

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 14, 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
Beachwood Civic Association – Sheila Litwhiler
Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins
Covington Creek HOA – Joan Becker
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Harley Herndon
Hickory Creek HOA – Nell DeCoursey
Hickory Creek HOA – Lennette Hauver
Ibis Point Owners Association – Nina Pougiouklidis
Indian Springs Community Association – Pete Miller
Kensington Association – Tim Keeley
Lake Lucina Association – Kirk Armstrong
Monument Oaks HOA - Eddi Parsons
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
Waterleaf HOA – Vida McCullough

Excused:

Caroline Forest Homeowners Assoc. - Kacy Evans
Clifton Civic Association - Melody Shacter - Vice Chair
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis
Covington Creek HOA – Lenny Hanapel

Staff and Elected Officials:

Joyce Morgan – City Council District 1
Aaron Bowman – Council President District 3
John Crescimbeni – City Council At Large
JPL – Jackie Spiritis
JSO – Lt. Larry Gayle
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Thomas Register
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
Planning and Development – Connie Patterson
Public Works – Steve Long
Council on Elder Affairs – Carrence Bass

Guests:

Jimmy Holderfield – Live Oak Manor
Pam Holderfield – Live Oak Manor
Scott Hulett – Cypress Cove
Bobbi Hulett – Cypress Cove
Edita Dilic - JU
Alexis Whitley - JU
Natasha Monell – Bentwater drive
Paula Kennedy – Marsh Sound
Richard Becker – Covington Creek
Delmas Harper – POISE Inc
Valerie Benlain – Cypress Cove
Sean Bowman – Live Oak Manor

Call to Order/Verify Quorum- Chair Salem called the January 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 November and December 2018 meeting Summaries were approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): Steve Long, Chief, Right of Way and Stormwater Maintenance, Public Works spoke on the Sandalwood Canal. Mr. Long explained how the canal was created to collect and re-direct rain water in the 1950's. Through the years as the area has developed into commercial and residential communities, the need to collect and move water from the area has also changed. The City of Jacksonville has tried to improve upon the Sandalwood Canal and has added enhancements in 2006. The 2006 enhancements included the last of the Hodges bulkheads and weirs. Also, along Coachman Lakes Drive a concrete spillway was added. The water from the spillway is pumped to an area southeast of Cedar Swamp and drains just south of J. Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB). With these enhancements, drainage performance has improved and a number of communities no longer drain into the Sandalwood Canal.

There was some flooding associated with the Sandalwood Canal with Hurricane Matthew. One street in The Woods community, Fallen Tree Drive did experience some flooding. It was stated that the Public Works Department sent crews to remove any blockage along the canal.

Additionally, COJ staff have walked the canal and removed trees from Kernan Boulevard to The Woods Community in September 2018. Mr. Long encouraged the CPAC to report and blockage for flooding issues to 630-CITY. Mr. Long answered numerous questions and addressed all concerns that were brought to his attention.

Elected Officials Report:

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1 – informed the CPAC that her aide, Katrin MacDonald has taken another position. Council Member Morgan introduced her new Executive Council Aide, Chester Aiken Jr. Council Member Morgan will hold her next Town Hall meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm at The Legacy Church (825 University Blvd. N.). The next CRA meeting will be held on January 30, 2019 at 3:30 pm at City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room.

Aaron Bowman, City Council President, District 3 – recognized Steve Long and his team for working so hard to improve drainage in the area. Council President Bowman acknowledged that City Council has approved funding to improve drainage city wide. The Crime and Safety Task Force is set to kick off on January 25, 2019 at City Hall. Leadership for the task force will be:

Chair: Mark Griffin

Co-Chair: City Council Member Sam Newby

City Council Member: Lori Boyer

Mayor's Administration: Charles Moreland

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office: Lakesha Burton

State Attorney's Office: Stephen Siegel

Public Defender's Office: Rob Mason

Kids Hope Alliance: Joe Peppers, Jennifer Blalock

Duval County Public Schools: Warren Jones

Youth: Mia Allen, Brandon Griggs

Council President Bowman announced construction to expand the right turn lane at JoAndy Road and Atlantic Boulevard has started. The splash pad at Abyss Park is ready and will open when the weather is warm enough. The JTA road project on Girvin Road should be finished by the end of February 2019. The road improvement project on San Pablo Road is in the design phase; there should be a public comment meeting in the next few months. City Council is also looking at Air BNB's in Duval County.

John Crescimbeni, City Council At-Large, Group 2 – informed the CPAC about the Tree Commission. Council Member Crescimbeni explained the four levels or four programs that are offered. Please visit the COJ website to obtain up to date information and learn how to request a tree/trees to be planted. All trees that will be planted with funds or trees from the Tree Commission will need to be planted on City owned property.

<http://www.coj.net/departments/public-works/tree-commission>

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Gayle stated all crime across the board is down in GAB / Zone 2. Lieutenant Gayle reminded the CAPC about the 9 pm Routine, and the Sheriff's Watch Program.

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

JEA – Renee Goode- on behalf of JEA handouts on how weather affects energy consumption and your utility bill were distributed on behalf of Ms. Goode.

JFRD (Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department) – not in attendance

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

- 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.
- Black History Month will be celebrated through the JPL system. Please celebrate Black History Month at the Jacksonville Public Library by attending a variety of programs at locations throughout the city. Visit <https://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org/events/blackhistory> for complete details.
- 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

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 reminded the CPAC to continue to report concerns to 630-CITY. It was requested that when you call 630-City to report a concern, please provide as many details as possible. This is a tremendous help to Code Compliance. Mr. Register and his team are working on a graffiti problem that has popped up, mainly in the Merrill Road/Rogero Road area. Thomas Register, 255-7290 or tregister@coj.net

Planning & Development Department – Connie Patterson stated the Renew Arlington CRA Overlay draft should be completed by the next meeting. Once the Overlay draft is completed, a copy will be emailed to the CPAC members. Connie Patterson, 255-7822 or Constancep@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long stated the Public Works Department is one of the larger departments at the City of Jacksonville. Any Public Works issues or concerns you may have should be reported to 630-CITY.

Some of the divisions in the Public Works Department are:

Solid Waste; Mowing and Landscaping; Engineering; Public Buildings; Real Estate; Traffic Engineering and Right of Way (ROW) – Storm Water Maintenance.

Steve Long, 255-4283 or 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 three motions. The motions are:

Deny rezoning 2019-0013 at Quinlan Rd E & Gately Drive. The following observations were made:

- The request has no provisions for ingress/egress without disruption to the neighborhood. The parcel is land-locked

- There is concern that the JEA Sewer connection may not be available. The application states that the “POC may be utilized only if contiguous property ownership exists between subject parcel and the Gately Oaks Ln. E. right-of-way”. Contiguous property ownership does not.
- The request has been reviewed by the CPAC in the past and we find no substantial differences addressing our concerns in the past. The application failed in the past.

The CPAC voted unanimously to deny the application.

Deny Administrative Deviation AD-18-62 at 2537 Southside Blvd. The following observations were made:

- The applicant requests relief from the minimum lot size for the parcel.
- The request is inconsistent with the surrounding neighborhood. Approval will set an unfavorable precedent.
- The application site plan reveals the need for an additional onsite septic system. The city is currently phasing out new septic systems as many are failing.
- The CPAC supports the Planning Department in its recommendation to deny the application.
- The CPAC supports the neighborhood associations and their recommendations to deny the application.

The CPAC voted unanimously to deny the application.

Deny rezoning PUD to PUD 2018-0759 at 4455 Atlantic Boulevard. The following observations were made:

- The request has been reviewed by the CPAC in the past and the latest changes were discovered by investigations by a committee member and not through Planning Department presentations.
- There is insufficient time for the CPAC to review the most recent request and hear testimony from the interested/affected parties to present an informed recommendation.
- There are substantial questions concerning the ownership of the roadway/right-of-way where the site plan places the proposed guard shack and new roadway.
- The proposed roadway plan will severely encroach on the neighborhood.
- The proposed ingress/egress internal traffic pattern will create a hardship for local traffic.
- The neighborhood association has presented less invasive alternatives.
- Approval will adversely impact the character and property value of the surrounding neighborhoods.
- The CPAC requests deferral of the application to enable the current negotiations to be completed to a compromise resolution.
- The CPAC supports the neighborhood association in denial of the request.

The CPAC voted unanimously to deny the application

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge - no report.

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 has created an ad hoc committee to review park maintenance. The TRUE Commission is reviewing complaints about local parks that have been made to the 630-CITY system.

North Florida TPO – Will Messer – no report

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that:

- Announced that CommUniverCity Leadership Training will begin on February 5, 2019. Flyers and registration forms are available at the sign in table.
- 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 presented the remaining 2018 CPAC Appreciation Certificates to the subcommittee chairs. Chair Salem inquired if anyone had any requests for speakers in the upcoming months.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business – none

Public Comment –

- National Blood Donor Month has been observed in January since 1970 with the goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during winter
- It was announced that Atlantic Beach would like to annex Mayport into their city. The possibility of annexation has its pros and cons for those that live in Mayport.

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville FL, 32246