

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

November 9, 2020 Meeting Summary

Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building, 3450 Monument Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Will Messer, Chair; Dr. Ramsey Salem, Vice Chair;; 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;; Shelia Lithwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; John Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA

Excused: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA Kirk Armstrong, Lucina Lake Association; Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington Tim Keeley, Kensington Association; Joseph Manitoine, The Woods Community; Peter Mione, Old Arlington Inc.; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Nina Poigiouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association;

Visitors: Mary Jane Brewer; Fred Atwill

Staff: Nikki Evans, City Council At-Large Group 2, Executive Council Assistant; Assistant Chief Burton, JSO; Patrick Gouin, JFRD; Kara Tucker, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Steve Long, Public Works; Connie Quinto, Planning and Development Department; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Gary Roberts, Municipal Code Compliance; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office.

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Messer called the November 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 October meeting summary was not available and will be approved at the next CPAC meeting.

Presentation(s): No presentation

Elected Officials Report:

Nikki Evans, City Council At-Large Group 2, Executive Council Assistant stated Council Member Salem has two bills pending:

- 2020-616 - 2020-0616-E - To appropriate \$2,000,000 from the Tree Protection & Related Expenses Trust Fund, Fund 15304, to "630-City Tree Planting Program" to Provide Tree Planting Administered by Public Works in the Public Rights-of-Way in Locations Where Adjacent Property Owners Have Made Requests thru 630-City.
- 2020-0700 - Concerning Recycling; Creating a New Sec 380.512 (Annual Report), Part 5, (Recycling Program), Chapt 380 (Solid Waste Management), Ord Code, Regarding Submission of an Annual Report by March 1st of each calendar year.

Council Member Salem - 904-255-5216 or Rsalem@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO – Assistant Chief Burton informed the CPAC overall crime is down in Zone 2. There has been a spike in violent crime in Zone 2 and JSO is working overtime to correct this. Most of the shootings have been gang and/or drug related. The shootings have specifically targeted individual(s) and they were not acts of random violence. At on the onset of the pandemic, there was a drastic increase of domestic violence calls for service, but that is starting to slow down.

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

JFRD – Patrick Gouin confirmed that a new fire station will be built in the Arlington area. The new station will be located near the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Arlington Road. JFRD expects construction to begin at the end of November or the beginning of December.

Cheryl Riddick – criddick@JTAFLA.com

JPL – Jackie Spiritas informed the CPAC that she was uncertain when the GAB CPAC would resume meeting in person at the library. All the libraries are open and are increasing their virtual services and virtual programs that they offer.

Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

JTA- Cheryl Riddick stated JTA is starting to see an increase of ridership and JTA is following CDC guidelines on all forms of transportation that they offer. In 2021, JTA would like to bring Ultimate Urban Circulator (UC2), the new autonomous transit technology to the GAB CPAC for a demonstration. The Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C) program can cost-effectively reach beyond the current system. The U2C will provide service extensions that can serve at both elevated and street levels.

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 1333 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 did not have a report, but was available for questions.

Connie Quinto – ConnieQ@coj.net

Parks, Recreation and Social Services – Kara Tucker, Chief of Disabled Services provided the following updates:

Bruce Park:

- Master Plan complete
- Tennis Courts re-established, Netball moved to eastern court
- Light Locker work complete
- Restroom remodel underway
- Pavilion repairs are complete
- New playground installation beginning in next 2 weeks

Blue Cypress Park: Pool

- 100% Construction Documents Complete, bid this winter
- Building includes restrooms, office and pump room
- Ramp, pool seat wall and stairs for better ADA access, parent/child interaction and swim lesson
- Additional restrooms face toward pond for future splash pad location

Blue Cypress Park: Golf Course

- Billy Casper Golf agreement
- Restoration underway

Blue Cypress Park: Pickleball

- Existing vacant court will be resurfaced and fenced for Pickleball
- Pickleball is a mix of tennis, racquetball and ping pong that uses a wooden paddle and whiffle ball. This is the fastest growing sport in United States
- Estimated completion Winter 2020

Rowing Center

- Location on Arlington River behind DCF
- Currently being used by Jacksonville Rowing Club. Location will offer adaptable rowing, learn to row, club rowing and regatta site
- Working with state officials on parking lot details

Norman Studio

- Listed on National Register of Historic Places in 2016
- Restoration of the interior spaces is currently in design and roofing/exterior work underway

Warrington Park

- Tennis Courts to be resurfaced, Winter of 2020
- Playground equipment replacement underway
- Non-profit group partnering with the City on existing community center renovations

Other park projects in process:

- Justina Road Park Improvements, 2020-2021 (grant)
 - Lighting
 - Upgraded electrical
 - Demolishing concession building/dugouts
 - Fencing changes
- Lion's Club fishing pier and boardwalk rebuild are complete, lighting of parking lot to be complete Summer 2021

Kara Tucker - KaraT@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long, Chief of Right of Way and Storm Water Maintenance stated that there is another tropical storm is in the Caribbean and we need to watch the projected track. Public Works has started to inspect all the drains and sewers to try to eliminate any flooding in the storm heads our way.

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 one motion on two of the applications. The motions is:

Denial of Zoning Exception E-20-70 (342 and 336 Girvin Road). The CPAC recommends Denial of the request to allow a charter school on the rural site for the following reasons: The site is close to residential neighborhoods and will have an adverse impact on them; there is an existing traffic concern near Abess Park Elementary school nearby; the use will adversely impact Girvin Road during traffic queuing times for schools; the use is inconsistent with most of the surrounding neighborhoods; there is a concern for single narrow ingress/egress onto Girvin Road; there is a concern for multiple school zones and pedestrian crossing confusion.

The motion carried.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – reminded the CPAC to be mindful of the amount of plant material that accumulates in and around our storm drains in our neighborhood. Please try to clear the storm drains near your house to keep rainwater flowing properly.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – not present

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 commission is very interested in the Lot J project and would like to review any studies on the proposed project.

Nomination – Amita Agnihotri, Nina Pougliouklidis, Lad Hawkins and John Roberts co-chaired the Nomination Subcommittee. Rosemary Wesolowski assisted John Roberts to conduct the 2021 CPAC Chair and Vice Chair election. The slate of officers for 2021 CPAC and Vice Chair position was announced. There was a call for nominations from the floor three times for each position. There were no nominations from the floor. The 2021 CPAC Chair will be Will Messer and the 2021 Vice Chair will be Tim Keeley.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski announced Keep Jacksonville Beautiful and Greenscape will co-host a Community Shred Event and Tree Giveaway on Saturday November 14, 2020. The event will be held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center Parking Lot, 1000 Water Street, 32204 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A copy of the flyer was available at the meeting and a copy of the flyer was emailed to the CPAC members and community.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Messer announced that he will attend the meeting with the Mayor’s Office and Staff on Friday, November 13, 2020. If you have a specific concern or topic of interest that you would like brought up at this meeting, please email it to Rosemary at rosemary@coj.net.

Chair Messer opened a discussion about the December CPAC meeting. After a brief discussion and vote was taken and it the CPAC unanimously voted to cancel the December CPAC meeting. The meeting cancellation will be communicated to all CPAC members and staff.

Old Business - none

New Business – Award recipients from the Neighborhoods Services Office Awards Program were presented their awards. Award recipients were: Ramsey Salem – 2019 GAB CPAC Chair; Hickory HOA and The Valley at Hidden Hills for projects their communities completed in 2019.

Public Comment – none

Motion to Adjourn -The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on **Monday, January 11, 2021** at Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building, 3450 Monument Road, 32225 at 6:30 pm.