

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

December 12, 2022, Meeting Summary

Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building, 3450 Monument Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Bob Barletta, Charter Point Community Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Michael Corcoran, Kensington HOA; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Delmas “Dedee” Harper, POISE, Inc.; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Harley Herndon, Cypress Cove Good Neighbors; Michael Journey, City Council District 4; Tim Keeley, Vice Chair, Kensington Association; Shelia Litwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Will Messer, Chair, Queens Harbor POA; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Leanna Pearce, Duval Democratic Environmental Caucus; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Nina Pougipouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; Anne Waldron, St. Johns Riverview Homes Condo Association

Excused: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington

Visitors: Mary Castors

Staff: The Honorable Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Jamar Smith, JFRD; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Raelyn Wiirre, JPL

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Messer called the December 2022 GAB CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – The November meeting summary will be up for approval at the January 9, 2023, GAB CPAC meeting.

Presentation(s): No presentation.

Elected Officials Report:

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1 shared the following information:

- Thanked Chair Messer for serving as the Greater Arlington/Beaches CPAC Chair for the past three years.
- Today, City Council Members attended a Lunch and Learn program that focused on the development of the Four Seasons Hotel and the development of the riverfront property.
- Council Member Morgan will host her January 2023 Town Hall Meeting at Blue Cypress Park, 4012 University Boulevard North, 32211, at 6:00 pm on January 23, 2023.

Joyce Morgan – 904-255-5201 or joycemorgan@coj.net

Michael Journey, CPAC Representative for Council Member Kevin Carrico, District 4 informed the CPAC that Council Member Carrico introduced legislation to outlaw panhandling locally. The legislation went to committee, but all the committee members were not in agreement. It was determined that there will be a workshop once the newly elected Sheriff has his staff in place to address this issue.

Staff Reports:

JSO- Lt. Eddie Rogers on behalf of Assistant Chief Alicea – Crime stats for the past 30 days reflect property crime is down 17.5% and violent crime is down 14.5%.

Substation 2 – 904-630-8166 or JSOZone2@jaxsheriff.org

JFRD – Lieutenant Jamar Smith reminded the CPAC that:

- Christmas trees with lights should be kept at least three feet away from combustible materials. If using a live Christmas tree, keep the tree watered and be mindful about the heat from Christmas tree lights on dry needles. It was recommended not to connect more than three strings of lights together.
- As the cooler weather arrives, JFRD recommends that homeowners have their chimneys inspected and/or cleaned prior to using them.
- When using a space heater, please make sure you are at least three feet away from combustible materials and check/change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) – Sharwonda Peeks informed the CPAC that on Saturday, January 7, 2023, DCPS will host a district wide event, School Showcase Saturday. This will be an opportunity for parents to visit any public school to meet the teachers and learn about the various educational options offered at each school. Tour times for every school will be held at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm. For more information, visit www.wehavethat.org

FDOT – Derek Dixon shared the following updates:

- A resurfacing and roadway improvement project started on the Wonderwood Expressway (SR 116) in April 2022. This project covers seven miles of roadway and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2024.
- A steel repair and painting project began in the summer of 2022 on the Mathews Bridge and this project is expected to be completed in the spring of 2023.
- Starting in the spring of 2023, the Arlington Expressway will be resurfaced. This project will begin at the Mathews Bridge and end at Southside Boulevard. The project also includes upgrades to the on/off ramps, roadway signage, and lighting.
- Atlantic Boulevard (at the beach) from A1A to 3rd Street will receive additional lighting and sidewalk enhancements.

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Raelyn Wiirre provided the following updates:

- For the upcoming student winter break, JPL is offering Winter Break 22. Winter Break 22 offers free holiday activities for children. To learn more about the activities offered at a library near you, please visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org/events or call 904-255-BOOK.

- Announced an upcoming Lit Chat Interview with Kwame Alexander, the bestselling and award-winning author of *The Crossover* and artist Dare Coulter. The duo will talk about their new book, *An American Story*, with local author and educator, Rahman Johnson on Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library's Hicks Auditorium or on Zoom. Pre-registration is required.
- Another upcoming LIT Chat features Deborah Goodrich Royce who is the author of *Finding Mrs. Ford* and the upcoming *Reef Road*. Deborah will be in conversation with local author and editor Jessica Hatch on Wednesday, January 11 from 6-7 p.m. at the Beaches Library and on Zoom. Pre-registration is required.

Raelyn Wiirre – rwiirre@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) – Devron Cody shared the following updates:

- In Zone 2, there were 1,242 inspections completed in past 30 days.
- On January 3, 2023, a systematic inspection will be conducted in the Woodland Acres community.
- The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief or JAR program was discussed. The purpose of the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program is to facilitate a means of compliance to those who would otherwise be unable to achieve it due to disability or economic disadvantages. The program's objective is to provide the abatement services required at no cost to those citizens who qualify, thereby achieving compliance and beautification of the city while not unduly burdening its most vulnerable citizens.

If you cannot comply the violations on your property due to a disability or economic hardship, please feel free to visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>

- Florida Senate Bill 60 prohibits code inspectors from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints. The tickets will be closed if they are submitted anonymously.

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Planning and Development Department – Erin Abney – no report

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Subcommittee Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Vice Chair Tim Keeley - the LUZ subcommittee reviewed three new LUZ applications and took no action on any of the applications.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge reminded everyone to use safety precautions when using electrical holiday decorations outside.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – not present

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

DCPS Sales Surtax Oversight Committee - Delmas “Dedee” Harper stated the committee met on November 16, 2022, and they received operational and financial updates. To date, the surtax has generated \$211 million with a portion going to local charter schools. Currently, DCPS is on schedule with their 15-year plan. It was noted that there are some back orders on construction materials, furthermore, construction materials and labor costs have increased.

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt informed the CPAC that the NFTPO is looking at roadway projects (on FDOT roads) to be added to the fifth year of their five-year plan. The recommendations are due to NFTPO on January 20, 2023.

Park Safety Council – Mary Jane Brewer – stated the council reviewed their quarterly Safety Report. There were 175 safety inspections completed, 108 of the inspections had no findings, 15 were found satisfactory, 35 were satisfactory with some hazards and 17 were found unsatisfactory with hazards.

To clarify, some of the unsatisfactory findings with hazards could include inadequate cushioning under a playground, trip/fall hazards from playground equipment, loose boards, etc. Once a hazard is identified, there is a priority system to rank the danger associated with the hazard. If there is a Priority One Hazard identified, the hazard will be addressed the same day.

TRUE Commission- vacant

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski provided the following updates:

- Rosemary Wesolowski apologized to everyone for the technical difficulties, loud feedback and thanked them for attending the meeting.
- Announced Bryan Mosier, Director of the Neighborhoods Department passed away this past weekend. Our Operations Director, Chiquita Moore stated that she would share information regarding services for Director Mosier once they are available.
- The annual CPAC Chairs and Vice Chairs training will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Ed Ball Building.

Rosemary Wesolowski – 255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net

Chairs Report – Chair Messer introduced new member Dr. Anne Waldron who is representing St. Johns River Homes Condo Association, Inc.

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Public Comment – none

Motion to Adjourn – there was a motion and a second; the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on Monday, January 9, 2023 - the meeting will be held in-person at Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building, 3450 Monument Road, 32225 at 6:30 pm and the meeting will be available virtually on Zoom.