

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Police Athletic League Building – 3450 Monument Road
March 12, 2007 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Larry Belge
Kathy Borck (Alt.)
Jim Black (Alt.)
Al Cherry
Gene Crabtree

Eddie Daniel
David Evans
Kacy Evans
Dorothy Fant
Anne Hancock

Lad Hawkins
Florence Holcomb
Dewey Marshall
Eddi Parsons
Richard Witzel

Members Excused

Yvonne Creswell
Armando Grundy-
Gomes
Johnny Holden
Joseph Lek

Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig
Jay Olchak
Carol Schirado
Tom Shoumlin

Roberta Thomas
Ben Tucker
Clay Yarborough

Guests

Kimberly Stewart, Pub
Wks
Carol MacCurran

Easter Johnson, UNF
Jimmie Maxwiller, UNF
Skip Benolken

Mary Anne Saadeh
John Fisher

Staff/Resources

Jody McDaniel, PREC
James Green, FDOT
Skip Roszel, Bldg Insp.

Ed Lukacovic, P&DD
James Richardson, NSD
Bill Abbott, Prop. Saf.

Tamera Branan, JPL
Lt. Bob Amy, JSO

Call to Order

Eddie Daniel called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. After establishing that a quorum was present, an inspirational moment was led by Al Cherry and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Speakers

Eddie introduced Kim Stewart, Landscape Architect with Public Works. She discussed various nuances of her job and how landscape plans are reviewed within the current code and Article 25. She explained tree mitigation in residential and commercial developments. She mentioned that Steve Case is the Landscape Inspector in Planning

District 2. Additional information on landscape in the permitting process and information on permits in general may be found at www.coj.net on the Building Inspection page.

Approval of the Minutes

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

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – no report. Eddie announced that he and Dewey Marshall will be co-chairing the committee and he indicated that they would be getting with staff from the Parks department soon.

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.

LAND USE & ZONING – Al Cherry presented the following information and motions:

That a letter be sent to Councilman Ray asking that Rezoning 2007-135 be placed back on the City Council LUZ subcommittee agenda for action. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Al indicated that the committee was monitoring E-07-18 and 2007-269 and awaiting additional information.

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

MEMBERSHIP – no report.

SCHOOLS – no report.

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 – James Richardson announced that the ordinance for the NAP was to be introduced to City Council in March. Public meetings are scheduled and he will provide those to the group. He encouraged members to attend and voice their concerns or support for the ordinance.

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins reported that a workday was held March 3rd at the Arboretum with others to be held on March 29th and April 1st. The groundbreaking will be held April 4th at Noon. All are invited to attend. He also reported that the St. Johns Riverkeeper had sent questionnaires to all candidates for City Council and their answers could be found at www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org. Lad also reported that there continued to be sediment problems occurring on the Wonderwood 3 project.

Staff Reports

MAYOR’S REPRESENTATIVE – Jody McDaniel indicated there was no report, however, she was available for questions.

JSO – Lt. Amy reported that they had a crimes meeting earlier in the day where they reviewed statistics from the previous 14 days. Property Crimes, specifically Burglary to Autos continued to drive the numbers. 70+% were from unlocked cars with valuables in sight. He strongly encouraged everyone to take all valuables from cars upon leaving them, especially those that can be seen. He also indicated that these crimes were taking place in residential and commercial sites with there being virtually no place it is not occurring. He also discussed the murder at the “G” Spot nightclub the previous weekend. The manager tried to break up the fight and was killed. They have made an arrest in the case. This has served to bring even more attention to an existing problem they had been working on. There is now more initiative and rationale to bring in more resources which they are doing.

He also reported the Club Galaxy on Arlington Road had been shut down. After going in unannounced, JSO found drugs, firearms and underage alcohol sales taking place. The owner was called to the site and provided an immediate eviction notice to the manager. When asked what could be done to assist JSO with these problems, he indicated the community could put pressure on the owner to clean up the site. He also urged contacting City Council members, Code Enforcement and others. He indicated that the DART process was the next step.

DCSB – no report.

PUBLIC WORKS – no report.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported that a community meeting was being held on March 28th concerning LU-2007C-016 which is the airport property at Monument and St. Johns Bluff.

FDOT – Jim Green provided the status of several projects: work on the Mathews Bridge continued at night and that 90 days of traffic rerouting would begin sometime in mid-April, painting of the cables on the Dames Point Bridge was on schedule, the JTB 6 to 6 lanes from 9A to San Pablo project would begin in the summer and Beach Blvd resurfacing was ahead of schedule.

WONDERWOOD 3 PROJECT – no report.

JHRC – no report.

DCHD – no report.

LANDSCAPE/BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT – no report.

NEIGHBORHOODS - PROPERTY SAFETY - no report.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson thanked everyone for attending the meeting at this alternate site. The May meeting might have to be held there as well due to early voting. He then provided a report on the results of the CPAC survey regarding top issues. After tabulating the results, he proposed committees for the top issues to be assigned. He also suggested forming several new committees: NAP/Towncenter, Airport, Animal Control, JTA/BJP Projects, Youth and Public Safety. After discussing this with the Chair, a report would be made at the next meeting.

James encouraged everyone to attend the Housing & Neighborhoods Summit scheduled for April 3rd at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. He also reported that the long anticipated move of the Housing & Neighborhoods Department to the Ed Ball Building was finally taking place. The new address will be 214 N. Hogan Street. The Office of the Director, Community Development, Housing Services and neighborhood Services will all be located on the 8th floor. The new main telephone number will be 255-8200. James' new phone number will be 255-8235. His email will remain jrichard@coj.net.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – no report.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS & ISSUES – none

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

Next Meeting - April returns to regular time and location

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 9, 2007, 6:00 pm at the Regency Branch Library.