

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
June 11, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Larry Belge
Kathy Borck (Alt.)
Al Cherry
Maria Condaxis
Gene Crabtree
Sandra Curran
Kacy Evans

Lad Hawkins
Sandi Hibbard
Johnny Holden
Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig
Dewey Marshall
Lewis Palmer (Alt.)

Jay Olchak
Eddi Parsons
Richard Witzel
Clay Yarborough

Members Excused

Eddie Daniel
Yvonne Creswell
David Evans

Dorothy Fant
Joe Lek
Maxine Terrell

Roberta Thomas
James Green, FDOT

Guests

Hon. Lake Ray
John Lowe
Michele Davis
Michael Anania
Mary Anne Saadeh
Lauren Seamon, UNF

Shirley Nulf
Joshua Pressel, BB&T
Starlyn Walker, UNF
Bryan Murphy, UNF
Amy Tammenga, UNF
Amanda Hilleman, UNF

Walter Holton
Margie Pound, UNF
Nick Merolli, UNF
Bobby Cherry

Staff/Resources

Kelley Boree, PREC
Ed Lukacovic, P&DD
James Richardson, NSD

Tamera Branam, JPL
Asst. Chief. Carson
Tranquille, JSO

Morris Abbott, Prop. Saf.
Selinda Keyes, DCSB

Call to Order

*** - Joe Lek contacted Marcella Lowe and asked her to chair the meeting in his absence.**

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. After establishing that a quorum was present, an inspirational moment was led by Clay Yarborough.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the May 14, 2007 meeting summary was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Marcella mentioned that Dorothy Fant had surgery earlier in the day and was fine. She also reported that she had spoken recently to Gail Melton and that she also was doing well and missed Jacksonville.

Marcella then recognized Councilman Lake Ray who thanked everyone for their time and effort to ensure the success of the CPAC. He reported that the concept of a recovery plan for the city that he shared with the CPAC a few months ago is currently before the council and is expected to pass. He also reported that he was working on a small adjustment to the noise ordinance where contractors were being cited for work being done on municipal projects. Marcella then thanked him for coming and for his service over the years. She also mentioned that he was instrumental in the beginning of the Arboretum project which would be an asset to the Arlington area. She then recognized Councilman-elect Clay Yarborough. He thanked everyone for their support and mentioned that he first attended a CPAC meeting about 6 years ago. He looks forward to continuing working with the CPAC in another capacity.

Marcella then introduced Wanda Forrest with the First Coast MPO. She discussed District 2 projects contained in the Transportation Improvement Program which are capital projects for fiscal years 2007/08 through 2011/12. She then fielded questions from the group.

For additional information or for questions, please call 306-7501 or visit www.firstcoastmpo.com.

Subcommittee Reports

NOMINATING – Al Cherry moved Jay Olchak for the unexpired term of the recently vacated Vice-Chair position. Helen Ludwig seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, they were then closed and the group approved the nomination.

PARKS & RECREATION – Dewey Marshall reported that he had received a report listing all the parks in District 2 and that he was just starting to go through it.

BEAUTIFICATION – Marcella encouraged those present to consider submitting applications for the Communitree program

(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 – Joe Lek presented the following motions:

Opposition to the Ordinance 2007-562 concerning the amendment of Section 656.420 regarding parking, storage, repair and operation of flying craft and airboats in residential districts and Subpart B, Part 4 of Chapter 656 dealing with such craft.

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The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

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- *There will be an intensification of traffic during peak hours.*
- *The proposed use is inconsistent with the Old Arlington NAP.*
- *The use is also inconsistent with the Rogero Town Center.*

The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Opposition to the amending and rewriting of City Ordinances without the proper underlining and strikethroughs of changes.

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The next meeting of the LUZ Subcommittee will be held Monday, July 9, 2007, 4:30 pm in the Regency Branch Library.

MEMBERSHIP – no report.

SCHOOLS – no report.

TRANSPORTATION – no report. Lad Hawkins moved that a letter be drafted and sent expressing support for the Mayport Ferry.

The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

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 – Marcella reported that legislation for the NAP had been approved by the City Council and was now an official ordinance.

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins spoke to the issue of dredging the St. Johns and that the committee will monitor and report back to the group.

Staff Reports

MAYOR’S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree brought thanks from the administration for the work of the CPAC. She reported on the reorganization of city government to create efficiencies. She also reported that the Legislative Special Session on Property Tax Reform was scheduled to begin the following day. They are expecting some answers by June 22nd. A \$50 - \$75 million budget deficit is anticipated. She urged everyone to contact their state legislators. She then fielded questions from the group.

JSO – Asst. Chief Carson Tranquille reported that traffic fatalities were up across the county. The primary cause is people not wearing seat belts. He encouraged everyone present to please wear them and encourage others to do so as well. In Zone 2, they are still having issues with Burglaries to Autos. He asked everyone to not leave valuables in sight in their vehicles. He also invited everyone to attend the upcoming joint SHADCO meeting with Sheriff Rutherford as the guest speaker. He then fielded questions from the group.

DCSB – Selinda Keyes reported that school is out and the district is awaiting the state to report school grades. They are expected the week of the 22nd. She mentioned that Justina Elementary is a school of concern. She also reported that the School Board recently approved purchasing land and moving forward with a new high school in the 9A and Baymeadows area.

PUBLIC WORKS – no report.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported on upcoming workshops for the 2010 Comp Plan Evaluation and Appraised Report (EAR). (Info can be found on www.coj.net on the Planning Dept. webpage)

FDOT – James Richardson reported for Jim Green that traffic on the Mathews Bridge would begin traveling on the South side of the bridge while the grating is replaced on the Northern side. The basic travel patterns and times will remain in place. The project is also on schedule

WONDERWOOD 3 PROJECT – latest status update was attached to the packet.

DCHD – no report.

LANDSCAPE/BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT – no report.

NEIGHBORHOODS - PROPERTY SAFETY – no report.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson mentioned that a new Executive Order for CPACs was recently signed and that highlights would be covered at the next CPAC meeting. He encouraged everyone to consider signing up for the upcoming Beaches cleanup. He also reported that Bus Rapid Transit workshops recently held by JTA were sparsely attended. He pointed out that of all the corridors under consideration, the Downtown to Regency leg was the only one to have considerable input from the community on how transit stations might be developed. Small focus groups may be convened in the coming weeks to secure more community feedback.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – no report.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS & ISSUES – Larry Belge reported on a survey that Riverwoods had recently completed and the information they had received.

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

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cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor
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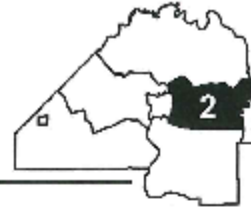
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To: Honorable John Peyton, Mayor
Jacksonville City Council
District Secretary; Florida Department of Transportation.

Re: Support for the St. John River Ferry in Mayport Village.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in support of for the St. Johns River ferry and asks that the City continue its operation for the following reasons:

- The stopping of the ferry would interrupt the traffic flow of State Route A1A.
- Stopping ferry operations would place Mayport Village on a dead end street.
- During heavy storms and high tide A1A leading into the Village is underwater and cut off. The ferry is the only way out of the village during an emergency.
- Businesses that rely on ferry traffic would suffer financial harm.
- The redevelopment effort of Mayport Village depends on the ferry traffic. Without it, redevelopment may not happen and tax valorem to the City will be decreased.
- Ownership of the ferry slips will fall back to the family that originally donated the land for the ferry. The City will not be able to sell the valuable waterfront property and profit from the proceeds.
- Efforts are being made to increase ecotourism in the eastern portion of Jacksonville. The ferry operation is an intricate part of the efforts.
- Taking the ferry saves fuel and saves wear and tear and reduces traffic on alternate travel routes.
- Once the ferry operation stops. The City will never be able to restart the service without incurring prohibitive costs.

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