

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Square Mall – Community Room ~ 9501 Arlington Expressway
6:30 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2008**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania
Larry Belge
Kathy Borck
Albert Cherry
Maria Condaxis
Michele Davis
David Evans

Kacy Evans
Sandi Hibbard
Florence Holcomb
Johnny Holden
Carroll Huffines
Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig

Dewey Marshall
Jay Olchak
Eddi Parsons
H. Roger Sharp
Tom Shouplin
Ben Tucker
Richard Witzel

Members Excused

James Blache
Gene Crabtree
Lad Hawkins
Ben Tucker
Chester Spellman

Guests

Holly Shumate
Bob Toranelli
Sally Doherty
John Crescimbeni
Ismael Bonilla
Tamera Branam

Staff/Resources

Jim Green, FDOT
Ed Lukavovic, Planning and Development
Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development
Selinda Keyes, Duval County Schools
Clay Yarborough, District 1 City Council
William Bishop, District 2 City Council
Dayatra Cole, Housing and Neighborhoods
Lt. Randy Parmer, JSO Zone 2
Bruce Chauncey, Municipal Code

Call to Order

Helen Ludwig 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.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the June 2008 meeting summary was properly seconded and approved.

Speakers

- **Dayatra Cole**, Manager, Housing Services Division, Housing & Neighborhoods Department, City of Jacksonville; informed the group about The Foreclosure Intervention & Financial Education Network Initiative. The initiative includes the following free services: foreclosure counseling, mortgage recovery, financial assistance and financial education; detailed initiative handout and contact information was provided. For additional information please call 630-CITY.
- **Audrey Gibson**, State Representative, District 15 provided a copy of the legislative session summary and gave a brief presentation on the session. It was acknowledged that session was driven by the budget cuts and the impacts will be felt by many. Due to the revenue shortfall the Legislature was forced to reduce programs and services in education and healthcare; the two largest components of the budget. For further information or questions on these or other issues, contact the district office at 904-353-2180 or email Audrey.Gibson@myfloridahouse.gov.
- **Michael Stewart**, Director of External Affairs, Jacksonville Aviation Authority and **Chip Seymour**, Senior Manager of Planning, Jacksonville Aviation Authority informed the group that an update of the master plan for Craig Airport is underway. At this time an ad hoc committee has been organized to oversee the development of the master plan. JAA will host several town hall meetings to hear community comments and concerns in regard to the plan. To view the master plan online visit www.JAA.areo.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall - no report, but reminded the group to visit the parks website www.jaxparks.com to keep informed on what is happening in the various parks throughout the city.

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Marcella Lowe – informed the group that construction on the Arlington Town Center began in late June. The town center project will included 6 medians; each median will have 3 oak trees planted on them. Lighting, curbing and intersections will also be enhanced. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The JEA Communitree program is still available; applications need to be submitted soon.

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Al Cherry presented several motions to consider:

- **No comment on 2008-417 & 418** land use change to allow for commercial development.
- **No comment on 2008-437** to rezone 11.6 acres CCG-1 to PBF-1 to allow for a public park.

- **No Comment on 2008-516** to rezone 13.4 acres from RLD-G to PUD to allow construction of 84 multi-family units.
- **Deferment of 2008-518 to the August meeting.**
- **Opposition to the Road waiver 2008-465** to reduce the minimum foot road frontage from 35 feet to 0 feet to allow development of a lot at 461 Tresca Road between Atlantic Boulevard and Tresca Boulevard because an approval would increase non-residential traffic on a sub-standard right of way.

MEMBERSHIP – Co-Chairs: Jay Olchek – no new members. Eddi Parsons will follow up with former members to encourage them to nominate new members to represent their association.

TRANSPORTATION – Co-Chairs Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel – no report.

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – not present.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree – Shorty Robbins provided the group with an update of District 2 parks; currently: Jax Arboretum is under construction, on June 19th the Ed Austin Park opened a skate park, and Norman Studios is near it's final inspection.

JSO – Lt. Randy Palmer informed the group that JSO has been very active in district 2. During the last 2 weeks (06-28-08 to 07-13-08) JSO statistics support that personal robberies were down 20%, car jacking are down 66%, auto burglary is down 28%, home invasions are up 200%, theft at businesses are down 17% and there is no change in auto thefts. JSO has put together a special task force that focuses on one target neighborhood for a three day period. Recently this task force focused on Arlington and due to this initiative JSO made 54 arrests, 68 traffic citations, seized 12 fire arms and confiscated 500 grams of marijuana.

DCSB – Selinda Keyes informed the group that some of the FCAT scores have returned and overall they look good. Thirty schools have been identified as needing assistance; meeting the needs to assist high schools are the most challenging. The school board is also looking at the schools that have made improvements and trying to determine what influenced the improvement. The school board is also involved with the ACE program which looks at the area population and school boundaries in effort to make suggestions/recommendations to best utilize our schools and educate the children. August 18, 2006, is the beginning of the school year for Duval County Public Schools.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic requested that the group complete a survey that that will be used by the Planning and Development Department (PDD) to learn how the citizens feel about their community and how the community can be best served by PDD. Ed also mentioned that at this time the PDD does not have a date schedule for the next visioning meeting.

FDOT – Jim Green updated the group that the 9A-J Turner Butler Blvd. interchange was ahead of schedule, resurfacing on A1A from 9th Ave North to the St. Johns County line

will begin soon. In the near future the Hart Bridge will be repainted; details of the traffic, flow and lane patterns will be release soon.

WONDERWOOD 3 PROJECT – Tom Underwood – not present

DCHD – Charles Griggs - no report

MUNICIPAL CODE – Bruce Chauncey – no report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski informed the group that Mayor Peyton and a representative will be the quest speaker at the August CPAC.

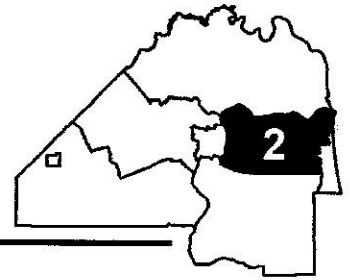
Announcements

- Helen Ludwig announced to the group that former city employee, Bob Winters passed away.
- Helen Ludwig discussed with the CPAC members the Taxation, Review, Utilization and Expenditure (T.R.U.E.) Commission and the need to have a member from CPAC represent district 2. Helen made a motion to keep Marcella Lowe as the district 2 representative; the CPAC voted unanimously to keep Marcella as their representative.
- Marcella Lowe announced that the Alderman Park Civic Association is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year.
- Member Carroll Huffiness stated that JaxPort has installed a chain link fence topped with barbed wire around large areas of land. The citizens feel that JaxPort is moving very quickly with this project and the residents of Mayport are starting to discuss the possible relocation of their community to Buck Island.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 11, 2008, 6:30 pm at the Regency Square Mall Community Meeting Room – 9501 Arlington Expressway.

GREATER ARLINGTON/BEACHES
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Chair: Helen Ludwig *Vice-Chair: Larry Belge*



July 14, 2008

To: Eddie Johnson, Chair, Planning Commission
Hon. Michael Corrigan, Chair, City Council Land, Use, & Zoning Committee

Re: Opposition to the Road Waiver 2008-465 to reduce the minimum foot road frontage from 35 feet to 0 feet to allow development of a lot at 461 Tresca Road between Atlantic Boulevard and Tresca Boulevard.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the Road Waiver 2008-465 to reduce the minimum foot road frontage from 35 feet to 0 feet to allow development of a lot at 461 Tresca Road between Atlantic Boulevard and Tresca Boulevard because an approval would increase non-residential traffic on a sub-standard right-of-way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Ludwig".

Helen Ludwig, Chair
Greater/Arlington/Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

cc: Hon. John Peyton, Mayor
Brad Thoburn, Director, Planning Department
Sandy Simmons, Planning Department