

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 20, 2019 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members:

Clifton Civic Association - Melody Shacter - Vice Chair
Arlington Business Society – Mike Anania
Charter Point Community Association – Bob Barletta
Communities of East Arlington - Lad Hawkins
Covington Creek HOA – Lenny Hanapel
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 Arlington Inc. – Peter Mione
Old Mill Cove Community Organization – Jerry Petoskey
Osprey Point HOA – Pam Brown
Osprey Point HOA – Amita Agnihotri
POISE, Inc. – Delmas Harper
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:

Caroline Forest Homeowners Assoc. - Kacy Evans
Council Appointee – District 1 – Michele Davis
Queens Harbour POA – Ramsey Salem - Chair

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 1 – Joyce Morgan
DCPS – Michelle Begley
FDOT – Derek Dixon
JPL – Michael Sullivan
JSO – Lt. Valentine
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
JTA – Jeanette Berk
Municipal Code Compliance – Dennis Steele
Neighborhood – Stephanie Burch
Neighborhood Services Office – Rosemary Wesolowski
Planning and Development – Connie Patterson
Public Works – Steve Long

Guests:

Gearl Rears – Lucy Travels
Dale Parsons
Alberta Hipps - JAA
Richard Becker – Covington Creek HOA
Scott Hulett – Cypress Cove Good Neighbor Group
Rose Marie Alarcon

Call to Order/Verify Quorum- Vice Chair Shacter called the March 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 February 2019 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): Brad Martin, JaxEx Airport Operations and Facilities Manager and Michael Stewart, Director of External Affairs, JAA discussed a variety of topics with the CPAC.

Mr. Martin stated that JaxEx is only resurfacing the runway(s) at the airport; they do not have plans to extend the runway(s). Mr. Martin stated that neither he nor JAA was aware that Resolution 2019-182 would be introduced to extend the runway(s). Upon learning of this legislation Jacksonville Airport Authority sent out a memo to City Council members stating JAA is not interested in discussing extending the runways at JaxEx. City Council members voted to withdraw the resolution from consideration. Mr. Martin fielded questions/complaints in regard to noise associated the planes taking off and landing at JaxEx. There are a couple of ways a complaint about a loud plane can be reported. One can call 904-641-3606 to register a complaint or go to FlyJacksonville.com and file your complaint electronically.

Michael Stewart provided an overview of the various uses of each the airports that Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) operates. The airports are:

- Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) provides commercial air travel to major U.S. cities. There are eight major airlines and a network of regional airline carriers that provide some 200 daily arrivals and departures at JAX.
- Herlong Recreational Airport (HEG) located off Normandy Boulevard is Jacksonville's general aviation recreational and sport flying airport.
- Jacksonville Executive or JaxEx (CRG) helps to divert general aviation traffic away from Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) and its large commercial planes. Since the airport is located near a number of residential areas, JaxEx (CRG) has become a noise sensitive airport. As a result, the airport has established a Noise Abatement Program. JAA leases space to two Fixed Base Operators at JaxEx: Craig Air Center and Sky Harbor. They and their tenants provide hangar, tie down and fueling services to more than 300 aircraft based at the airport.
- Cecil Airport (VQQ) is the Jacksonville Aviation Authority's third general aviation airport, fourth airport overall and a spaceport. Cecil Airport is a former military base that closed in 1999. Cecil Airport's facilities are ideal for aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operations and a variety of aviation-related industrial and commercial development. Cecil Airport is the base of operations for corporate aircraft, general aviation, air cargo and National Guard and Reserve aviation. The airport has four, 200-foot wide runways, three of which measure 8,000 feet. The fourth runway is 12,500 feet in length, one of the longest in Florida.

Elected Officials Report:

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1 – Council Member Morgan will hold her next Town Hall meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Terry Parker High School, 7301 Parker School Road. At the March Town Hall meeting, there will be significant discussion about youth summer jobs, summer camp options and summer youth activities. Council Member Morgan stated Council Member Crescimbeni will introduce legislation to purchase the family home of Cleve Powell (off Lone Star Road) and have the property added to the Tree Hill Nature Center and Preserve.

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lieutenant Valentine stated in the past 30 days in Zone 2 violent crime is down 30.34 % and property crime is down 20.04%. Lt. Valentine announced that this would be his last GAB CPAC meeting; Lt. Valentine is transferring to the Urban Core (Zone 1) District. Lt. Valentine reported JSO has made contact with 58 individuals pan-handling in the GAB district and made 17 pan-handling arrests in the GAB area. Everyone was encouraged to not give panhandlers money, but to call JSO. JSO can direct those pan-handling to shelters, medical services and social services if that is what the individual really needs. There were over 400 guns stolen out of vehicles (mostly unlocked) in 2018. Everyone was reminded to remove their valuables, especially guns from their cars and to participate in the 9 pm Routine.

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

Jacksonville Public Library – Michael Sullivan, provided the following updates:

- The 2019 Jacksonville Black History Calendars are available; they can be found in the lobby.
- 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 will address the threat to the privacy and economic security of American consumers and businesses. Cyberbullying will also be covered. This program 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

Duval County Public Schools – Michelle Begley, Chief Financial Officer introduced herself and informed the CPAC that the Duval County Public Schools will be attending the CPAC's on a regular basis. Several CPAC members expressed their concern for student safety due to traffic issues for those students that attend Alimicani Elementary on San Pablo Road.

FDOT – Derrick Dixon announced a FDOT Public Meeting to discuss possible changes to the Beach Boulevard/Southside Boulevard intersection. The meeting will be held at the Regency Square Library, 9900 Regency Square Boulevard, 32225 on April 1, 2019. There will be an open house 4:30 to 6:30 pm and public comments will be taken starting at 6:30 pm.

JTA – Cheryl Riddick introduced JTA team member Jeanette Berk. Ms. Berk provided an overview of the JTA Transportation Development Plan (TDP) to the CPAC. Ms. Berk will return to the April meeting to discuss the TDP in detail.

Neighborhoods Department – Stephanie Burch informed the CPAC mosquito season kicks off in April. Ms. Burch encouraged everyone to be vigilant to empty or drain standing water around their homes. Last year mosquito activity was high and several individuals were diagnosed with West Nile Virus. Experts are expecting a similar mosquito season this year. If you plan to spend time outside, please use insect repellent that contains DEET and wear long sleeves and pants. Ms. Burch reminded the CPAC that kitten season is also upon us. Animal Care and Protective Services is actively looking for individuals and families to foster kittens. It was also recommended if you find a litter of kittens outside, please leave them alone. The mother will return and take care of the litter.

Neighborhoods Department (Municipal Code Compliance Division) – Dennis Steele announced that he has been assigned at the GAB Code Compliance Supervisor. Thomas Register has received a promotion within Code Compliance. Mr. Steele stated that Bethelite (former Thunderbird Hotel) on the Arlington Expressway has been problematic and the Building Department is currently working with the owners of the property.

Dennis Steele, 255-7041 dsteele@coj.net

Planning & Development Department – Connie Patterson stated the Renew Arlington CRA Overlay draft was sent to the Office of General Council to finish processing the ordinance. 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

Connie Patterson, 255-7822 or Constancep@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long made the following announcements:

- The JoAndy Road project is well underway.
- The Girvin Road project is nearly complete.
- The Woolery Drive improvement project has begun.
- Public Works is working proactively to make sure the street drains are clear prior our rainy/hurricane season.
- If you see an issue, please call 630-CITY to report.

Steve Long, 255-4283 or slong@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – LUZ Subcommittee Chair Mike Anania passed the gavel to CPAC Vice Chair Melody Shacter to present the LUZ Subcommittee report. Vice Chair Shacter informed the CPAC that the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed a few LUZ applications and the subcommittee will make one motion.

The motion is:

Deny of Zoning Exception E-19-13 at 5918 Commerce Street. The following observations were made:

- The applicant is within the boundaries of the Old Arlington Action Plan (NAP) which was approved by City Council in 2007 and is inconsistent with the plan.
- On page 64 of the approved NAP it states “the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department should NOT support intensification of commercial uses through rezoning, PUD's and exceptions unless it can demonstrate that there will be a benefit to the neighborhood.”
- It was not demonstrated that there is a benefit to the neighborhood.
- It is inconsistent with the vision of the community and the recommendation of the NAP.
- It abuts the Renew Arlington Community Redevelopment Act and is inconsistent to its intent.

The CPAC voted unanimously to deny the application.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report

Environment – Lad Hawkins – City Beautiful Jacksonville is bringing the former Charleston South Carolina Mayor, Joe Riley to Jacksonville to share his wisdom and experience about making cities attractive, livable, and thriving. The event will take place on April 4, 2019, 11:30 to 1:30 pm at the Main Library Conference Center.

Membership – Vice Chair Shacter introduced new member Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc. to the CPAC.

Transportation – Will Messer – not present

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.

North Florida TPO – Will Messer – not present

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that:

- The St. Johns River Clean-up was a success. The event had 419 volunteers city-wide; collected 561.5 bags of garbage which weighed 5.5 tons; the volunteers saved the city \$20,640.84.
- 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 – Vice Chair Shacter - no report.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

Public Comment –

- Member Pete Miller stated he attended a City Council Meeting to express his concern about the Atlantic Boulevard / San Pablo Road area. These roads are operating over capacity and with the planned development of Terra Bella and Harbortown communities this will further impede the roads. Mr. Miller expressed disappointment that traffic studies are not being completed prior to approval for future development. The roadways are operating beyond capacity and the future planned development will negatively impact the already crowded roads.
- Member Pete Miller announced the upcoming 'A Brush With Nature' will again be hosted at The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens in conjunction with First Coast Plein Air Painters. The plein air painting event is open to the public free of charge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31. Activities include artists' demonstrations each day, art activities for children, entertainment and food vendors.
- Member Joan Becker requested that the room be set-up a little differently so all the guests can hear the speakers better. The fan/air conditioner runs continually and makes it very hard to hear.

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville FL, 32246