

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 13, 2020 Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Will Messer, Chair; Dr. Ramsey Salem, Vice Chair; Mike Anania; Arlington Business Society; Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Point HOA; Kirk Armstrong, Lucina Lake Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Andre Boutte, Hickory Creek Association Inc.; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Lenore Hanapel; Covington Creek HOA; 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.; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; 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: Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington

Visitors: Loveline Toussaint, ECQ HR, Inc.; Lauren Price, Kensington HOA; Mark Caliel; State Attorney's Office; Doug Johnston; Coral Messina, State Attorney's Office; Tammy Gilbert, Ft. Caroline Lakes Association; Shantel Hughes, River Point; Gary Flower, 4th Circuit Court; Alexandra Dell, Clifton Association

Staff: Chester Aikens, City Council District 1; Assistant Chief Chris Brown, JSO; Steve Long, Public Works; Joyce Morgan, City Council Member District 1; Connie Quinto, Planning and Development Department; Gary Roberts, Municipal Code Compliance; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Messer called the January 2020 GAB CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary: The November 2019 and December 2019 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation: Steve Long, Public Works, Chief of Right Away and Stormwater Maintenance informed the CPAC that the Right of Way and Stormwater Maintenance Division maintains all city-owned streets, sidewalks and drainage facilities; including 1,200 miles of ditches/outfalls, 1,200 miles of stormwater pipes, curbs, and catch basins. The Right of Way and Stormwater Maintenance Division completes the following jobs/repairs: pot hole patching and resurfacing; street sweeping, roadside ditch re-grading and minor piping (Stormwater Action Team; clearing drainage pipes and inlets; minor bridge repair and install and repair guardrails.

To complete these jobs, Mr. Long and his team rely on a variety of different pieces of heavy equipment. Mr. Long was showed a video that featured the new equipment that the Public Works Department has acquired; the video demonstrated how each piece of equipment operates. Equipment featured and later discussed was the Menzi Muck Excavator and the Vac-Con machine.

Several members of the CPAC asked Mr. Long questions about the requirements needed to have speed bumps installed. Mr. Long stated that this is a process that is handled by the Traffic Engineering Division, but he did confirm that a neighborhood/community is required to have a signed petition that has at least 75% of the home owners on the street in agreement to adding and maintaining the speed bumps. Mr. Long encouraged anyone interested in adding speed bumps to their community to visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/public-works/traffic-engineering> and or to contact Chris LeDew, Chief, Traffic Engineering at 255-7580.

Steve Long – SLong@coj.net

Elected Officials Report:

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1- extended New Year wishes to all and announced that her next Council District 1 Town Hall Meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at Jacksonville University (JU) at 6:00 pm in the Gooding Auditorium, 2800 University Boulevard North, 32211.

Council Member Morgan shared that she and Nathaniel Ford, Chief Executive Officer, Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) drove City Council District 1 together and looked at various areas where concerns have been made by community members and to assess the public transportation needs of the community.

Council Member Morgan announced at the intersection of Arlington Road and University Boulevard North, a new WaWa gas station will be built; the GAB CPAC should see the LUZ application soon. Tom Bush Mazda will have a grand re-opening this week. The Arlington CRA Overlay seems to have everything in place and should move to the next phase.

Council Member Morgan - 904-255-5201 or Joycemorgan@coj.net

Mark Caliel and Coral Messina introduced themselves and informed the CPAC they are from the State Attorney's Office and they are attending on behalf of Melissa Nelson, State Attorney. Staff from the State Attorney's Office will be in attendance at all the upcoming CPAC meetings to answer questions and to assist however they can.

Judge Flowers stated he was there as an observer and just wanted to say hello.

Staff Reports:

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Assistant Chief Chris Brown was pleased to share both violent crime and property crime was down 11.5% in Zone 2 the past thirty days. Burglaries to unlocked cars continue to be a problem. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the 9 pm Routine.

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

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.

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 am – 3 pm, 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 on the Jacksonville Public Library Foundation's website at www.jploffoundation.org/jaxbookfest.

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. Tax-Aide programs will be held from February 1 through April 15, 2020 at the following branches: Main Library; University Park Branch; Regency Square Branch; Mandarin Branch; South Mandarin Branch; Beaches Branch; Southeast Regional; Pablo Creek Regional; and Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional.

Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

JEA – Nancy Veasey introduced herself and informed the CPAC she was in attendance on behalf of Renee Goode. Ms. Veasey works in the Government Relations area at JEA and she is part of the team working on the new JEA downtown headquarter location. No construction details are available at this time. Ms. Veasy provided handouts on energy conservation tips for your home. Ms. Veasy stated that she was available for questions.

Neighborhood Municipal Code Compliance Division – Supervisor Gary Roberts announced in Zone 2 the Code Compliance teams worked 1239 cases in the past 30 days. Most of the cases are related to junk vehicles and set back violations. Mr. Roberts and his Code Enforcement team started a systematic inspection today in the Arlington Neighborhood; the inspection should be completed by the end of the week.

Planning and Development Department –On behalf of the LUZ Subcommittee chair, Connie informed the CPAC that the LUZ Subcommittee reviewed four LUZ applications. There was one application that the subcommittee decided to make a motion on.

AD-20-03 is an Administrative Deviation at 2521 Cortez Road and the subcommittee supported the Planning and Development Departments recommendation to deny the application. Eddi Parsons made the motion and Jerry Petoskey seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the CPAC voted unanimously to approve the motion.

If you would like to be added to the GAB CPAC LUZ Subcommittee email list, please submit your request to Connie at ConnieQ@coj.net

Connie Quinto – ConnieQ@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs - Mike Anania, - Connie Quinto presented the report.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge encouraged everyone to look for the annual planting guide in the Florida Times Union.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – not in attendance

Membership – Chair Messer inquired if anyone would be interested in Chair this subcommittee? If so, please let Rosemary or Chair Messer know.

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 stated that the TRUE Commission is concerned about the events around the possible sale of JEA. The TRUE Commission had a discussion about possibly conducting an analysis of the electric demands in the Jacksonville area.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC about the upcoming Neighborhood Awards program and encouraged everyone to nominate their neighborhoods. Rosemary shared as a reminder that the Pablo Creek Regional Library is an early voting site, thus impacting the GAB CPAC meeting dates in March, August and October. Copies of the GAB CPAC 2020 Meeting Calendar are available on the sign in table.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Messer encouraged the membership to extend an invitation to other neighbors or communities near them to attend a future CPAC meeting. Chair Messer stated that there was a shift in garbage collection for some communities; calendars for collections dates were mailed to everyone.

Old Business - none

New Business – Member Pete Miller announced that January is national Blood Donor month. Mr. Miller clarified everyone can donate blood up to six times a year.

Mr. Miller shared the 2019 homicide rate in Jacksonville and encouraged all in attendance to get involved and help mitigate the problem.

Council Member Morgan stated there was a task force created in 2018 to address crime in Jacksonville, but in January that task force evolved into a commission. The new commission is called the Safety and Crime Reduction Commission. The first meeting for this commission was held in January 2020.

Council Member Morgan stated that she also had an update on the letter that the GAB CPAC sent in regard to having the utilities put underground at the Rogero/Arlington Road roundabout. Public Works will work with the contractor to place the utilities underground.

Public Comment – none

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL, 32246