

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard
6:30 p.m. Monday, February 9, 2009**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania
Larry Belge
James Blache
Albert Cherry
Maria Condaxis
Michele Davis
David Evans

Kacy Evans
Bill Figueroa
Lad Hawkins
Carroll Huffines
Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig
Dewey Marshall

Tami Moe
Eddi Parsons
Mary Anne Saadeh
H. Roger Sharp
Erica Trent

Members Excused

Sandi Hibbard
Florence Holcomb
Johnny Holden
Timothy Maciolek
Jill Nelms
Jay Olchak
Chester Spellman

Guests

Kent Stover	Robert Sanders
Endya Cummings	Charles Griggs
Tamera Branam	Lisa Haley

Staff/Resources

Kelley Boree, Mayor's Liaison
Lt. R.N. Amy, JSO
Ed Lukavovic, Planning and Development
Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development
Selinda Keyes, Duval County Schools
George Tawes, Code Compliance
Jim Green, FDOT

Call to Order

Dewey Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., established that a quorum was present, the meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Chairs Report

Presented the last 2008 Recognition Award to Marcella Lowe for all of her work as the Greater Arlington Beaches CPAC Beautification Subcommittee Chair. Dewey informed the group that there will be additional public meetings in regard to the proposed Jacksonville Journey Community Center re-openings. The first meeting was held on the Sunny Acres Community Center, 2850 Wompi Drive, 32225 on February 5th. The next two meetings will be held at the Beachwood Community Center, 11758 Marina Drive, 32246 on February 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. and at the Fort Caroline Community Center, 4131 Ferber Road, 32277 on February 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the January 12, 2009 meeting summary was made. It was noted that there was one typo to be corrected (2208 to 2008 on page 2). With that typo to be corrected the motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Speakers

Dylan Reingold, Office of General Council, City of Jacksonville, provided an overview of the Florida Sunshine Law and Public Records Law. In 1967 Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine was enacted. This law can be found in the Florida Statutes, Chapter 286. The Sunshine Law establishes a basic right of access to most meetings of boards, commissions and other governing bodies of state and local governmental agencies or authorities. According to the Sunshine Law all meetings are to be held in the open, given notice and a meeting summary or minutes are to be kept. This law also applies if 2 or more CPAC members get together and talk about CPAC business or if one of the CPAC Subcommittees meet. This applies to: meeting in person, phone calls, teleconferences, emails and any form of written letter. Meeting notices should be posted a minimum of 24 hours for emergency meetings and 48 hours for a standing meeting. All meetings are to be held in locations that have access to the public. The Public Records Law can be found in Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes. This law provides that any records made or received by any public agency in the course of its official business are available for inspection, unless specifically exempted by the Legislature. The definition of what constitutes public records has come to include traditional written documents such as papers, maps and books, but also tapes, photographs, film, sound recordings and records stored on computers. Drafts (after they are approved) are also public records. The records need to be provided in a reasonable time frame.

Kent Stover, Fixed Route Service Planning Manager, Jacksonville Transportation

Authority, informed the group that JTA will begin a fixed route bus system re-design and due to financial constraints JTA is in the process of evaluating their entire route system. Several service modifications are being considered for implementation for this May. To minimize the impact to the riders JTA will host 6 public workshops to collect suggestions and comments before any service modifications become final. The public workshops will be held:

February 23, 2009 ~ FCCJ Deerwood, Room B1206, Old Baymeadows Rd. ~ 5-7 p.m.

February 25, 2009 ~ Gateway Shopping Center, 5258-12 Norwood Avenue ~ 4-6 p.m.

March 2, 2009 ~ Southeast Public Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd. ~ 5-7 p.m.

March 4, 2009 ~ Jacksonville Beach City Hall, 11 N. 3rd Street ~ 5:30-7:30 p.m.

March 5, 2009 ~ FCCJ Kent Campus, Room D-120, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. ~ 4:30 -6 p.m.

March 11, 2009 ~ South Mandarin Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd. 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

All recorded comments from the JTA workshops will be included in the Public Hearing Report. The Public Hearing will be held on March 12, 2009 ~ FCCJ Downtown campus Room A1068, 601 W. State Street meetings at 11:00 a.m. – 1p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Also written comments will be accepted until Monday, March 23, 2009. Email any questions to kstover@jtafla.com.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall – no report.

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Marcella Lowe – no report.

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Al Cherry – **Opposition to the Administrative Deviation AD-08-120 to deviate the maximum lot cover age from 35% to 38.7%, to deviate the maximum fence height from 4 feet to 6 feet, and to reduce the side yard to 0 feet at 2323 Kanaka Drive between Lost Pine and Minanao Drive South.** GAB CPAC is in opposition to the above rezoning for the following reasons: It is not consistent with the zoning laws of the City and the CPAC agrees with the Planning Department's recommendation.

Opposition to the Rezoning 2009-164 to rezone 1.98 acres from CO and CCG-1 to CCG-2 to allow for increased permitted commercial uses at the northeast quadrant of Beach Boulevard and State Road 9A. The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) is in opposition to the above rezoning for the following reasons: The CCG-2 potential uses are too intense for the site given the adjoining residential uses. The proposed rezoning to CCG-2 would expand the district from across the west side of 9A to the east side which may set a precedent for future rezoning(s) to more intensive uses. The entrance into the property is in poor and too restrictive.

MEMBERSHIP – Co-Chairs: Jay Olchak and Eddi Parsons – The GAB CPAC would like to introduce new CPAC member Erica Trent. Erica will be representing Terry Parker High School.

TRANSPORTATION – Co-Chairs Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel – no report, but reminded everyone that the Hart Bridge painting project will begin soon.

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – no report

T.R.U.E Commission – Marcella Lowe – stated that the commission is currently looking at 2 areas: 1. the procurement process to make sure they are doing things correctly and 2. the performance of various departments / divisions to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to do and that they are being as productive as they can be.

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – informed the group FDOT has sent a letter that they are in opposition to proposed JAA runway expansion project. It appears at this time that JAA has no intent to stop the project.

Growth Management Visioning Plan – Mike Anania – last week, February 2nd the group met with the consultants (Zyscovich) and they made a lot of progress. Also, there are 2

vacancies in the GAB Growth Management Visioning Committee. If you are interested in participating contact your councilperson and inform them of your interest to participate.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree, Mayor's Representative – not present

JSO – Lt. Robert Amy, informed the group that crime keeps moving around Arlington and the bad guys have been pretty active. JSO is focusing on problem areas. Again the Sheriff has asked for more officers. Starting this Saturday, the city will have an additional 44 officers. The new officers will start their post academy training; after 4 months of training they will take their field tests. After they pass their field tests they will be assigned to a district. The assignments will be based on which areas have lost the most officers. Questions were asked about problems in apartment complexes and what JSO is currently doing to fight crime in apartments. The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program was introduced to the group. The group was informed that it is a voluntary, but the foundation of the program's success is that residents sign a "Crime Free Lease Addendum" prior to moving in or renewing their lease. Under the terms of the Lease Addendum, tenants must agree not to participate in any illegal activity, nor allow others to conduct illegal activity in their residence. If the police respond to the tenant's residence and make an arrest, the management is immediately notified and will then evict the tenant, pursuant to the terms of the Addendum. Once a tenant has been evicted from a "Crime Free Community," the tenant may not rent from ANY other apartment community participating in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Communities program.

DCSB – Selinda Keyes reminded the group that FCAT will begin tomorrow (February 10th). The budget is still a major concern at this time and the school board is still looking at a variety ways to make their budget work. For those that are interested in learning more about the budget there will be 6 community meetings to discuss the \$170 million budget shortfall for the 2009-2010 school year. The meetings dates, times and locations are: Feb. 11 ~ 7:00 p.m. Fletcher High School – 700 Seagate Ave., Neptune Beach
Feb. 23 ~ 6:00 p.m. Wolfson High – 7000 Powers Ave., Jacksonville
Feb. 24 ~ 6:00 p.m. Ribault High – 3701 Winton Dr. Jacksonville
Feb. 25 ~ 6:00 p.m. Ed White High – 1700 Old Middleburg Rd. Jacksonville
March 5 ~ 6:00 p.m. Sandalwood High – 2750 John Prom Blvd. Jacksonville
To learn more about the budget visit www.duvalschools.org.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic – Every seven years, state law requires the City of Jacksonville to review and evaluate its Comprehensive Plan. This is called the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The purpose of this planning process is to update the Comprehensive Plan and to assess our progress in implementing the Plan. This process was completed in January 2008 and recommendations from the EAR are now being implemented. Implementation of the EAR is done primarily through text amendments to the various elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Proposed changes are documented by strikethrough and underline formatting. The EAR recommendation tracking chart lists all recommendations in the EAR and identifies how each recommendation has been addressed through responses or through cross referencing

revised goals, objectives and policies. If you have any questions, comment or suggestions please contact the Planning and Development Department.

FDOT – Jim Green – painting of the Hart Bridge began today. The bridge will typically close at 7:00 p.m. nightly until the project completion in 2011. The bridge will be painted the same color after the lights are removed and all of the structural repairs completed. The bridge will be encapsulated to contain/avoid accidents with the paint. The FDOT staff has been very busy trying to organize and access all FDOT projects to qualify for the stimulus package from the Federal Government; details will be provided as soon as they are available.

MUNICIPAL CODE – George Tawes – no report available for questions.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski informed the there are a number of programs available to help our neighbors that our facing foreclosure. If you or your neighbors would like more information, please contact me at 255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net.

Announcements

(Announcements and comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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