

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
July 9, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania	Anne Hancock	Jay Olchak
Geraldine Atkinson	Lad Hawkins	Eddi Parsons
Larry Belge	Sandi Hibbard	John Slough
Al Cherry	Florence Holcomb	Roberta Thomas
Maria Condaxis (Alt.)	Carroll Huffines	Benjamin Tucker
Gene Crabtree	Joe Lek	
Kacy Evans	Marcella Lowe	
David Evans	Helen Ludwig	
William Figueroa	Dewey Marshall	

Members Excused

Yvonne Creswell	Dorothy Fant	Tom Shoumlin
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Guests

Hon. Clay Yarborough	Lynn Murray	Jim Black
Michele Davis	John Fox	
Mary Anne Saadeh	John Fisher	
Shirley Nulf	Nina Lockley	

Staff/Resources

Kelley Boree, PREC	Sally Doherty, JPL	Selinda Keyes, DCSB
Ed Lukacovic, P&DD	Lt. Robert Phelps, JSO	Jim Green, FDOT
James Richardson, NSD	Louis Harman, Prop.	
Tamera Branan, JPL	Saf.	

Call to Order

Joe Lek called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. After establishing that a quorum was present, an inspirational moment was led by Marcella Lowe and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the June 11, 2007 meeting summary was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Joe introduced Tiffany Reeves with the Florida Department of Financial Services who spoke about the “My Safe Florida Home Program”. The program basically offers free home inspections to Florida residents who are homeowners. A second part of the program offers up to a \$5,000 matching grant to bring Florida homes up to current standards. She then fielded questions from the group.

For additional information about the program, Tiffany can be reached at 798-5817 or via email at TIFFANY.REEVES@FLDFS.COM. Tiffany is also available to come out and speak to your association or group.

Joe then introduced the Honorable Clay Yarborough, City Council District 1. He thanked everyone for coming and listed the council committee assignments he had received. He also mentioned that he had just been briefed about the Mayport Ferry and it appears, preliminarily, that the State may provide funding.

Joe then introduced James Richardson with Neighborhood Services. James discussed changes in the newly signed Executive Order 2007-04 which re-establishes CPACs and CPAC By-Laws. The primary changes concern term limits for officers, the automatic removal of members who miss 3 consecutive meetings and various clarifications of procedures. James mentioned the Mayor’s commitment to CPACs and that with proposed changes to the department, support to CPACs might change in some capacity. He then fielded questions from the group.

Note – the official effective date of the EO and By-laws is October 1, 2006, however, the actual date for enactment will be July 9, 2007.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Dewey Marshall reported that he was working with Shorty Robbins to obtain a status report on all parks in the district. He mentioned work being conducted or planned at several parks in the district. Gerry Atkinson asked that some attention be given to needed maintenance around Blue Cypress park.

BEAUTIFICATION – Marcella reported that she had talked with the JEA forester and he indicated that trees were still available. She encouraged those present to consider submitting applications for the Communitree program prior to September so that they can be processed.

(Those interested in the Communitree program with JEA which provides free trees to an organization can secure additional information at www.jea.com). Contact James Richardson for additional information at 255-8235 or jrichard@coj.net.

GRANTS & AWARDS – no report.

LAND USE & ZONING – no report.

The next meeting of the LUZ Subcommittee will be held Monday, August 13, 2007, 4:30 pm in the Regency Branch Library.

MEMBERSHIP – After discussion of the importance of having a working committee, Joe moved that the Vice-Chair be appointed subcommittee chair and asked that it be affirmed by the group. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

James Richardson reported that Mike Anania had been appointed to the CPAC representing the Arlington Business Society, Carroll Huffines was appointed as the new Primary representative for the Mayport Village Civic Association and Amy Frank was appointed as the Alternate representative for Riverwoods at St. Johns Landing. He also reported that Dorothy Fant had requested to become the Alternate for the Alderman Park Civic Association and introduced John Fisher, President who would be submitting an application to become the new Primary representative for that group.

SCHOOLS – no report.

TRANSPORTATION – William Figueroa reported that the Mathews bridge would be closed the coming weekend to complete some issues before opening on July 14th to two way traffic. He also reported that the 36 month project widening JTB from Kernan to San Pablo was recently started.

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

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins reported that WW3 project continues to have sediment and erosion control problems and will continue to be monitored by the Riverkeeper. He also mentioned an upcoming Arboretum work day where they will be using GPS to locate specific trees.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree brought thanks form the administration for the work of the CPAC. She reported that the budget was still being finalized and that Mayor Peyton will be presenting it to the City Council on July 16th at 10:00 am. She then fielded questions from the group.

JSO – Lt. Robert Phelps reported that Burglaries to autos remains an issue in Zone 2. He encouraged everyone to lock their car doors at night and remove valuables from plain sight. Traffic fatalities are also up across the county and special patrols are being deployed Thursday through Saturday evenings from 7 pm to 4 am. He also reported that Burglaries to Businesses were increasing, basically “smash and grabs”. He also reported that they continue to provide added patrols around the night clubs in the zone as well. He then fielded questions from the group.

DCSB – Selinda Keyes reported that test scores have come in and that they are not entirely pleased with the results. There are 11 turnaround schools where they are developing plans to provide more resources to ensure improvement. Justina Elementary will be receiving some additional attention. She also reported that

Sandalwood received a “D” primarily because the lower quartile of students was not raised a certain percentage. Selinda reported that the high school in the Baymeadows/Sweetwater area was still in the works and they are meeting with residents in the area to resolve issues.

PUBLIC WORKS – no report.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported that at a recent meeting he heard the following statistics: from 1990 to 2000, Jacksonville grew at 10,000 residents per year. From 2000 to 2006, the city grew at a rate of 18,000+ residents per year.

FDOT – Jim Green reported that work on the Mathews Bridge would be complete enough to begin allowing two way traffic by the end of the month. Work is still scheduled to be completed in the fall. The Dames Point bridge repainting continues and the Regency Bypass should be completed by the fall. He also mentioned that JTA would be conducting a number of public meetings regarding changes in the fares and some routes. Information can be obtained by visiting www.jtaonthemove.com. He then fielded a few questions from the group.

Ben Tucker took the opportunity to thank the CPAC for sending a letter in support of efforts to continue the Mayport Ferry. After discussion of several issues regarding the ferry, James Richardson was directed to ask the Mayor to attend a future CPAC meeting to address the ferry and hear concerns directly.

WONDERWOOD 3 PROJECT – no report.

DCHD – no report.

LANDSCAPE/BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT – no report.

NEIGHBORHOODS - PROPERTY SAFETY – no report.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson mentioned that a few members might be contacted to participate in a focus group on the proposed Bus Rapid Transit system and encouraged everyone to participate if contacted.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Joe mentioned that the University Park library now had meeting rooms available and asked if the CPAC wanted to conduct any meetings there. After discussion, it was decided to retain the meetings at the Regency Branch.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS & ISSUES – Carrol Huffines announced that a “dutch treat” get together would be held at Singleton’s Seafood Shack on July 18th in support of the ferry. He encouraged all to attend.

Roberta Thomas indicated that she had two motions to propose to the group for consideration. She proposed a letter be sent to the administration encouraging them to allow the Rogero Road Town Center Steering Committee to meet with contractors in order to complete the project. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Roberta then moved that a letter be sent to the administration in support of the Rogero / Arlington Road roundabout and that potential funding from the Seeds of Change initiative be used for preliminary surveying and planning. It was properly seconded. During discussion, a motion was made to table the previous motion. That motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 13, 2007, 6:00 pm at the Regency Square

**GREATER ARLINGTON/BEACHES
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

Chair: Joseph Lek

Vice-Chair: Jay Olchak



July 9, 2007

To: Honorable John Peyton, Mayor
Jacksonville City Council

Re: Rogero Town Center Delay of Seven Months

The Rogero Town Center Steering Committee has not been allowed to meet or work with their contractor (Waitz and Moye, Inc) since December 2006, and progress towards implementation has been delayed for seven months.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is eager to see implementation of the Rogero Town Center. We recommend that the City Administration permit the Rogero TCI Steering Committee to complete its work with the contractor and move forward towards implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Lek', written over a printed name.

Joseph Lek, Chair

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cc: Joey Duncan, Director, Public Works
Kerri Stewart, Director, Housing and Neighborhoods Department