

Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Regency Square Mall – Community Room ~ 9501 Arlington Expressway
6:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2008**

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania
James Blache
Albert Cherry
Gene Crabtree
Michele Davis
David Evans
Kacy Evans

Lad Hawkins
Sandra Hibbard
Johnny Holden
Carroll Huffines
Marcella Lowe
Helen Ludwig
Tami Moe

Jill Nelms
Jay Olchak
Eddi Parsons
H. Roger Sharp
Chester Spellman
Ben Tucker
Richard Witzel

Members Excused

Dewey Marshall
Roberta Thomas

Guests

Ennis Davis
Shirley Nulf
Tamera Branam
Neil Armingeon
Cathie Shimp

Staff/Resources

Geoffrey Samples, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator, St. Johns River Management	
Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi, COJ	Kelley Boree, COJ
Marcy Cook, COJ	Lt. R. J. Amy, JSO Zone 2
Ed Lukavovic, Planning and Development	Jim Green, FDOT
Robert Walsh, Municipal Code	Vince Siebold, COJ

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 invocation.

Approval of the Minutes

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

Speakers

Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi, Director of Environmental and Compliance Department, City of Jacksonville presented the Fertilizer Ordinance 2008-028 and the Irrigation Ordinance 2008-030. The Fertilizer Ordinance was designed to address fertilizer on turf grass that flows into the river. With our current practices the city faces up to \$1 billion in stormwater management costs for nitrogen removal. Homeowners, retailers and commercial applicators must all help solve this problem. When ordinance 2008-028 is passed the following management practices will be implemented:

- Retailers will be required to follow storage and spill requirements, provide literature to customers and take BMP training.
- Commercial Fertilizer Applicators must follow Green Industries BMP's.
- Homeowners will need to follow Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) practices and provide 6' zone of landscape planting or ground cover which does not require intensive fertilizer, watering and mowing, adjacent to water bodies.

Everyone must clean up fertilizer spills, do not apply fertilizer during flood or storm watches, do not blow clippings into street or drainage and follow recommended nitrogen application rates.

The Irrigation Ordinance was designed because Florida's water supply is running out. The ordinance will allow preservation through conservation and all residents, businesses and utilities of Duval County must do their share to save our water supply. The city ordinance applies to landscaping regardless whether water comes from private well, utility and to all customers. The approach to achieve compliance will be through education, warning and enforcement. During the growing season (daylight savings time) restrictions will allow watering at odd addresses on Wednesday & Saturday, even addresses on Thursday & Sunday and non-residential on Tuesday & Fridays. There will be no watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional details please contact the Environmental Quality Division.

Ed Lukacovic, Senior Environmental Planner, Planning and Development, City of Jacksonville informed the group that under state mandate the city is involved in the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) update. The FLUM is a general vision for the way the citizens of Jacksonville would like to see your city develop. This map operates similar to the Zoning Map which has had nearly 2000 applications to amend it over the past 9 years. There is a need to make this map as accurate as possible so an accurate plan for housing, employment, shopping, entertainment and transportation needs can be met for all of our projected needs. Public participation is a key factor and the planning department is available to make presentations to individual associations. For general questions, comments, concerns and additional information contact Shakeeb Shariff at 630-7221 or SShariff@coj.net.

Geoffrey Sample, AICP, Intergovernmental Coordinator, St. Johns River Water Management District presented an overview of the water management district and defined the boundaries of the lower St. Johns River basin (the district that Jacksonville is located) and covered the 4 core concerns: water supply, surface water resource protection, flood protection and organizational effectiveness. The SJRWMD does recognize that we are running out of water and that the aquifers are lowering.

Currently, permitting is and has been going on the drain water from the St. Johns River. SJRWMD does support the both ordinances that were presented tonight and informed the group of the Surface Water Improvement and Management Plan (SWIM) to support these ordinances. SWIM documents the impairments and degraded surface water quality of the lower St. Johns River basin. To review the SWIM plan, visit their website at www.sjrwmd.com/lowerst.stjohnsriver to read the complete plan.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall - no report.

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Marcella Lowe - no report, but introduced Marcy Cook, Public Works, City of Jacksonville to provide an update on the Arlington Road Town Center beautification project. Ms. Cook informed the group that contract was awarded to Petticoat Contracting. Surveying in the area will begin soon. The project will bring 26 new decorative streetlights, 6 live oak tree lined medians (3 trees to a median; 18 trees total), new sidewalks and the driveways will be rebuilt. JEA will replace the water main along Arlington Road while the street is tore-up. The project has an approximate completion date of Thanksgiving 2008.

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

- **Opposition to the ordinance 2008-256 to repeal Ordinance 1225-E regarding New Part 10, Chapter 656 dealing with airports and lands adjacent.** Opposition to the Ordinance 2008-256 to repeal Ordinance 2006-1225-E regarding New Part 10, Chapter 656 dealing with airports and lands adjacent for the following reason: When City Council approved Ordinance 2006-1225 was by there was a Part 10, Chapter 656 in force at that was repealed with the adoption of the Ordinance. Ordinance 2008-585 should contain language to reinstate the Part 10, Chapter 656 prior to the adoption of Ordinance 2006-1225. Not doing so may leave airports and their adjacent lands unprotected.
- **Rescind CPAC's opposition of March 10, 2008 to the rezoning 2008-145** to rezone 9.2 acres from PUD, CRO and RMD-A to PUD to allow the expansion and development of a church at 942 Cesery Boulevard. The Greater Arlington Beaches CPAC defers approval of this application to the City for its rezoning at site plan approval. As stated in CPACs earlier motion of insufficient information, the applicant has provided additional information to satisfy this CPAC.

MEMBERSHIP – Rosemary Wesolowski introduced new member Chester Spellman who will be representing Eagle's Creek Owners Association

TRANSPORTATION – Current chair William Figueroa resigned from the CPAC due to work commitments that will prevent him from attending CPAC meeting. CPAC Chair Helen Ludwig asked if any members are interested in chairing this sub-committee. Two members, H. Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel volunteered to co-chair the subcommittee.

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins no report.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree reminded the group that the Jacksonville Journey Community Meetings will begin this week; the first meeting will be held at on Thursday, May 15th at FCCJ North Campus. At the meetings the board will review their recommendations and they would appreciate your suggestions and insight on the various recommendations.

JSO – Lt. R.N. Amy informed the group about there has been increased activity in Bruce Park with after hours “hanging out”. JSO is working with the Parks Department to ensure that the light times are set properly and that there is proper signage in regard to the park hours. Also in the beginning of May, JSO had a 3 day program that focused on crime in the Justina Road, Burt Road and Woodland Acres area. During these 3 days JSO made numerous arrests (felony & misdemeanor), handled over 80 traffic violations, confiscated large quantities of drugs and found one stolen car. The past weekend JSO identified a large cluster of vehicle burglaries in the Girvin Road area. Through sound police work found and caught the burglars

DCSB – Selinda Keyes not present.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic - no report

FDOT – Jim Green – no report

WONDERWOOD 3 PROJECT – Tom Underwood – not present

DCHD – Charles Griggs not present.

MUNICIPAL CODE – Robert Walsh reminded the group as summer approaches that grass needs to exceed 15 inches in height before it can be in violation of the code.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski provided handout in regard to the Florida Neighborhood Conference, Student Job Fair, the Jacksonville Journey Community meetings and the Senior Adult day at the ACC Championship.

Announcements

- Helen Ludwig announced that Council-members Bishop and Yarborough will be hosting a community meeting on May 19th at the Police Athletic League. To get additional information please contact one of the Council members.
- Member Carroll Huffiness stated prominent persons have duped & lied to City Council members and he hopes that Council will protect the people in their districts.
- Marcella Lowe announced that Alderman Park held their annual fish fry last weekend and had over 200 neighbors in attendance.
- Mike Anania, Arlington Business Society representative, made a motion to obtain additional information on the proposed Rogero Road roundabout. Mr. Anania stated that area businesses have not received any information or are opposed to the roundabout. Marcella Lowe, Alderman Park representative, stated the community of Alderman Park also opposes the roundabout until additional

information can be obtained. CPAC Chair Helen Ludwig appointed a task force to hear both sides and to present additional information to the CPAC at the June meeting.

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Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 9, 2008, 6:30 pm at the Regency Square Mall Community Meeting Room – 9501 Arlington Expressway.

