that intersection.

The group approved motion.

Re: Support with conditions for the Rezoning 2004-859, to change the zoning from PUD to PUD at Villages of Mill Creek, North of Regency Square Blvd. to increase the maximum density to 475 units from 390 units on the 57 acre development.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in support with conditions of the above proposal for a rezoning from PUD to PUD at Villages of Mill Creek, north of Regency Square Blvd. to increase the maximum density to 475 units from 390 units on the 57 acre development. It is recommended that Lone Star Road be used for emergency access only. It is felt that a permanent access would put pressure to have Lone Star opened as a main traffic road.

The group approved motion.

Re: Opposition to the Rezoning 2004-862, to change the zoning of 7.14 acres from PUD to back to the previous zoning of RMD-E adjacent to Eagles Pointe S. Apartments, Townsend Blvd.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposal for a rezoning of 7.14 acres from PUD to RMD-E, its previous zoning, adjacent to Eagles Pointe S. Apartments, Townsend Blvd. Because the Arlington CPAC is always not in favor of scrapping PUD once they are formed.

The group approved motion.

Re: Opposition to the Rezoning 2004-916, to change the zoning of several existing lots located on a dirt lane between Gilmore Hts. Road and Broadwater Drive from RLD-G to PUD so that they will have legal access.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposal for a rezoning of several existing lots located on a dirt lane between Gilmore Hts. Road and Broadwater Drive from RLD-G to PUD so that they will have legal access. It is felt that that the applicant is trying to get a subdivision without going through subdivision process.

The group approved motion.

Re: Opposition to the Sign Waiver 2004-922 on 6255 Merrill Road, to allow the existing sign frame to be used in its existing location.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposed Sign Waiver on 6255 Merrill Road to allow the existing sign frame to be used in its existing location because it is felt that the property has a past record of property neglect. Efforts should be made to improve the aesthetics of the property first before waivers are considered.

The group approved motion.

The Land Use and Zoning committee will next meet at 4:30 pm October 11th at the Regency Square Branch Library.

MEMBERSHIP – Clay Yarborough introduced Julie Pierce representing the Kernan Coalition and Eddi Parsons representing Monument Oaks Homeowners Association. He indicated that he had no other new applications at this time.

SCHOOLS – Selinda reported that everyone was thankful with Hurricane Frances now passing us by. She expressed appreciation for all the community patience as they tried to open schools as quickly as possible. She also reported that the Superintendent was heavily involved in the EOC.

She is working on the traffic situation at Kernan Elementary. They have a school crossing guard, the middle schools do not. Both SAC's are reviewing the issue. At Lake Lucina, she reported that a sign had been placed on Rogero and they were looking at a long-range plan to rectify the problems there.

There was a comment regarding school zones on Wednesday 1/2 days. The comment was acknowledged. Selinda reported that the School Board and DTU were working together on how and when to make up the 4 days missed due to the storms. She also indicated there had been no recommendation to date to move the FCAT testing dates.

Marcella read a letter and motion received from Sandra Spencer-Shabla regarding sidewalks at Kernan Elementary and Kernan Middle Schools.

The District 2 Citizens' Planning and Advisory Committee wishes to express its support for the construction of a new sidewalk on the northeast side of the Kernan schools intersection in the vicinity of Kernan Trails and Kernan Boulevard. This new sidewalk would greatly improve the safety of students biking and walking to school from the Kensington communities, who are currently crossing three lanes of traffic at this very busy intersection only to cross back once again further into the school complex.

Additionally, with approximately 2,000 students traveling through this area twice daily, the District 2 CPAC membership recommends this area receive further study of options for an aesthetically pleasing elevated student crossover as well as traffic calming measures. Perhaps the Kernan widening project under the Better Jacksonville Plan may provide a ready opportunity to incorporate improvements in this highly sensitive area.

The group approved motion.

TRANSPORTATION – Mark Foss reported that the transportation subcommittee last met on August 17th at the Regency Square Library. He asked James to check with Lynn Westbrook to assure that someone from Public Works, JTA and Planning would be at the next meeting. There were several comments regarding the idea of JEA placing electric lines underground.

The Transportation committee will next meet at 6:00 pm September 21st at the Regency Branch library.

NAP – Gail indicated there was no report except that the draft of the plan was being released within a matter of days.

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins reported that the Freedom Commerce Development was still pending with the St. Johns Water Management District, that the Cruise Ship location being moved to Mayport was under study and that they were reviewing plans for Wonderwood 3 and would bring an analysis to the next meeting.

Staff Reports

MAYOR’S REPRESENTATIVE – Ed Hall, Deputy Director of Public Works, provided an update on debris removal. He indicated they were using the prison farm and a site off 9A (because of access) as dumpsites. They would be having a pickup blitz the following weekend as well. He also indicated that size waivers were in place for now

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF’S OFFICE – Lt. Gene Dubberly reported that 23 JSO members were sent to South Florida to assist. He indicated that there were 5 burglaries during the storm. This happened as electricity to monitoring systems was disabled. He suggested that neighbors band together to monitor roads where trees were down in an effort to free up sworn officers. Overall, he reported that crime numbers were down in Zone 2. Responding to a comment, he reported that the Wonderwood Bridge was being heavily monitored with radar.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOLBOARD – Selinda previously gave her report.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported that Wonderwood had reduced the peak traffic on Mayport Road by 30%.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Jim Green provided a schedule of upcoming MPO meetings seeking public input to their 2030 plan. This is the 3rd round of workshops. He reported that DOT is committed to replacement of the grating on the Mathews Bridge and they are reviewing 3 options. There is a need to find money to fund this.

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY SAFETY – No report.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James acknowledged Carolyn Williams, Director of Libraries and thanked her for hosting the meeting and providing the tour. He announced the Mayor’ Town Hall meeting on October 4th. No location had been determined at that point, but he asked that members get the word out to their neighbors,

families and friends. He reminded everyone that the Florida Neighborhoods Conference was that week and he hoped to see many of those present in attendance.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No report.

Other Business

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella recognized the Students present from UNF School of Nursing and thanked them for their participation. She indicated that she would be representing District 2 at the Conference from 3 –4 pm that Friday. She reported that she had attended a meeting of the Citizen’s Oversight Committee of the Better Jacksonville Plan, and there was to be a council workshop regarding the courthouse on September 29th from 2 – 5 pm. The public is invited to attend. She also reminded everyone of the CIU/GIU cleanup to take place on October 23rd. District 2 has 4 sites (Terry Parker, Mayport, Woodland Acres & Landmark) and if anyone knows of areas with lots of trash, please let she or James know. The hours would be form 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Marcella indicated that she had appointed a Nominating Committee comprised of Clay Yarborough, Johnny Holden and Gail Melton. She asked that members wishing to nominate individuals contact them. Nominations will come to the group for vote in November. As always, members are able to nominate from the floor if so desired.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – none.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

GUEST COMMENTS – None

Motion to Adjourn

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 11, 2004 at the Regency Branch library at 6:00 pm.

Seeking Volunteers!

We are seeking volunteers to chair a subcommittee focusing on the Traffic Impact of Large Retail Developments. We need members to serve and someone to chair the committee. Please contact Marcella or James prior to, or during our next meeting.