

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Square Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.
April 9, 2007 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Gene Crabtree
Sandra Curran
Eddie Daniel
Wayne Entsminger (Alt.)
David Evans
Kacy Evans

Dorothy Fant
William Figueroa
Johnny Holden
Joe Lek
Helen Ludwig
Eddi Parsons

Tom Shouvin
Roberta Thomas
Ben Tucker
Richard Witzel
Clay Yarborough

Members Excused

Yvonne Creswell

Armando Grundy-
Gomes

Anne Hancock
Marcella Lowe

Guests

Hon. Lake Ray, City
Council Dist 1
Paul Schmidt, RS&H

Michelle Davis
Candace Knutson
Jimmie Manwiller, UNF

Easter Johnson, UNF
Mary Anne Saadeh

Staff/Resources

John Culbreth, PREC
James Green, FDOT
Ed Lukacovic, P&DD
James Richardson, NSD

Bill Abbott, Prop. Saf.
Tamera Branan, JPL
Lt. Bob Amy, JSO
Kenny Logsdon, H&N

Tom Underwood
Robert Odland, JTA

Call to Order

Joe Lek called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. After establishing that a quorum was present, an inspirational moment was led by Helen Ludwig and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the March 12, 2007 meeting summary was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Joe introduced the Honorable Lake Ray, City Council District 1. He spoke to legislation he introduced concerning the city's ability to recover from a major disaster. He reported that during and after the Chamber's Leadership trip to New Orleans, he realized that the city's recovery and sustainability is what needs to be concentrated on. With JEA being owned by the citizens, if we suffered a \$700 million loss, there is no plan for what would happen. If we suffered a major storm hit which closed the port for 3 days or more, operations would move to other port cities. We need to set up reciprocal agreements with other ports to temporarily relocate those operations, and vice versa. He is suggesting assembling major city stakeholders (government, business, nonprofit, etc.) to define priority items and identify potential loss & dollar amount. He suggested looking at establishing a line of credit now. The 2nd part of this is to set up agreements with off site engineering & assessment companies to start assessment immediately along with standard contracts to start rebuilding. We need to determine the expected dollars and a way to fund it and the rebuilding. He indicated that agencies and businesses have some recovery plans, but no one is talking with each other. After fielding questions from those present, he thanked the CPAC for their continued input and concern for the community.

Joe then introduced Paul Schmidt with RS&H who discussed JTA's plans for a Bus Rapid Transit System. He suggested they wanted to be the regional transportation choice and were working now to determine where stations should be located. He suggested that potential stations being looked at to serve the Arlington area were Downtown and the Sports Complex, Town & Country, Townsend Blvd., and Regency. He posed the question, what can a station do at Town & Country with Transit Oriented Planning & Development? What would the community be looking for? He indicated that JTA was doing an Environmental Impact Study along the corridor. There will be a public meeting at the Arlington Senior Center 5 – 7 pm on May 3rd. He also indicated that they are willing to work with neighborhood groups to secure community input. Contact James Richardson to coordinate any requests to have them speak to community groups.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION –Eddie Daniel reported that they were waiting on requested information from the Parks dept. and would be meeting on it once it was received.

BEAUTIFICATION – no report.

(Those interested in the Communitree program with JEA which provides free trees to an organization can secure additional information at www.jea.com). Marcella can be contacted at 725-2882.

GRANTS & AWARDS – no report. James Richardson thanked Dorothy Fant for serving on the Mayor's Award Selection Committee and that Ann Burt had been chosen to receive the Mayor's Award for Individuals in District 2 and Glynlea Park Neighborhood Association the Award for Neighborhood Organizations. The awards were presented during the Housing & Neighborhoods summit on April 3rd.

LAND USE & ZONING – Joe Lek presented the following motions:

Opposition to the Rezoning 2007-269 to change the zoning of 0.332 acres from CO to CN to allow a convenience retail store at 1807 Rogero Road.

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The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Opposition to the Rezoning 2007-302 to change the zoning of 22.8 acres from PUD to PUD to allow the maximization of 400 multi-family dwelling units at the southeast corner of Cypress Drive and San Pablo Road South.

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- *The proposed development is dense with too many units for the property.*
- *The proposed use is eliminating of wetlands.*
- *The proposed maximum height is too high next to the established one story single-family developments adjacent to it.*

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Opposition to the passage of Ordinance 2007-321; the Old Arlington Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP).

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) respectively ask the Planning Commission to deny Ordinance 2007-321 which proposes to adopt the December 2006 version of the Old Arlington Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) and to give sole authority to interpret it to the Jacksonville Planning Department Director.

The December 2006 NAP does not reflect the language and desires of the residents and business owners inside the Old Arlington NAP study area. There have not been any public meetings with the residents and businesses after 2003 by the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department. The community also opposes granting sole authority to interpret the Old Arlington NAP to any one individual.

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Roberta Thomas advised everyone to be aware of proposed items in the zoning code rewrite occurring now.

IMPORTANT NOTE – LOCATION AND TIME CHANGE:

The next meeting of the LUZ Subcommittee will be held Monday, May 14, 2007, 5:30 pm in the PAL Building – 3450 Monument Road.

MEMBERSHIP – no report.

SCHOOLS – Tom Shouvin reported that Rep. Stan Jordan had recently introduced legislation which essentially would give counties the option to go to year-round schools in an effort to meet space and classroom size limitations.

TRANSPORTATION – no report.

The Transportation subcommittee is scheduled to meet the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please call Bill Figueroa at 482-0300 to confirm time and location

NAP – no report.

ENVIRONMENT – no report. Clay Yarborough reported that there had been a groundbreaking for the Arboretum and that it would be a wonderful asset to the Arlington area and to Jacksonville.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – John Culbreth echoed Clay's comment about the arboretum. He reported that the department was gearing up for summer programs and summer festivals. He also reported that "Movies in the Park" would be expanding. The dept. continues to work with JSO on crime prevention issues in the parks. He reported that the Jazz Festival was coming up and encouraged everyone to attend a press conference and "nail hammering" scheduled for April 20th at the Norman Studios. John also reported that all City departments were entering the budget season and were looking at 10% reductions across the board. He then fielded a few questions from the group.

JSO – Lt. Amy reported that they have a crimes meeting every other week and review crime stats over a 14 day period. Zone 2 continues to have an overall decrease in crime – 8.89%. However, they are up 3.5% in Burglary to Autos. He advised everyone to be vigilant and careful. He also reported that they arrested a burglary suspect in the Cesery/Shetland area and that he may be a suspect in up to 15 more. He was caught because someone called in to report suspicious activity.

DCSB – no report.

PUBLIC WORKS – no report.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – no report.

FDOT – Jim Green reported that work on the Mathews Bridge was continuing and that the traffic rerouting was to commence the following Monday. He indicated that the detours would be in place for 90 days with an absolute deadline of July 31st. He urged everyone to be patient.

WONDERWOOD 3 PROJECT – Tom Underwood reported that a temporary new traffic pattern on Ft. Caroline from Merrill to St. Johns Bluff Road was to start shortly.

DCHD – no report.

LANDSCAPE/BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT – no report.

NEIGHBORHOODS - PROPERTY SAFETY - no report.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson thanked everyone for attending the Housing & Neighborhoods Summit held April 3rd at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. He encouraged those present to sign up to attend the “Planning 101” Communiversity class scheduled for April 19th and encouraged everyone to review and consider future classes from the Neighborhood Services Division through the Communiversity. He also reported that the deadline for applications for the Mayor’s Neighborhood Matching Grant Program was April 30th and encouraged those present to be sure and submit them on time. James then reported that the next meeting of the CPAC would again need to be relocated due to early voting. The meeting will take place at the PAL Building – 3450 Monument Road at 6:30 pm. The LUZ meeting will be held at the same place with a 5:00 pm start time.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – no report.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS & ISSUES – Roberta Thomas expressed a concern that NSD staff was working with other departments against the position taken by the CPAC and the community in regards to the Arlington / Rogero Road roundabout.

The next Craig Airport Citizens Advisory Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, April 23rd at 9:30 am.

Ft. Caroline United Methodist was celebrating its 85th anniversary.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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