

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

## **April 8, 2019 Meeting Summary**

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

### **Meeting Attendance**

#### **CPAC Members:**

Queens Harbour POA – Ramsey Salem – Chair  
Arlington Business Society – Mike Anania  
Charter Point Community Association – Bob Barletta  
Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins  
Covington Creek HOA – Joan Becker  
Cypress Cove Good Neighbors – Harley Herndon  
Kensington Association – Tim Keeley  
Lucina Lake Association – Kirk Armstrong  
Old Arlington Inc. – Peter Mione  
Old Mill Cove Community Organization – Jerry Petoskey  
Osprey Point HOA – Pam Brown  
POISE, Inc. – Delmas Harper  
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  
Ibis Point Owners Association – Nina Pougouklidis  
Monument Oaks HOA - Eddi Parsons

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

City Council District 1 ECA-Chester Aiken  
JSO – Lt. Richard Buoyo  
JPL – Jackie Spiritas  
Municipal Code Compliance – Dennis Steele  
Municipal Code Compliance – Thomas Register  
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski  
Planning and Development – Connie Patterson  
Public Works – Steve Long

#### **Guests:**

Ron Salem – City Council Elect, At-Large District 2  
Richard Becker – Covington Creek HOA

**Call to Order/Verify Quorum-** Chair Salem called the April 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 March 2019 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

**Presentation(s):** **Jeanette Berk, Senior Planning Manager, Gannett Fleming, Inc.** introduced herself and informed the CPAC that Gannett Fleming, Inc. is working on the Transportation Development Plan on behalf of JTA.

Ms. Berk stated JTA is required by the state to update their Transportation Development Plan (TDP) every ten years for state funding. The TDP is based on current needs and forecasted future growth, the TDP includes a list of multi-modal transportation projects that are needed and can be funded over a 20-year horizon. The Plan is updated every three to five years with projects that are needed the most and can be funded, considering new growth trends, developments and technologies.

To develop the TDP there is a multi-phase process that will be followed.

1. Coordination with the public to create an involvement plan. This is the phase they are currently in.
2. Assessment of the existing conditions. This includes: identifying population, employment trends, density, future development, travel patterns and current mass transit use to name a few.
3. Compile a comprehensive strategy. This will be developed to meet our current needs and to try to forecast our future needs.
4. Present strategy recommendation to the public.
5. Implement the recommendations

By 2040, it is estimated Jacksonville population will be approximately 1.1 to 1.4 million individuals with a working population of 520,000 to 640,000. As transportation technology continues to advance and change, the strategy and services offered to the public will need to reflect those advancements. Ms. Berk shared various maps that reflected potential growth areas, areas under-served by mass transit, various new methods to cross bridges and areas that currently are regularly bottlenecked with traffic.

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

**Chester Aikens, City Council District 1 ECA** – on behalf of Council Member Morgan, Mr. Aikens shared the following updates:

- Council Member Morgan will hold her next Town Hall meeting on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Arlington Lions Club, 825 University Blvd. North, 32211.
- Council member Morgan and an arborist toured Council District 1 to assess the tree canopy and determine if any area would benefit from having trees planted.
- The Renew Arlington CRA Overlay has been introduced to City Council; it is bill 2019-239.

**Ron Salem, Council Elect, At-Large District 2** - introduced himself to the CPAC and acknowledged his past involvement with the GAB CPAC. Mr. Salem served as the GAB CPAC Chair in the mid 1990's. Mr. Salem will take office on July 1, 2019 as the City Council At-Large District 2 representative. To ensure the council member transition goes smoothly, Mr. Salem stated that the current At-Large District 2 ECA, Nikki Evans will remain his aide once he takes office. Mr. Salem informed the CPAC that he resides in the GAB district and is involved with the Renew Arlington CRA. Mr. Salem encouraged the CPAC members to participate in the upcoming Renew Arlington Zoning Overlay Community Meeting on May 8, 2019, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The meeting will take place in the Lynwood Roberts Room in City Hall. Mr. Salem asked everyone to help get the word out about the meeting to the Arlington residents and encourage their attendance.

#### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lieutenant Bouye introduced himself to the CPAC. This is Lt. Bouye first day working in Zone 2. Lt. Bouye shared the following statistics: In the past 30 days robbery to individuals is up 6% and burglary to businesses is up 40%.

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

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

- Early voting for the run-off elections will begin on April 29, 2019 and end on May 12, 2019.
- *Outsmart the Scammers* is a class that to help you identify and prevent common scams. The class will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019 2-3 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library.
- US Attorney's Office will lead a discussion on *Cyber Security*. This class will address the threat to the privacy and economic security of American consumers and businesses. Cyberbullying will also be covered. This class will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 3 – 5 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library.
- 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 Spiritas – [spiritas@coj.net](mailto:spiritas@coj.net)

**JEA-** Renee Goode provided a promotional hand-out for the *Invasion of the Fatbergs* video. This is a very entertaining three minute video used to educate the community on what should not be flushed down our sinks or commodes. You can watch the video at [FATBERGINVASION.com](http://FATBERGINVASION.com). Ms. Goode also informed the CPAC about a JEA scam. So far JEA has received 179 calls from individuals in our city that received a phone call where the caller stated they were calling from JEA. The caller requested prepaid credit cards be purchased by the JEA customer and sent to a specific address in order to keep their JEA power/water accounts on. These calls are a scam. Ms. Goode assured everyone that JEA will never call them and make this type of request. If you have any questions, concerns or receive strange phone calls about JEA services; hang up and call JEA at 665-6000. Ms. Goode announced JEA has selected the site for their new headquarters. The new headquarters will be located at 325 W. Adams Street; this is a downtown location near the Duval County Court House. JEA plans to start construction as soon as possible. JEA will be placing a piece of real estate for sale at the corner of Atlantic and Southside Boulevards; this is the old Coggin Pontiac dealership. The land is currently getting appraised.

**Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance Division)** – Dennis Steele announced that Code Compliance has completed systematic inspections in the Holidays Hills and Century 21 communities. These systematic inspections netted over 200 citations. Dennis Steele, 255-7041 [dsteele@coj.net](mailto:dsteele@coj.net)

**Planning & Development Department** – Connie Patterson reiterated information for the Renew Arlington Zoning Overlay Community Meeting on May 8, 2019, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Lynwood Roberts Room in City Hall. 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 made the following announcements:

- Public Works is proactively working to eliminate/minimize flooding.
- Do not put anything down the storm drains.
- Call 630-CITY to report any blocked storm water drains.
- Public Works is working proactively to clear drainage ditches.
- If you see an issue, please call 630-CITY to report.

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** – on behalf LUZ Subcommittee Chair Mike Anania, Chair Salem stated that the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed three applications and no motions or actions were made.

**Beautification/Parks** – Larry Belge – stated you can get good, free landscaping advice from area nurseries. Local nurseries are familiar with the types of plants that grow well in our area and what growing conditions they like.

**Environment** – Lad Hawkins – announced the Ed Austin Regional Park is turning 25 years old this year. Mr. Hawkins has spoken to the Parks Director Daryl Joseph in regard to the possibility of having a celebration at the parks to honor the anniversary.

**Membership** – Chair Salem introduced Harley Herndon as the primary member for Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group and presented him with his CPAC Mayoral Appointment letter.

**Transportation** – Will Messer – informed the CPAC that a number of State of Florida road projects will be completed in our CPAC district this year. The projects are:

- Southside Connector over the Arlington Expressway will undergo rehabilitation activities until the summer of 2019. The project includes coating of steel beams, minor concrete repairs, replacement of structural steel rivets and the replacements of expansion joints which assist in protecting the bridge from movement. There will be periodic single lane closures during off peak driving hours between the hours of 7:30 pm and 7:00 am.
- The Wonderwood Bridge project will be completed by summer 2019.
- The University Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard Intersection Safety Improvement project started in January 2019. The scope of the project will include: adding an additional left turn lane from westbound Atlantic Boulevard to southbound University Boulevard; adding a right turn lane from northbound University Boulevard to eastbound Atlantic Boulevard; extending the length of the existing right turn lane from southbound University Boulevard to westbound Atlantic Boulevard; relocating Lawrence Place (a city street) to provide a safer connection to University Boulevard and replace/upgrade existing signal mast arms.

**Ad-Hoc Committees:**

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – John Roberts stated the TRUE Commission continues to work on the Park Maintenance project and a draft report has been completed. The TRUE Commission is hopeful that the Parks, Recreation and Social Services Department will start maintaining their own records and look at the parks maintenance budgets for major Florida cities.

Mr. Roberts informed the CPAC that the Council on Elder Affairs is actively looking for new members. If you are interested, please call Carrence Bass, Executive Director, Council on Elder Affairs at 255-5413 or CBass@coj.net.

**North Florida TPO** – Will Messer – stated as mentioned in the presentation earlier, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) is actively engaged in the Path Forward Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP guides investment into the region's transportation systems for the next 20-25 years. The NFTPO is the independent transportation planning agency for our region. Every five years, the TPO updates the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to address road, transit, freight, bike and pedestrian needs over the next 20-25 years. From the current survey NFTPO we know that today 91% of us commute alone in our vehicles, 4% car-pool, 3% take the bus and 3% walk or ride a bike as their primary mode of transportation.

Mr. Messer informed the CPAC that the next Tech and Beer Meeting would be held at TIAA Field on April 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Tech and Beer is community of tech professionals and enthusiasts that are inspired and passionate about technology in all forms and applications. Tech and Beer focus is to connect the Jacksonville Tech community through a conversation. The upcoming technical advances for Bay Street will probably be a hot topic at this meeting.

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

- Volunteers are needed for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Downtown Clean up on April 20, 2019, at the Jacksonville Landing, 8 to 10 am. Community Services hours are available. For additional information, please call Dan Durbec at 255-8276.
- Reminded the CPAC that they have the opportunity to make recommendation(s) to the City of Jacksonville's Capital Improvement Plan. Rosemary asked the CPAC members if they would like to have a special meeting

to identify neighborhood capital improvement projects or if they preferred to email their recommendations to her. The CPAC chose to send their recommendations to Rosemary.

**Chairs Report** – Chair Salem stated the next CPAC Chair meeting with Mr. Sam Mousa, City of Jacksonville, Chief Administrative Officer will be held on May 10, 2019 at 8:30 am in City Hall. Please share any questions or concerns that you may have with Chair Salem prior to the meeting. Chair Salem announced that at the May GAB CPAC meeting as a group, the CPAC members will review the CIP recommendations and vote on them prior to submitting a final report.

**Unfinished Business** – none

**New Business** – none

**Public Comment** – none

**Motion to Adjourn**

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be **Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm**  
at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville FL, 32246