

# Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## December 9, 2019 Meeting Summary

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

### Meeting Attendance:

**Members:** Dr. Ramsey Salem, Chair; Kirk Armstrong, Lucina Lake Association; Robert Barletta, Charter Point Community Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc.; Harley Herndon, Cypress Cove Good Neighbors; Tim Keeley, Kensington Association; Sheila Litwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Joseph Manitoine, The Woods Community; Pete Miller, Indian Springs Community Association; Peter Mione, Old Arlington Inc.; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization;; John Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills; Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Andre' Boutte, Hickory Creek HOA; Will Messer, Queens Harbour POA; Patricia Sanders Charter Point Community Association; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA

**Excused:** Mike Anania; Arlington Business Society; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Lenore Hanapel; Covington Creek HOA; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Nina Poigiouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association; Melody Shacter, Vice Chair;

**Visitors:** Liz Reyes-Rivera; Deborah Elaine Basham, The Courtyard; Shantell Hughes, River Point; Alexandra Dell, Clifton; Loveline Toussaint, ECOHR Inc.

**Staff:** Richard Buoye, JSO; Carol Brock, Council District 3; Devron Cody, Animal Care and Protective Services; Steve Long; Public Works; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods Department; Joyce Morgan, City Council Member, District 1; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Office; Gary Roberts, Municipal Code Compliance; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

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

**Presentation: Sarah Green, Strategic Partnerships Coordinator, 2020 Census** introduced herself and provided an overview of the *Duval Counts Campaign* for the 2020 Census.

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provide the basis for distributing billions in federal funds annually to communities. These funds support vital programs—impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. The data is also used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Beginning in mid-March, we will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. For the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census.

The 2020 census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. When completing the census, you should count everyone who is living in your household on April 1, 2020.

An effort to protect your personal information, the Census Bureau has worked very hard to secure their technology. Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives. The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data. Additionally, please remember that the Census Bureau will never ask for: Social Security numbers; bank or credit card account numbers; money or donations or anything on behalf of a political party.

For additional information or question, you can contact Sarah Green at 255-5021 or [SarahG@coj.net](mailto:SarahG@coj.net)

### **Elected Officials Report:**

**Joyce Morgan, City Council Member, District 1** extended happy holiday wishes to all and thanked the CPAC for their service and involvement. Council Member Morgan announced that the last City Council meeting for 2019 will be held tomorrow night (December 10, 2019) and extended an invitation to all to attend. Council member Morgan announced that her January 2020 Town Hall meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at Jacksonville University in the Gooding Auditorium, 2800 University Boulevard North at 6:00 pm

Joyce Morgan, City Council Member, District 1 – 904-255-5201 or [Joycemorgan@coj.net](mailto:Joycemorgan@coj.net).

**Carol Brock, Executive Council Assistant, District 3**- on behalf of Council Member Bowman, Ms. Brock thanked the CPAC members for being the eyes and the ears of the council district . Ms. Brock informed the CPAC they have the opportunity to watch City Council Meetings online on the COJ.net website.

Carol Brock, Executive Council Assistant, District 3 – 904-255-5131 or [csbrock@coj.net](mailto:csbrock@coj.net)

### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** - Lieutenant Buoye announced crime stats overall are down except violent crime. The lieutenant stated that a couple of home invasions have occurred in the past 30 days and elderly community members in Zone 2 were the targets. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but victims were robbed of all their valuables. JSO has found and arrested the suspect that was responsible.

Lieutenant Buoye reminded everyone if they purchase items online and would like a safe location to meet conduct the transaction, please use the Zone 2 substation.

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

**FDOT – Derek Dixon** – shared all FDOT road projects can be found online at:[www.nflroads.com](http://www.nflroads.com). State Road 202 (JTB) and San Pablo Road will see interchange improvements. FDOT is proposing to convert the existing diamond interchange into a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) to help ease congestion and improve safety. Additional details about this interchange improvement can also be found on [www.nflroads.com](http://www.nflroads.com). . A public hearing regarding a proposed median modification on Atlantic Boulevard (S.R. 10) will be held Tuesday, December 10 at Atlantic Beach Assembly of God Church, 680 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, Florida 32233. It will begin with an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by

a public comment period at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to view displays and discuss the proposed changes with project staff and consultants

**Jacksonville Public Library** – Jackie Spiritas demonstrated how to find the COJ Library newsletter on their webpage. The newsletter contains a lot of information for upcoming classes and events. One of the events highlighted was Santa Claus will be visiting the Pablo Creek Regional Library, please check the newsletter for dates and times. Ms. Spiritas also shared details about Lynda.com. Jacksonville Public Library has added Lynda.com to its digital services, giving cardholders access to more than 14,000 online courses taught by real-world professionals. Lynda.com is free for valid library card holders, and gives patrons unlimited access to learning everything from software development to design on any schedule from a computer or mobile device.

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

**Neighborhoods Department** – Chiquita Moore, Operations Director acknowledged the benefits of using the new website called Aunt Bertha. Aunt Bertha is a great resource for free or reduced cost services. Some of the services that are covered on Aunt Bertha are: food, housing, medical, transit and education. Visit [www.auntbertha.com](http://www.auntbertha.com) then enter your zip code. The website will compile a variety of services offered near your home.

**Neighborhood Services Office** – Lisa Ransom, Manager announced enrollment for CommUniverCity 2020 is now open. CommUniverCity consists of eight sessions/classes, one bus tour and a graduation with the focus to train neighborhood leaders. The first class will be held on January 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Ed Ball Building downtown. A graduation will conclude the training program on February 20, 2020. Ms. Ransom also announced a save the date event.

On April 30, 2020, the Neighborhood Services Office will host the inaugural Neighborhood Awards program in Main Library (Downtown), 303 N Laura Street, 6 to 8 pm. In the near future, an application will be distributed citywide and each community is encouraged to submit what their neighborhood did in 2019 to positively affect their community.

Lisa Ransom – 255-7834 or [LRansom@coj.net](mailto:LRansom@coj.net)

**Neighborhood Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Supervisor Gary Roberts announced in Zone 2 the Code Compliance teams worked over 1500 cases in the past 30 days. Year to date, the Zone 2 Code Compliance team has completed just over 18,000 cases in our area. The next systematic inspection will be held in the Sandalwood area.

Gary Roberts – [gdroberts@coj.net](mailto:gdroberts@coj.net)

**Public Works** – Steve Long, Public Works, Chief of Right of Way and Storm Water Maintenance informed the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville has staff on call 24/7 and throughout the holidays to address any major issues or concerns that may occur. You can call 630-City during business hours or if it is after hours you can call the police non-emergency line at 630-0500 to report a significant public works concern or issue and JSO can contact Public Works.

Steve Long – [slong@coj.net](mailto:slong@coj.net)

**Animal Care and Protective Services** – Devron Cody, Chief introduced himself and shared that he did not have a report, but was available for questions.

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

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** - Mike Anania was not present – no report

**Beautification/Parks** – Larry Belge did not have a report

**Environment** – Lad Hawkins was not present- no report

**Membership** – Chair Salem introduced Mr. Andre’ Buotte as the new alternate for Hickory Creek HOA. Welcome!

**Transportation** – Will Messer did not have a report

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO)** – Will Messer did not have a report

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – John Roberts did not have a report

**Neighborhood Services Office Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski thanked the CPAC members for their commitment to their communities and to the City of Jacksonville.

Rosemary Wesolowski - 904-255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)

**Chairs Report** – Chair Salem presented Certificates of Appreciation to all of the Subcommittee Chairs and thanked the CPAC for their support for the past three years. Chair Salem inquired if everyone had received an email that addressed the request to put overhead powerlines and other utility lines underground as part of the Rogero/Arlington Road Roundabout construction project. After a brief discussion; the motion was made and seconded to send a support letter. The CPAC voted unanimously to recommend that the City of Jacksonville Administration find funds to bury the utilities or relocate the poles in this area at the same time as the roundabout’s construction.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** – none

**Public Comment** – none

**Motion to Adjourn**

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL, 32246