

# Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library  
September 12, 2005 6:00 P.M.

## Meeting Summary

### Members and Alternates

Geraldine Atkinson  
Skip Benolken  
Gary Dickinson  
David Evans (Alt.)  
Dorothy Fant  
Kevin Feldt  
Mike Hancock

Jack Hart (Alt.)  
Linda Hemphill (Alt.)  
Johnny Holden  
Sherrie Jarnutowski  
Joseph Lek  
Marcella Lowe  
Gail Melton

Tom Olney  
Eddi Parsons  
Brad Richards  
Tom Shouvin  
Ben Tucker  
Richard Witzel  
Clay Yarborough

### Members Excused

Eddie Daniel  
Mark Foss

Armando Grundy-  
Gomes  
Helen Ludwig

Jay Olchak  
Ray Salman

### Guests

Hon. Suzanne Jenkins  
Shirley Dasher  
Hon. Richard Clark  
Mary Ann Saadeh

Michelle Short, UNF  
Debi Wagner, UNF  
Waverly Fant

Bill Kintz, Kernan  
Coalition  
Several others

### Staff/Resource

Paul Crawford, Mayor's  
Rep. (Denise Ostertag)  
Ed Lukacovic, P&D  
Michael Koerner, P&D  
Lt. Bob Jernigan, JSO

James Richardson, NSD  
Ronnie Brown, JHRC  
Jim Green, FDOT  
Skip Roszel, Bldg. Insp.

Bob Winter, Prop.  
Safety  
Meghan Friel, District 3  
Council Asst.

### Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and followed with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Speakers**

Marcella introduced the Honorable Suzanne Jenkins, Jacksonville City Council, District 4 who spoke on the Downtown Entertainment Zone legislation. She articulated several issues which had been expressed by the community, and addressed what the committee came up with to handle various concerns. After her presentation, she fielded questions from the group. She referred everyone to the City Council website at [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) for additional information. She provided copies of the legislation as drafted and a proposed map of the district. *(the information can be obtained on the website, or you may call James at 630-7036 for a copy)*

Marcella then introduced Mike Saylor, Parks Task Force Member, who spoke to the group about the process the Task Force used to devise it's recommendations, and a few comments about what the City would need to do to move the Park system from the largest to the greatest. He then introduced Paul Crawford, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Jacksonville. He discussed with the group what steps were being taken to address some of the recommendations and how the Parks budget would be reflective of those. He also provided some rationale for not implementing some of the recommendations at this time. Both then fielded several questions from the group. For the final presentation, Marcella introduced Denise Ostertag, Chief of the Recreation Activities Division for the City's Parks & Recreation Department, who discussed with the group new rules and regulations affecting the use of City parks. She provided some handouts of the proposed rules and solicited input from the group by going to [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com). She then fielded questions from the group.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

Marcella entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting as submitted. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

PARKS AND RECREATION – Gary Dickenson had no report, but reaffirmed everything previously reported through the presentations.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail Melton reported that the committee met and approved one Communi-tree application which will be forwarded to JEA. She reported that the annual Clean it Up / Green it Up Community Cleanup would be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. District 2 is scheduled to have 2 sites – Terry Parker High Scholl and Landmark Middle School – and that additional information would be coming out after a meeting scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>.

GRANTS & AWARDS – No report.

LAND USE AND ZONING – Joe Lek indicated that the subcommittee met and had no motions requiring action by the group. He reported that Councilman Clark had introduced legislation before the City Council to limit the height of buildings developed

along the Intercoastal to 250 ft. in height. Gerrie Atkinson apologized for missing the subcommittee meeting, but raised concern over LU 2005-751 which would allow another beauty salon along Rogero Road.

**The Land Use and Zoning subcommittee will next meet at 4:30 pm October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Regency Square Branch Library, 9900 Regency Square Boulevard.**

MEMBERSHIP – Clay Yarbrough deferred introducing new members to James Richardson. He reported:

**Richard Witzel, Primary for Sawmill Ridge HOA**  
**David Evans, Alternate for Kensington HOA**

James also recognized **Jack Saye, Primary for** , who had been away for several meetings.

Marcella acknowledged all who were present and welcomed them to the group. She also acknowledged Johnny Holden and reported that he had recently retired as Security for the Jacksonville Jaguars. He thanked the group and reported that reports of him being 90 years old were correct.

SCHOOLS – No report.

TRANSPORTATION – Marcella acknowledged the work of the committee for last month's Transportation Forum and thanked them.

**The Transportation subcommittee is scheduled to meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 pm at the Regency Square Branch Library.**

NAP – Marcella and Gail reported that September 30<sup>th</sup> was the deadline to submit comments on the final draft.

ENVIRONMENT – No report.

### **Staff Reports**

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Paul Crawford reported that the Mayor submitted his budget for the City of Jacksonville to the City Council and that it was going through their process. It is scheduled to be approved prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported that the Administration was working with tenants at Cecil Commerce Center on possibilities of reopening it as a Naval Air Station bringing some 12,000 jobs to the community. The chances at this time are 50 – 50. He also reported that the Mayor's baby was due October 7<sup>th</sup> and it is a boy. Ben Tucker then expressed concern that the Clean it Up / Green it Up Division is slated for elimination and indicated that it would be detrimental to the community. He asked those concerns be taken back to the Mayor. Marcella expressed concern with the Council recommendation to abolish the Neighborhoods

Dept. and also elimination of the New Ways Initiative Grants which went to the CPACs. Paul indicated he would take all concerns back to the Administration

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Lt. Jernigan reported an increase in Thefts to Autos and Burglaries to Autos across all sectors of Zone 3 and encouraged everyone to lock their cars when they leave them. “If you leave it, lock it!”  
DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – No report.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Ed Lukacovic encouraged everyone to attend the Growth Management Task Force meeting being held later in the week.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Jim Green reported that the 9A/JTB Interchange is underway and will take about 3 years to complete the project. The Mathews Bridge Regrading and Traffic Rerouting will be discussed during the Transportation meeting in July.

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – Skip Roszel had no report, but confirmed the limitations of Code Enforcement entering private property.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No report.

JACKSONVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – Ronnie Brown talked about Study Circles and fielded questions from the group. He is to ensure information on Study Circles in the district is provided to James for distribution to the group.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No report

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY SAFETY – Robert Winter, Code Enforcement Supervisor indicated that they were short of personnel and the division is doing what it can to get an Officer assigned to the district. He asked that people assist them by getting the word out about the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which prohibits them from entering private property without permission. This severely limits what they can do when following up on code enforcement issues.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES –James Richardson encouraged everyone to contact the Public Information Office to get word out on what is happening in their neighborhoods. He thanked everyone for participating in the recently held Mayor's Neighborhood Summit. The “Communiversity” Neighborhood Leadership Training was beginning shortly and several members from the district were to participate.

## **Other Business**

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella reported a discussion she had recently with Council Auditor Richard Wallace concerning the 3% rollback on ad valorem taxes. He indicated that the Mayor was not required to adhere to it given the possible budget crunch. He suggested that given the recent support of all CPAC's on the opposition to the "node" issue, he thought that they should consider taking a position on the rollback and providing that to the Administration and Council.

Mike Hancock moved "**that the CPAC recommend to the Mayor not fully implementing the 3% rollback on ad valorem taxes for the upcoming fiscal year**", which was properly seconded. After a few questions and discussion, the motion carried on a vote of 9-6.

Marcella then reported that the Summit was a success, congratulated Crystal Ridge on their award and thanked the group for her award. She reported having attended the Mayor's meeting with CPAC Chairs on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The "node" issue was discussed there and all 6 CPACs had sent a letter of opposition. The budget and the courthouse were also discussed. He assured Marcella that the meeting room at the University Park Library would be completed as soon as possible. He discussed the funding shortfall for the BJP and indicated the Downtown library should open in November.

Marcella then reported that she had been contacted by a newspaper reporter for a CPAC position on the recent sale by JU of some of it's campus for development. She indicated that she attended a meeting with the administration prior to the announcement and indicated there were several concerns, which were to be addressed. She informed the group of the plans and asked if the CPAC wanted to take an official position on the issue. Jay Olchak moved "**that the CPAC supports the sale of JU property for development**", which was properly seconded. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – Rick Smith of Crystal Ridge thanked the CPAC for their award presented at the summit.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

GUEST COMMENTS – None.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

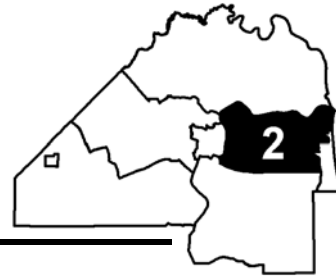
## **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will take place at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 8, 2005 at the PAL Building at 3450 Monument Road.**

**The CPAC meetings will return to the Regency Branch Library in September.**

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**Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
*Chair: Marcella Lowe Vice Chair: Tom Shouvin*

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July 11, 2005

To: Marvin Hill, Chair, Planning Commission  
Hon. Sharon Copeland, Chair, City Council Land, Use, & Zoning Committee

**Re: Opposition to the Zoning Exception E-05-50 to allow a residential treatment facility on 1.6 acres in a CCG-1 Zoning District at 1815 Corporate Square Boulevard.**

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposal for the Zoning Exception E-05-50 to allow a residential treatment facility on 1.6 acres in a CCG-1 Zoning District at 1815 Corporate Square Boulevard because it is felt that the use of the residential facility and hours of operation go beyond normal business hours.

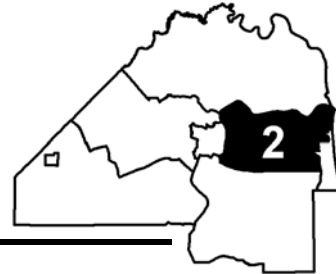
Sincerely,

Marcella Lowe, Chair  
Greater/Arlington/Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor  
Jeannie Fewell, Director, Planning Department  
Cynthia Buckingham, Planning Department

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**Re: Opposition to the Rezoning 2005-487 to change the zoning of 1.99 acres from LDR-D to PUD to allow the continuing operation & maintenance of a rowing club at 1133 and 1134 River Bank Court.**

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in of opposition to the above proposal for Rezoning 2005-487 to change the zoning of 1.99 acres from LDR-D to PUD to allow the continuing operation and maintenance of a rowing club at 1133 and 1134 River Bank Court because it is felt that there is poor access, lack of parking and inappropriate and intense use for a residential area.

Sincerely,

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