

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 12, 2020 Meeting Summary

Zoom meeting – no physical address

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Will Messer, Chair; Dr. Ramsey Salem, Vice Chair; Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Mike Anania, Arlington Business Society; Bob Barletta, Charter Point Community Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Andre Boutte', Hickory Creek HOA; Pam Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Tim Keeley, Kensington Association; Shelia Lithwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Joseph Manitoine, The Woods Community; 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;

Excused: Kirk Armstrong, Lucina Lake Association; Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc.

Visitors: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer; Brian Jefferson; Pat Schorr; Mary Jane Brewer; Don's Phone; Ed Svinea

Staff: The Honorable Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1; Chester Aiken, City Council District 1 Executive Council Assistance; Elizabeth Anderson, DCS Board Member; Greg Terrell, JSO; Chief Gillis, JFRD; Renee Goode, JEA; Steve Long, Public Works; Connie Quinto, Planning and Development Department; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Gary Roberts, Municipal Code Compliance; Jackie Spiritis, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office.

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Messer called the October 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 September 2020 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

Presentation(s): No presentation

Elected Officials Report:

Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1 – provided the following updates:

- City Council passed the FY 2020/2021 budget for the City of Jacksonville. It was noted that the Sheriff's Budget was approved and nothing was defunded.
- This will be the last month that City Council will hold their meetings via Zoom. The next City Council meeting will be held tomorrow night starting at 5:00 pm.
- The Arlington 20/20 free three-day festival was a fantastic event. Most of the festival activities and events were held virtually on September 25th to 27th.
- Keep Jacksonville Beautiful will offer a Tree Giveaway on November 19, 2020
- The golf course at Blue Cypress Park is under revitalization. Unfortunately, someone vandalized some of the new greens. JSO was able to apprehend the suspected vandal.
- Blue Cypress Pool has all construction documents in place and will go out to bid soon. Construction will include upgrades to the restrooms, office and pump room. The pool will also include a ramp, pool seat wall and stairs for better ADA access, parent/child interaction and

swim lesson. Additional restrooms will be added and will they face toward the direction of the pond. The area near the pond has been identified as a future site for a splash pad.

- The next City Council District 1 Town Hall Meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2020 on Zoom at 6:00 pm. Please contact Council Members Morgan's Office for the Zoom meeting details.

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

Elizabeth Andersen, Duval County School Board Member, District 2, shared the following updates:

- DCPS has created a Sales Surtax Oversight Committee. The purpose of the Sales Surtax Oversight Committee is to:
 - review, monitor, make recommendations for consideration to the School Board and Superintendent
 - to inform the public on the planning, progress and implementation of the projects funded with proceeds from the School Board's levy of the sales surtax.

There will be one representative of the City of Jacksonville's Citizen Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) to serve each year on the committee. This representation will rotate among the six CPAC's will serve a one-year term and the Greater Arlington/Beaches (District 2) will be the first to serve on this committee.

- The school board has started working on their strategic plan process. The Strategic Plan will be a five-year plan which will be developed over the next few months. Community meetings will be held throughout the district and dates are to be determined. The next in-person Strategic Plan meeting will be held at Alimacani Elementary, 2051 San Pablo Road South, Jacksonville, FL 32224; on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
- The next Strategic Plan meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Please visit: www.duvalschools.org to obtain the virtual meeting information.

Staff Reports:

JSO – Lieutenant Terrell informed the CPAC overall crime is down in Zone 2. There was a small spike with auto burglaries in apartment complexes. There were 18 auto burglaries in the past 30 days and 15 of the autos were left unlocked. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the 9 pm Routine; make sure to lock your vehicles and to never leave guns in unattended vehicles locked or unlocked.

Over the past couple of months JSO has received a lot of complaints for panhandling; many of the panhandlers appear to be homeless. JSO has created a strategic plan to address this issue in Zone 2. On November 2, 2020, JSO will conduct an outreach mission and speak to all panhandling and visit homeless camps to educate them on the services that are out there and try to get them involved in one or more of the social programs available. Several CPAC members informed the Lieutenant Terrell where some homeless camps could be found in the district.

It was confirmed that the new Zone 2 Substation is currently under renovation and should be finished by the start of 2021. Upon completion, the JSO Zone 2 Substation will move to the Merrill Road location. The current sub-station at the Regency Square Mall may be used as a JSO Community Center; details will be made available once they are finalized.

Zone 2 Substation - Phone: 904.630.8166 or 904.726.5100. Fax: 904.630.8170. JSOZone2@jaxsheriff.org

JTA – Cheryl Riddick confirmed with the CPAC that the JTA Mobility Works project on San Pablo Road will be between Beach Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard. The project will include reconstruction of the existing roadway from a two-lane to a three-lane, divided urban section from Beach Boulevard to Crystal Cove Lane and from Osprey Point Drive to Atlantic Boulevard. These sections will include raised medians, utility improvements, a closed drainage system, bike lanes, sidewalks and stormwater ponds. From Crystal Cove to Osprey Point Drive, the roadway will be resurfaced with the addition of shoulders, left and right-turn lanes for site access and continuity of the sidewalks. There was a lengthy discussion about San Pablo Road and several CPAC members had specific questions and JTA provided the following answers:

A member from Osprey Point on San Pablo asked if there was any truth to the rumor that a Charter School is scheduled to be opened across from Alimacani Elementary School in what is now a former church building. The members are concerned about existing traffic congestion, and fear that another school will make things worse.

The City engaged JTA in the school's proposed plans review process for its impacts to the roadway project. The school's development plans show an added right turn lane into the school. The school developer, Summit Construction Management Group, will pay JTA for design, right-of-way and construction costs of the turn lane in accordance with a draft agreement between JTA and Summit that is under review by Summit at this time. The City of Jacksonville is the permitting and approving authority for the proposed school development. Any concerns regarding the proposed school should be directed to the City Development Management Group.

A member from Covington Creek asked if JTA has the schedule for the three phases of construction? Their HOA landscaping contract is up for bid. The timing of the JTA MobilityWorks project work may impact their need for landscaping. Will the schedule be available before March 2021?

The construction schedule will not be available until a construction contract has been awarded and the contractor provides a schedule. We anticipate that the contract will be awarded in March 2021, and executed in April 2021.

Members asked if JTA can put in multi-use sidewalks instead of bike lanes? There are many school-age children in that area, and safety is a concern. Members mentioned that in a previous meeting with the JTA, they were told that bike lanes on the project were mandated. The CPAC members agreed that multi-use sidewalks would be best for the area and wanted to ask for them again.

The roadway design is at 100% and does not provide for a multi-use path. The design was discussed at the Public Meetings held during the 30%, 60% and 90% phases of the plans. A part of designing the roadway is determining a conducive and safe roadway profile. Right-of-way along San Pablo is limited. A multi-use path is a minimum of 12 feet wide and should be in areas that have clear pathways with limited traffic ingress/egress into the area of the multi-use path. Also, roadway and lane widths must meet minimum standards. The roadway elements for a safe and effective design accommodates a bike lane on one side of the road but will not accommodate a multi-use path. This issue/request was also discussed in depth at the last JTA Public Meeting for San Pablo Road project.

Cheryl Riddick – criddick@JTAFLA.com

Municipal Code Compliance - Gary Roberts stated that he and his team have been busy. In the past month in Zone 2 there have been 1400 code compliance violation cases.

Mr. Roberts also informed the CPAC about the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR). The purpose of the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program is to facilitate a means of compliance to those who would otherwise be unable to achieve it due to disability or economic disadvantages. The Program's objective is to provide the abatement services required at no cost to those citizens who qualify, thereby achieving compliance and beautification of the City while not unduly burdening its most vulnerable citizens.

Gary Roberts – gdroberts@coj.net

Planning and Development Department – Connie Quinto informed the CPAC that she reached out to her supervisor in regard to the proposed charter school on San Pablo Road. Ms. Quinto was informed that the zoning district for the property where the school is supposed to go already allows the use of a school. Additionally, Ms. Quinto was informed that a 10 Set Review would need to be conducted for the traffic component.

Connie Quinto – ConnieQ@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long, Chief of Right of Way and Storm Water Maintenance stated that his team is busy working with drainage in the city.

Steve Long – Slong@coj.net

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs - Mike Anania stated the subcommittee reviewed six applications and will present motions on two of the applications. The motions are:

Deny rezoning CRO to PUD 2020-0607 and Companion Land Use Change 2020-0606 (0 and 404 St. Johns Bluff Road North 10657 Airport Terrace Drive, across from Craig Field). The concerns regarding the application are: The proposed development is inconsistent with the adjacent RLD-60 neighborhood; approval would adversely impact the character and property value of the surrounding neighborhood; community input finds that it is counterproductive to the concerns and investments of those residents in the long established RLD-60 community surrounding the site.

The motion carries.

Deny Administrative Deviation AD-20-54; 2665 Woolery Drive. The concerns are: Relief from the minimum front setback from 20' to 5' will adversely impact the character and property value of the surrounding neighborhood and will set an unfavorable precedent.

The motion carries.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report

Environment – Lad Hawkins – no report

Membership – vacant

Transportation – Chair Messer - no report

Ad Hoc Committees:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Chair Messer – no report

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – John Roberts stated they will review legislation for a possible early retirement. The TRUE Commission will also review the cost of permits and licenses.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC about the upcoming Shred event and Tree Give-away on Saturday, November 14, 2020. A flyer with complete details was emailed to the CPAC. Informed the CPAC that the Nomination Subcommittee has formed and met on October 1, 2020 via Zoom. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact Rosemary. Rosemary also announced that this would be our last Zoom CPAC meeting. All CPAC meeting will return to in-person meetings in November. A location for the GAB CPAC meeting has not been identified yet.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Messer announced that the Divergent Diamond interchange at State Road 202 (JTB) at San Pablo Road is well underway and the project is expected to be completed in 2021. This project will convert the existing diamond interchange into a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) to help ease congestion and improve safety. The project contractor is Watson Civil Construction, Inc. To learn more about the interchange project, please visit: <http://nflroads.com/ProjectDetails?p=5235>

Chair Messer stated he also had a conversation about traffic calming for the Holly Oaks area. It was recommended that the speed limit could be reduced from 30 mph to 20 mph.

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Public Comment – none

Motion to Adjourn -The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on **Monday, November 9, 2020** at a location to be identified.