Greater Arlington / Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2009

Meeting Summary

Members and Alternates

Michael Anania Al Cherry Maria Condaxis Gene Crabtree Michele Davis David Evans

Members Excused

Larry Belge James Blache Sandi Hibbard Johnny Holden Marcella Lowe Helen Ludwig Edward Maxted Mary Anne Saaheh Chester Spellman Erica Trent

<u>Guests</u>

Tamera Branam Bill Brinton John Fox Laura Saggua

Staff/Resources

Kelly Boree, COJ, Mayor's Liaison Ed Lukavovic, Planning and Development Rosemary Wesolowski, Community Development 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

Dewey encouraged the members to become active in one of the CPAC subcommittees and assist the subcommittee chairs with their various responsibilities.

Kacy Evans Anne Hancock Florence Holcomb Carroll Huffines Dewey Marshall Tami Moe Eddi Parsons Jerry Petoskey Patricia Schorr

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the August 10, 2009 meeting summary was made. The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

<u>Speakers</u>

David Beall, Ph.D., Professor of Microbiology, Florida State College Jacksonville is currently working with students and teachers from Terry Parker High School to enhance and inspire students to become involved with math and science. Through this program educators take the education process out of the classroom setting and students are taught how to apply math and science to real world situations. This summer students were educated on environmental field testing. The students trained on several different pieces of environmental testing equipment and learned various environmental tests to conduct. Then the students started collecting field data from 4 sites: Blue Cypress Park, the Arlington Boat Ramp, the retention pond on the Florida State College Jacksonville (FCCJ) South Campus and the JEA water treatment facility at McCormick and Fort Caroline Road. Lastly, the students started training on analyzing the data they collected. This program provides opportunities and inspires students. If you are interested in learning more about the program or have a suggestion please contact David Beal at 598-5624 or <u>dbeall@fccj.edu</u> or contact Erica Trent at Terry Parker High School.

Charles Griggs, Communications Director, Duval County Health Department educated the group on 2009/2010 Flu season. This season the community should prepare for the seasonal or common flu and a possible pandemic flu (H1N1). With the seasonal or common flu it is transmitted person to person, most people have some immunity and a vaccine is available. A pandemic flu is a virulent human flu that causes a global outbreak or pandemic of serious illness. Because there is little natural immunity the disease can spread easily from person to person. It is important to remember that all influenza viruses can change or mutate, spread through airborne droplets or close contact, the current seasonal flu vaccine is not effective on H1N1. It is known that the H1N1 has viral pieces that came from birds, pigs and people. Several components of the virus have descended from the 1918 influenza pandemic too. Recommendations to avoid the getting the flu are: get a flu shot, wash hands frequently, cover mouth or nose with a tissue or a sleeve when you cough or sneeze, stay home if flu symptoms appear, thoroughly wash eating utensils and avoid ill family members. The CDC has established guidelines for both seasonal flu and H1N1 pan flu. To get this information in complete detail please visit any of the following websites: www.myflusafety.com, www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu, www.dchd.net. If you have any question or for additional information contact Charles Griggs at 253-1004 or Charles_Griggs@doh.state.fl.us.

W.C. Gentry, Duval County School Board, Board Member, spoke on the current changes and challenges the school board has been faced with financially and will be faced with again next year. Even with the financial restrictions that schools are faced with the school board is looking at various ways to upgrade the schools. Many of the schools are in need of capital improvements, new equipment and computers. The schools are happy to have the Safe Student in Schools program back. This program puts school resource officers in schools where they identify the top 5 offenders in each school and they work to resolve the problems of the offending students. The school board is also looking at 2 other areas of education that the school district would like to explore and develop: Pre-K and Career Invocation Education.

Mr. Gentry also provided an overview and update on the Jacksonville Journey. He clarified that the focus of the Jacksonville Journey was to look at ways to reduce crime. The Journey members worked to identify and recommend programs to be enacted that would hopefully lower the crime rate. Over the last year many of the recommended programs were put into place and currently the focus of the Journey is to evaluate all of the programs to determine if they were a success and met the goals of the Journey. In the near future there will be a "report card" on all of the programs and recommendations for each program.

Subcommittee Reports

PARKS & RECREATION – Chair Dewey Marshall – Kelley Boree informed the group that the Greater Arlington Beaches district park construction projects are continuing:

Buck Park is currently under construction; this includes basketball court renovation, replacing the tennis nets and improving the parking. Construction is expected to be completed in December or January.

Castaway Island the dredge should be completed this month and additional trail(s) project is underway and should be completed by the end of the year.

David Wayne Pack Park renovation on the playground and work will be completed to meet ADA compliance.

BEAUTIFICATION – Chair Larry Belge – not present

LAND USE & ZONING – Chair Mike Anania left after the LUZ Subcommittee meeting and former LUZ Chair, Al Cherry, presented the report on his behalf. The full CPAC voted on and approved to send support and opposition letters on following:

- 2009-696 ~ Support the Rezoning 2009-696 to rezone 8.14 acres from PUD to PUD to add one lot from the City of Atlantic Beach to the City of Jacksonville at 1600 Selva Marina Drive between Harrel Lane and Assissi Lane. The additional request does not affect the prior approval of 2007-1250E.
- 2009-750 ~ Opposition to rezone 13.64 acres from PUD to PUD to allow for expansion of the existing PUD and the increase of office and building space at 2500 Monument Road on the southwest corner of Monument and McCormick Road. The Wonderwood Corridor Study states there should not be an increase of commercial space due to the existence of vacant commercial space already along the corridor. There is leniency of permitted uses by building in the proposed rewrite of the PUD.

At the LUZ subcommittee meeting the group discussed the start time of the subcommittee meeting. The group decided that due to the decreased amount of applications to the Planning and Development Department the LUZ Subcommittee will start their meetings at 5:30 p.m. starting in October.

MEMBERSHIP - Co-Chairs: Jay Olchak and Eddi Parsons - no new members.

TRANSPORTATION - Co-Chairs Roger Sharp and Richard Witzel - not present

ENVIRONMENT – Chair Lad Hawkins – not present

T.R.U.E Commission - Marcella Lowe - not present

Craig Airport Advisory Committee – Dave Evans – no report

Growth Management Visioning Plan - Mike Anania - not present

Staff Reports:

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Kelley Boree, Mayor's Liaison informed the group that City Council is still working on the budget. On September 17th there will be a budget hearing presented to the full City Council on the proposed 2009 / 2010 budget. On September 29th the full City Council will vote on the 2009 / 2010 budget. Both meetings will be held in City Council Chambers, City Hall at the St. James Building, 117 W. Duval Street, 1st Floor.

JSO – not present

DCSB – Selinda Keyes – not present

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Ed Lukacovic – informed the group that the Planning and Development Department must submit the Comp Plan – JaxPort Master Plan to City Council no later than October 1, 2009 for full review.

FDOT – Jim Green – no new updates; all the previously reported projects continue. Available for questions.

MUNICIPAL CODE - not present

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Neighborhood Coordinator Rosemary Wesolowski shared with the group that through the Duval County Extension Office there are home rain barrels and home compost bins are available for sale; if interested call 387-8858. She also reminded the group about the upcoming JaxParks Photography Contest (from August 10 to September 15) and the Betz-Tiger Point Preserve Project on Saturday, October 24th at 13990 Pumpkin Hill Road.

Announcements

(Announcements and comments are limited to 2 minutes)

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 12, 2009, 6:30 pm at the Regency Branch Library – 9900 Regency Square Blvd.