

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 14, 2019 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Dr. Ramsey Salem, Chair; Melody Shacter, Vice Chair; Mike Anania; Arlington Business Society; Kirk Armstrong, Lucina Lake Association; Robert Barletta, Charter Point Community Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Lenore Hanapel; Covington Creek HOA; Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Harley Herndon, Cypress Cove Good Neighbors; Joseph Manitoine, The Woods Community; Pete Miller, Indian Springs Community Association; Peter Mione, Old Arlington Inc.; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Nina Poigiouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association; John Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills; Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Lennette Hauver, Hickory Creek HOA; Will Messer, Queens Harbour POA; Charter Point Community Association; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA

Excused: Tim Keeley, Kensington Association; Sheila Litwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA

Visitors: Diana Richardson, Mayport Landing; Yvette Pimentel-Llamas, Mayport Landing; Lauren Price, Kensington HOA; Amber Bond, Pine Bluff HOA; Chad Hutchens, Pine Bluff HOA

Staff: Richard Buoye, JSO; Brad Crenshaw, JFRD; Nikki Evans, City Council At-Large Group 2; Steve Long; Public Works; Connie Patterson, Planning and Development; Sharwonda Peek, DCPS; Gary Roberts, Municipal Code Compliance; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Salem called the October 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 September 2019 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation: Dr. Jennifer Mitchell, St. Johns River Water Management District introduced herself and provided an overview of the functions of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD). SJRWMD works to address water quality issues through a variety of activities, including cost-share projects with local governments, aquatic systems restoration and protection projects; permitting; land acquisition and management activities. Strategies to protect and restore water quality include a commitment to comprehensive monitoring to guide impairment determinations, manage restoration projects and evaluate effectiveness. These efforts are closely coordinated with many partners, including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's total maximum daily load (TMDL) and basin management action plan (BMAP) programs.

Dr. Mitchell conducted an interactive quiz/survey that educated the CPAC members on a wide array of topics; such as residential watering restrictions, algae blooms, impacts of fertilizers and septic tanks on our waterways.

There were a number of questions in regard to SJRWMD permitting for development of vacant land and inquiries about neighborhood flooding. It was determined that the SJRWMD receives the proposed new

development plans/applications (for both residential and commercial) approximately at the same time the applications are submitted to the City of Jacksonville. The developers are legally responsible to develop/design a retention pond that can handle the run-off created from the new development. If the retention pond specifications will not accommodate the run-off water, then the developer will not get the permit from SJRWMD.

It was determined that SJRWMD does not have a program or task force to go back to redesign or re-develop a failing retention system. The responsibility will be on the neighborhood/community. The neighborhood/community can work through their council member to ask the City to complete an engineering study. Once the study has been completed, the neighborhood/community can contact SJRWMD to inquire if Cost Share Funds area available. The neighborhood/community will be responsible to conduct and complete the project.

Dr. Jennifer Mitchell, SJRWMD- jmitchell@sjrwd.com

Elected Officials Report:

Nikki Evans, City Council At-Large Group 2, Executive Council Assistant informed the CPAC that Council Member Salem is serving as the Chair to the Opioid Epidemic Special Committee; Vice Chair of the Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee and serves on the Finance Committee.

Ms. Evans stated that Council Member Salem's work on the Opioid Epidemic Special Committee has been meaningful. Established in November of 2017, Project Save Lives has been successful in reducing opioid related deaths as well as calls for service from JFRD. Right now it appears that vaping may be another health related epidemic.

Additionally, Council Member Salem has created a newsletter. Please send Ms. Evans an email requesting to be added to the email distribution list.

Nikki Evans, nevans@coj.net

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1- on behalf of Council Member Morgan, Chair Salem extended an invitation to Council Member Morgan's Town Hall Meeting on Monday, October 28, 2019 at Arlington Baptist Church, 6009 Arlington Road, 32211. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm. For more information please contact Council Member Morgan at 904-255-5201, Joycemorgan@coj.net or Chet Aikens, Executive Council Assistant at 904-255-5201, Caikens@coj.net. Flyers for the Town Hall Meeting are available at the sign in table.

Aaron Bowman, City Council District 3,- on behalf of Council Member Bowman, Chair Salem informed the CPAC that the Council Member Bowman is looking for events in Council District 3 to highlight on the COJ website such as grand openings or expansions, veterans events, citizens being honored or recognized, school celebrations, just to name a few. If you would like to share any information please send the information via email to csbrock@coj.net with the details. The Charter Revision Commission will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, October 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Citizens are invited to share any recommendations on changes they would like to see made to the City's Charter.

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) - Lieutenant Buoye announced crime stats are pretty much the same as last month. The lieutenant stated that a couple of home invasion 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 gentleman that was responsible.

Zone 2 held their Safety Fair on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Regency Square Mall. Again this year at the Zone 2 Safety fair, JSO offered the bicycle rodeo and they gave away a lot of helmets and bicycles to our young neighbors. JSO is currently in the planning stages for the 2020 Safety Fair and they are considering combining the Zone 2 and Zone 3 Safety Fairs.

JSO is currently working on closing the Internet Café's city wide. Lieutenant Buoye informed the CPAC that JSO will be reaching out to all the sexual offender/predators as Halloween approaches. The JSO Office Offender Tracking Unit will be watching Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators Halloween evening to ensure adherence to established laws. JSO will check to make sure there are no enticing decorations or porch lights on, and that the proper signage is displayed. Not even a carved pumpkin is allowed. From 6:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., on October 31 a sign must be posted at any Sexual Offender's or Sexual Predator's residence, stating, "No candy or treats here."

Lastly, Lieutenant Buoye announced that Zone 2 Assistant Chief Chris Brown will attend the November GAB CPAC meeting.

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

JFRD (Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department) – Brad Crenshaw, Fire District Chief Suppression 56 stated JFRD has responded to 10,000 incidents citywide year to date. In the Arlington area they have responded to 3,000 incidents year to date. Most of the calls occur in the Regency area and due to the high call volume; JFRD is building a new fire station near the intersection of Arlington Road and Atlantic Boulevard. While waiting for the new station to be constructed, JFRD has put an extra rescue unit at Station 30 and an extra fire engine at Station 19 to handle all the calls. As the time change approaches, the CPAC was reminded to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. Also, most smoke detectors have a life expectancy of 10 years. If your smoke detectors are older, it was highly recommended that you replace the smoke detectors with new ones.

Jacksonville Public Library – Jackie Spiritas reminded the CPAC that library cards expire every three years. To renew your library card you must show proof of Duval County residence and apply in-person at one of our 21 library locations. JPL has just updated their circulation policies. With the new policies an individual can now check out 100 books, CD's or audio books for 21 days with two additional renewals. Ten DVD's at a time can be checked out with two additional renewals. Express books are still limited to the seven day check out period with no renewals, but the amount of check out express books was increased to 100 books. Jax Book Fest, an annual community event that brings together local authors and book lovers, will return to the Main Library Feb. 29, 2020, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., with New York Times best-selling authors Brad Meltzer and Karma Wilson as keynote speakers. The event, which will celebrate its fourth year in 2020, will feature more than 80 local authors of every genre. Authors can apply now for exhibit space at Jax Book Fest 2020. Literary vendors such as writers' groups and publishers may also apply to participate. There is a \$40 nonrefundable application fee for all applicants. You may review criteria, rules and regulations, and apply online on the Jacksonville Public Library Foundation's website at jplfoundation.org/jaxbookfest. The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 30, 2019. Friends of the Beaches Branch Library will hold a Book Sale October 23 to 26, 2019 from 10:00am - 5:00pm in the Beaches Branch Library Community Room, 600 3rd Street, Neptune Beach, FL 32266.

Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

Neighborhood Municipal Code Compliance Division – Supervisor Gary Roberts announced in Zone 2 the Code Compliance teams worked 2046 cases from September 1 to October 14, 2019. Since the growing season has slowed, Code Compliance has four systematic inspections planned. The systematic inspections will be conducted in the University Park, Colony Cove, Woodmere and Charter Point communities.

Planning and Development Department – Connie Patterson stated the LUZ Subcommittee review six ordinances. Ms. Patterson announced she will not be in attendance at the November meeting, but will prepare and send out all the information and reports for the LUZ Subcommittee meeting. One of the CPAC members shared the reason Ms. Patterson would not be in attendance is because she is getting married. The CPAC members congratulated her on her upcoming nuptials.

Connie Patterson – Constancep@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long, Public Works, Chief of Right of Way and Storm Water Maintenance stated that the presentation that Dr. Mitchell gave earlier was great and enjoyable. The application process that Dr. Mitchell discussed also concurrently goes through the same process with the City of Jacksonville. Mr. Long addressed litter in our ponds; the City of Jacksonville collects 2.5 million pounds of waste through street sweepers. Additionally, the Public Works Department has several Vac-con machines and they remove trash, leaves and plant materials out to the sewers which assist with keeping the waste out of local waterways.

Mr. Long acknowledged that there is often confusion about who is responsible to maintain the retention pond within a community. One way to determine pond maintenance responsibility is to research your plat number on the Clerk of the Court website. Mr. Long has offered to provide a presentation at a future CPAC meeting and walk the CPAC member through this process.

Steve Long – slong@coj.net

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) – Sharwonda Peek, Assistant Superintendent, announced the next School Choice Expo will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020. This expo will be your go-to place to preview all public school and charter school options in Duval County. Each school will be showcasing their featured programs, so you and your child can be fully informed in making a school choice. The event runs from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center.

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs - Mike Anania, LUZ Subcommittee Chair stated the subcommittee members reviewed six applications and no motions were made.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge did not have a report

Environment – Lad Hawkins did not have a report

Membership – Chair Salem introduced Mr. Joseph Mantione as a new CPAC member representing The Woods Community Association. 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 reported that the commission has completed their review of the Parks Department expenditures. The TRUE Commission would like to review the finances associated with JSO supplying police officers to Duval County Public Schools to serve as school safety officers.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC that the November GAB CPAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019. This is one week later than our normal meeting date; the library will be closed in honor of Veterans Day. At the November CPAC meeting the 2020 GAB CPAC Chair and Vice Chair election will be held. We are still taking nominations. If you would like to make a nomination you can email it to rosemary@coj.net or make your nomination to a member of the Nomination Subcommittee members (Nina Pougiouklidis, Amita Agnihotri or Lad Hawkins).

Chairs Report – Chair Salem informed the CPAC that he will attend the CPAC Chairs quarterly meeting with the Mayor's Office on Friday, November 8, 2019. Chair Salem inquired if any of the CPAC members had a topics or concern that they would like him to discuss or share at the meeting?

Old Business - none

New Business – Member Nina Pougiouklidis stated she read on the Nextdoor app that homeowners along the San Pablo corridor may receive a letter in the mail from the City of Jacksonville asking to lease their land in association with the San Pablo Road widening project. Member Lenny Hanapel she read the post on Nextdoor, but clarified that a letter was sent to one or individuals and it pertained to acquiring some additional land at the intersection of Intracoastal Sound Road and San Pablo Road. The additional land would be used for a right turn lane.

Member Peter Mione announced Old Arlington Inc., will hold the Arlington Mod and More Home Tour on Saturday, October 26, 2019 and Sunday, October 27, 2019. Tickets can be purchased online (904-Tix.com) prior to the tour or they can be purchase day of at the Norman Studios on Arlington Road. For additional Arlington Mod and More home tour information visit www.MyArlington.org

Member Pete Miller stated so far in 2019 there have been 116 homicides in Jacksonville. Twelve of the homicides involved individuals under the age of eighteen. Mr. Miller stated that our local homicide rate is concerning and he plans to talk to JSO and Council Member Bowman to see what can and will be done to correct this problem. The GAB CPAC Chair request a status update from the COJ Anti Violence Taskforce and details of what actions citizens can engage in to mitigate the level of violence plaguing our community; Rosemary Wesolowski will send email to Council Member Bowman to request an update.

Public Comment – none

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL, 32246