

# **Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

## **February 11, 2019 Meeting Summary**

Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32246

### **Meeting Attendance**

#### **CPAC Members:**

Queens Harbour POA - Dr. Ramsey Salem – Chair  
Arlington Business Society – Mike Anania  
Caroline Forest Homeowners Assoc. - Kacy Evans  
Charter Point Community Association – Bob Barletta  
Clifton Civic Association - Melody Shacter - Vice Chair  
Covington Creek HOA – Lenny Hanapel  
Covington Creek HOA – Joan Becker  
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Harley Herndon  
Ibis Point Owners Association – Nina Pougiouklidis  
Kensington Association – Tim Keeley  
Lake Lucina Association – Kirk Armstrong  
Monument Oaks HOA - Eddi Parsons  
Old Arlington Inc. – Peter Mione  
Old Mill Cove Community Organization – Jerry Petoskey  
Osprey Point HOA – Pam Brown  
Osprey Point HOA – Amita Agnihotri  
Queens Harbour POA – Will Messer  
River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA – Larry Belge  
The Valley at Hidden Hills – John Roberts  
University Park Civic Association – Shirley George  
Waterleaf HOA – Vida McCullough

#### **Excused:**

Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins  
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis  
Hickory Creek HOA – Nell DeCoursey  
Hickory Creek HOA – Lennette Hauver  
Indian Springs Community Association – Pete Miller

#### **Staff and Elected Officials:**

Joyce Morgan – City Council District 1  
Aaron Bowman – Council President District 3  
JFRD – S. Huber  
JPL – Jackie Spiritas  
JPL – Michael Sullivan  
JSO – Lt. Valentine  
JTA – Cheryl Riddick  
Municipal Code Compliance – Thomas Register  
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski  
Parks, Recreation & Community Svcs – Keith Meyer  
Planning & Development Dept – Connie Patterson  
Public Works – Steve Long

#### **Guests:**

Brenda Carmody – Pablo Point  
Patricia Hairston – PPCA/PPCA March Comm  
Mary Billotti – Self-PPCA Inc  
Fiona Burgin – Self - PPCA  
Tony Langhals  
Richard Becker – Covington Creek  
Elaine Bashom – Courtyard Mayport  
Delmas Harper – POISE, Inc  
Scott Hulett – Cypress Cove  
Bobbi Hulett – Cypress Cove  
Pamela Hagley

**Call to Order/Verify Quorum-** Chair Salem called the February 2019 GAB CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary –** The January 2018 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

**Presentation(s): Tim Rogers, Director, Jacksonville Public Library** introduced himself and provided a brief professional bio. Mr. Rogers shared the following facts and statistics:

- Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) has provided more than 100 years of free and open to all lending.
- JPL has a main library, twenty branches citywide and one new branch in the planning phase.
- There are 840,000 library card holders, the libraries have approximately 3.1 million visitors annually and 4.7 million items are checked out annually.
- JPL offers GED/High School Diploma Prep, citizenship classes and has the largest adult literacy program in Florida.
- Demands for e-books increases each month by 50 %.

Mr. Rogers provided a brief description for a wide variety of programs and services that are available at various libraries throughout the city. JPL also has a number of services to meet the

special needs of those in our city. The special needs materials that JPL offers include: Florida Braille and Talking Book Library, Closed Caption and Described Movie Series, and the Video Relay system for those using American Sign Language. Mr. Rogers announced effective March 2, 2019 all JPL libraries JPL will expand their hours. All libraries will now be open Monday through Saturday; hours will vary for each location. All regional libraries will stay open until 9:00 pm Monday through Thursday. JPL hopes to expand the amount of libraries that are open on Sundays in fiscal year 2019/20. To learn more about the JPL, please visit: <https://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org/> or visit your local branch.

#### **Elected Officials Report:**

**Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1** – thanked Mr. Tim Rogers for attending her January City Council District 1 Town Hall Meeting. Council Member Morgan will hold her next Town Hall meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Seacoast Christian Academy (8057 Arlington Expressway, 32211). The next CRA Board meeting will be held on February 13, 2019 at 2:00 pm at City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room; the Arlington Zoning Overlay will be part of the discussion at this meeting.

**Aaron Bowman, City Council President, District 3** – announced the Task Force on Safety and Crime Reduction Subcommittee Chairs will meet Friday, February 15th, 2019 at 9:00 A.M to discuss Task Force Subcommittees. The meeting will be held in the Lynwood Roberts Room located at 117 W. Duval St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, City Hall - St. James Building.

Last week, JEA put out artists' renderings of the three proposed JEA headquarters. All three artist renderings include a state-of-the-art office building, but none gave a price, saying it was a competitive secret. One developer would put the tower in the development planned for Lot J in the Sports Complex (in the parking lot of TIAA Stadium). Another would put it in the heart of Downtown next to the Duval County Courthouse. A third developer would locate the JEA offices next to the Kings Avenue parking garage in San Marco.

The Veterans Memorial Arena may soon have a new name. Pending city council approval, the arena will be known as the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena.

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao made the formal announcement of a \$25 million grant to support the Bay Street Innovation Corridor and Urban Core Riverfront Revitalization projects in Jacksonville. The grant is to revitalize transportation and commerce in the heart of the city. The projects will bracket the downtown area, providing major improvements to Bay Street, from the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center at LaVilla in the Downtown Core area to the Sports Complex. Through highway redevelopment, implementing an autonomous transit network, and introducing smart technologies, the projects will focus regenerative efforts on the riverside area around local business, sporting, and entertainment centers. Jacksonville was one of 91 grants selected from 851 eligible applications from all 50 states.

One of the CPAC members informed Council President Bowman that she emailed the principal of Alimacani Elementary School and the school board in regard to the traffic problems associated with student drop-off and pick-up. She did receive a reply and was informed that the school cannot expand their parking lot to try alleviate traffic congestion and improve safety for the children attending the school. The principals' recommendation is to request the city to expand San Pablo Road to a four lane road. Council President Bowman stated there is a project in the works to expand San Pablo Road. In the near future, Council President Bowman will hold a town hall meeting to discuss the San Pablo Road project.

**Staff Reports:**

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lieutenant Valentine stated in the past 30 days in Zone 2 violent crime is down 20.67 % and property crime is down 17%; there was a slight uptick in residential burglaries. Lt. Valentine encouraged everyone to become involved with the Sheriff's Watch Program. JSO has a new website. The web address is [www.JaxSheriff.org](http://www.JaxSheriff.org). Lt. Valentine informed the CPAC that JSO is offering a Citizens Academy that will begin on March 21, 2019 for twelve weeks; applications for the Citizens Academy are due to JSO by February 15, 2019.

Zone 2 substation – 9501 Arlington Expressway – 904-726-5100

**Jacksonville Public Library** – Jackie Spiritis, provided the following updates:

- The 2019 Jacksonville Black History Calendars are available; they can be found in the lobby.
- Jacksonville's literary event of the year will return on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019! The Jax Book Fest is back for its third year in a row. The event will be held at the Main Library in Downtown Jacksonville and will feature presentations and signings by authors of both national and local acclaim, book sales, children's activities and more. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The featured author will be R.L. Stine.
- Early voting begins on March 4, 2019 and will be offered at most libraries; the Pablo Creek Regional Library is an early voting site.
- Jacksonville Public Library and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation partner each year to bring free tax preparation to the community. AARP Tax-Aide sites are serviced by IRS-certified volunteers that provide FREE tax counseling and preparation services to millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. There is no income or age limit for assistance at AARP TaxAide sites; however, AARP sites cannot assist rental property owners or small business owners.

Jackie Spiritis – [spiritas@coj.net](mailto:spiritas@coj.net)

**JTA** – Cheryl Riddick stated she did not have a specific report for the CPAC, but stated JTA continues to operate the Mayport ferry, construct roadway and sidewalk projects throughout the city.

**Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance Division)** – Thomas Register provided a report/newsletter that was emailed to all the CPAC members prior to the meeting. Mr. Register stated Municipal Code Compliance completed a systematic inspection in the Woodland Acres community and the Southside Estates Community. In the Woodland Acres Community, 439 inspections were completed which netted 635 violations. At the Southside Estates systematic inspection, 490 inspections were completed.

Thomas Register, 255-7290 or [tregister@coj.net](mailto:tregister@coj.net)

**Parks, Recreation and Community Services** – Keith Meyerl provided the following updates:

- Announced the design phase to re-construct the board walk at Blue Cypress Park has been completed. The next phase will be the bid process and that will occur later this month. Construction should begin in May or June of this year.
- The splash pad at Abyss Park will be open on April 1, 2019.
- Huguenot Park will receive new curb and gutters along parks roads. New power posts will be installed to each of the campsites at Huguenot Park.
- Mayport Waterfront Park (4638 Ocean Street) will be renewed.

- Hanna Park dune restoration has been completed.
- The World of Nations will be held at Metro Park in February this year.

**Planning & Development Department** – Connie Patterson stated the Renew Arlington CRA Overlay draft is approximately 60 pages in length. To view the Renew Arlington CRA Overlay draft visit:

[http://www.coj.net/departments/planning-and-development/docs/current-planning-division/arlington-cra-zoning-overlay-draft\\_crescimbeni-rev.aspx](http://www.coj.net/departments/planning-and-development/docs/current-planning-division/arlington-cra-zoning-overlay-draft_crescimbeni-rev.aspx)

Connie Patterson, 255-7822 or [Constancep@coj.net](mailto:Constancep@coj.net)

**Public Works** – Steve Long informed the CPAC that the Traffic Engineering Division in the Public Works Department has reviewed traffic accidents/crash data throughout the city. To improve safety, a number of mid-block cross walks are being installed. Call 630-CITY to report any roads that could benefit from the addition of a mid-block crosswalk. Mr. Long informed the CPAC a sidewalk will be installed on Monument Road from Lee Road onto Mill Cove. FDOT has plans to extend the side walk from Mill Cove to the Wal-Mart (at Kendall Town) on Monument Road and Tredinick Parkway.

Steve Long, 255-4283 or [slong@coj.net](mailto:slong@coj.net)

**Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):**

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Mike Anania announced the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed numerous applications and made two motions. The motions are:

**Deny of Administration Deviation AD-19-05** at 2393 University Boulevard. The following observations were made:

- The applicant requests relief from the fence structure height for 6' to 8'. The applicant also states that they will build a concrete fence structure to protect the property from "cars and pedestrians from entering the property".
- Granting the request will create a single lot anomaly in the neighborhood.
- The current fence is non-complaint and granting the request will condone a violation.

The CPAC voted unanimously to deny the application.

**Deny Rezoning 2019-067** at 0 Atlantic Blvd. RE# 167141-0900. The following observations were made:

- The GAB CPAC has heard testimony from the affected residents and the developer's representative on this request in 2018 and recommended denial of the request.
- The proposal to incorporate multi-family units or duplexes does not provide a logical transition of uses and intensity.
- The introduction of duplexes to a single-family neighborhood is not consistent with the owner-occupied single-family character of the surrounding area.
- The recent negotiated changes in the application are somewhat helpful in mitigating the conservation area concerns.
- The increase in units and height will have an adverse impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.
- The increase in dwellings will further exacerbate existing traffic/evacuation concerns on the surrounding neighborhood roadways.
- The proposal would have an adverse impact to property values of surrounding properties.

- The proposed development is not consistent with the surrounding properties in relation to density, intensity, lot size and type of units.

The CPAC voted unanimously to deny the application.

**Beautification/Parks** – Larry Belge stated due to our wet weather conditions we have experienced a lot of growth of molds, moss and fungi. Mr. Belge encouraged everyone to use bleach and/or pressure washers to clean their properties to protect their families and pets.

**Environment** – Lad Hawkins – no report

**Membership** – vacant

**Neighborhoods** – Melody Shacter – no report

**Transportation** – Will Messer - no report

**Ad-Hoc Committees:**

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – John Roberts stated the TRUE Commission is still following the finances associated with park maintenance. The TRUE Commission is still working to centralize the city contracts. The Information Technology Department (ITD) is currently working to add a new Oracle system and this may correct this problem.

**North Florida TPO** – Will Messer – no report

**Neighborhood Coordinator Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that:

- Announced that CommUniverCity Leadership Training began on February 5, 2019. The first class and bus tour have been completed.
- 2019 CPAC meeting calendars were provided. Rosemary noted that the March and May meeting dates do not fall on the traditional second Monday of the month.

**Chairs Report** – Chair Salem reminded the CPAC that the library will be a polling site and the machinery associated with voting should be removed before our March meeting. **Unfinished Business** - none

**New Business** – none

**Public Comment –**

- Vice Chair Melody Shacter announced Old Arlington Inc. (OAI) will host a special meeting at the Arlington Women's Club (on Arlington Road) on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. History department chair Dr. Daniel Schafer. Dr. Schafer is a University of North Florida historian and author of the 2003 biography "Anna Madgigine Jai Kingsley: African Princess, Florida Slave, Plantation Slaveowner." will be their speaker. Visit the OAI website for additional details.
- Ann Burt, Alderman Park resident and one of the founding members of Old Arlington Inc. will receive the Jake Godbold award on March 1, 2019, 6:30 pm at the Haskell Building on Riverside Avenue. The award is presented by Keep Jacksonville Beautiful (KJB) to Mrs. Burt for ongoing clean-up efforts in the Arlington area.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville FL, 32246**