

# Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## August 10, 2020 Meeting Summary

Zoom meeting – no physical address

### Meeting Attendance:

**Members:** Will Messer, Chair; Dr. Ramsey Salem, Vice Chair; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Lenore Hanapel; Covington Creek HOA; Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc.; Tim Keeley, Kensington Association; Shelia Lithwhiler, 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;

**Excused:** Mike Anania, Arlington Business Society; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Kirk Armstrong, Lucina Lake Association

**Visitors:** Pat Vail; Audrey Dixon; Ed Svihla, The Woods Community; Ruth Johnson

**Staff:** The Honorable Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1; Chester Aiken, City Council District 1 Executive Council Assistance; Nikki Evans, City Council At-Large Group 2 Executive Council Assistant; Steve Long, Public Works; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhood Department; Connie Quinto, Planning and Development Department; Thomas Register, Municipal Code Compliance; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Gary Roberts, Municipal Code Compliance; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Sharwanda Peek, DCPS; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office.

**Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Messer called the August 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 July 2020 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC.

**Presentation(s): No presentation**

### Elected Officials Report:

**Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1-** informed the CPAC that City Council has been very busy and shared the following updates:

- Tomorrow night is the City Council meeting on Zoom and it will start at 4:00 p.m. and Council member Morgan extended an invitation to join the meeting via Zoom.
- Council President Tommy Hazouri recently was the recipient of a lung transplant and he is doing well. During Hazouri's rehabilitation, City Council Vice President Sam Newby will serve as acting president of the council.
- Council Vice President Newby lost his mother; please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- On Wednesday, August 14, 2020 the Renew Arlington CRA Advisory Board will meet at 3:30 p.m.
- On Thursday, August 15, 2020 the Budget Hearings will resume.
- Council Morgan serves on the following committees this year: Finance Committee, Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee, Value Adjustment Board (Chair), Resiliency

Special Committee (Subcommittee Chair of Education Protection of Local and Community Outreach).

- Work is underway on the on the Blue Cypress Golf Course.
- The city will offer additional assistance programs for small businesses and senior citizens; details will be forthcoming.
- City Council is also in the middle of renaming parks.
- Council Member Morgan is actively working with Republic Waste to address the waste collection problem.

Council Member Morgan - 904-255-5201 or [Joycemorgan@coj.net](mailto:Joycemorgan@coj.net)

**Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Ron Salem**, At-Large Group 2, did not have a report, but was available for questions.

#### **Staff Reports:**

**Neighborhoods Department – Operations Director Chiquita Moore** welcomed everyone back to the CPAC meeting and informed the CPAC members that she has been working with Public Works Department and Risk Management in regard the Ibis Point Community. Operations Director Moore has gained additional information and will continue to work on this concern.

Operations Director Moore informed the CPAC that she is over the 630-CITY Call Center and is aware of the call volume for issues related to solid waste. Ms. Moore has made a request with the waste hauler that they respond to the individuals that have submitted an issue prior to closing the ticket/concern.

Complete details for the relief funds will be released in the near future. Criteria and eligibility for the funds will be included.

**Duval County Public Schools – Sharwonda Peek** stated that they are working hard to open the schools safely on August 20, 2020. There are options to attend school this year. Students can select from traditional brick and mortar classroom setting to a hybrid schedule, Duval Homeroom or Duval Virtual Instruction Academy (DVIA).

Students that choose the Hybrid Schedule will have 2 days at school and 3 days at home each week. They will take all their virtual classes at the times of their regularly scheduled classes, including all of their arts classes. Teachers will do live, real-time lessons each online day.

In Duval Homeroom, students are still assigned to their school and will take all their classes online. In this model, electives are extremely limited. This makes it very complicated for magnet schools with specialized courses. At this time, DCPS does not know how many families will choose this option, so it is hard to know which courses we will be able to offer virtually. In this model, students may also be assigned to teachers from different schools. Students may exit Duval Homeroom at the end of the quarter.

If a student chooses the DVIA option, it is a year-long commitment. If a student withdraws from their brick and mortar school and becomes a full-time student at DVIA. Electives are also limited.

Duval County Public Schools has the following COVID-19 Safety Protocols:

- Temperature checks will be conducted every morning on all faculty, staff and students.
- Visitors will be limited to only those who are essential to the daily functioning of the school (e.g., maintenance workers, substitutes, etc.)
- Hallways, where possible will be marked one way and students will social distance in common areas.
- There will be an increased number of lunch times and seating at each table will be limited and socially distanced. Floor signs have been placed 6' apart to direct students to social distance while waiting in the lunch lines. Unfortunately, they cannot offer Lunch & Learn right now.
- Students must wear masks when in common areas and in classrooms. They can remove them while eating lunch.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom.
- Afternoon dismissal will be staggered to avoid large group gatherings.

**JPL - Jackie Spiritas** reminded the CPAC that the Main Library and the four regional libraries: Highlands, Pablo Creek, Southeast and Webb Wesconnett are open and have inside hours. The Main Library is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The four regional libraries inside hours are Monday through Thursday, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. These libraries do have early voting until August 16, 2020. On behalf of Ms. Spiritas, Rosemary Wesolowski distributed a flyer that contained all the virtual classes that JPL had to offer for the months of July and August 2020. For additional information, visit [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org). Please call [\(904\) 255-2665](tel:9042552665) if you need assistance.

Jackie Spiritas – [spiritas@coj.net](mailto:spiritas@coj.net)

**JTA – Cheryl Riddick** announced that JTA held public information sessions last week at the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center (JRTC) in LaVilla. The purpose of the public engagement was to provide information on the proposed route and schedule changes.

Since mid- March 2020, JTA has made several changes to route times and frequencies due to the COVID-19. To review updated schedules and get downloadable maps, please visit [www.JTAFLA.com](http://www.JTAFLA.com). JTA is adding “plug” buses to routes as needed throughout the day as demand for ridership begins to grow. Some seats will remain blocked off to promote social distancing.

As a precaution, all JTA employees are required to wear face coverings while on the job, at a JTA facility or construction site, or while driving a revenue vehicle. While not required, we strongly encourage customers to wear at least a cloth covering while on board. Social distancing, enhanced cleaning activities and other measures remain in place at the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center at LaVilla, and at all JTA transportation hubs.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to provide feedback, JTA Customer Service is available Monday – Friday, 5:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Customers can call (904) 630-3100 or email [customer-svc@jtafla.com](mailto:customer-svc@jtafla.com) for assistance.

Ms. Riddick announced that the virtual Ground Breaking Ceremony for the University Boulevard/ Merrill Road Roundabout was held. A video of the ceremony can be viewed on the on YouTube at the following web address: <https://www.youtube.com/c/JTAFLA904/videos>. Once at this website, there are a couple of videos that feature the turbo-roundabout.

**Municipal Code Compliance - Gary Roberts** stated that he and his team have been busy. From July 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020 they have written 1404 new cases; most of which are nuisance cases.

**Planning and Development Department** – Connie Quinto presented the LUZ Subcommittee report on behalf of the LUZ Subcommittee Chair. The LUZ Subcommittee reviewed eight applications and no motion or actions will be presented to the full CPAC.

Connie Quinto – [ConnieQ@coj.net](mailto:ConnieQ@coj.net)

**Public Works** – Steve Long, Chief of Right of Way and Storm Water Maintenance stated that his team was very busy last week working on the storm preparation with a lot of emphasis on clearing. As a result of the heavy rains in June, the Right of Way and Storm Water team has been actively working in the Sandalwood Canal. There has been a number of trees and large debris removed from the canal.

Mr. Long stated that there has been a lot of discussion about damage to one of the islands in a cu-de-sac in a GAB district community. The Solid Waste Division Chief and the waste hauler are working on the damage to the island/curbing.

Nina Pougiouklidis, Ibis Point CPAC Representative acknowledged that the cul-de-sac that Mr. Long mentioned is in her community and that she has been working with Tanja McCoy in the Planning and Development Department. Ms. Pougiouklidis stated she was informed by Ms. McCoy that the island(s) that are in the center of several of their cul-de-sacs can be made smaller, but the association would need to pay for the reduction in circumference. Ms. Pougiouklidis questioned why in the past the City of Jacksonville paid to reduce the size of the islands. If something has changed in regard to responsibility to reduce the size of the islands, please share that information with Ms. Pougiouklidis. Ms. Pougiouklidis also recommended that the city should prohibit developers from adding the islands to the cul-de-sacs as they impede the turn circumference and restrict street parking for those that live on them.

Steve Long – [Slong@coj.net](mailto:Slong@coj.net)

**Subcommittee/Liaison Reports** (3 minute time limit):

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** - Mike Anania – not in attendance

**Beautification/Parks** – Larry Belge – no report

**Environment** – Lad Hawkins – funds are still available for trees. If you have a location on public property or right of way, please contain the Tree Commission. Also, the roundabout this is under development on Arlington Road/Rogero Road is well on it way. Mr. Hawkins stated that he believes the powerlines will be put under ground.

**Membership** – vacant

**Transportation** – Chair Messer combined the NFTPO and Transportation reports. The NFTPO is actively participating in the Florida Transportation Plan and would like community feedback.

The Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) is the state’s long-range plan guiding Florida’s transportation future. The FTP is a plan for all of Florida and affects every resident, business, and visitor.

The FTP is important because it not only sets a long-range vision for the future, but it guides transportation decisions today. It considers how we will:

- Attain our goal of zero fatalities on Florida’s transportation system.
- Provide a more efficient and mobile transportation system.
- Meet the needs of a growing and changing population.
- Make our economy more competitive.
- Enhance the quality of life and environment of Florida’s communities.
- Increase opportunities for access to transit and other modes of transportation.
- Address emerging issues such as the rapid changes in technology.

For more information, please visit [FloridaTransportationPlan.com](http://FloridaTransportationPlan.com)

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO)** – Chair Messer – see report above

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – John Roberts stated that the TRUE Commission has not met since March and he hopes they can start meeting virtually in the future.

**Neighborhood Services Office Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC that the GAB CPAC meeting calendar changed. All GAB CPAC meetings will all be held on the second Monday of the month and will begin at 6:30 pm. Rosemary also inquired if the CPAC would like to incorporate presentations in the Zoom meetings. A couple of members liked the idea of a speaker, most preferred not to have a speaker.

Rosemary Wesolowski – 255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)

**Chairs Report** – Chair Messer reminded the CPAC that we did not have the opportunity to participate in the CIP this year. One community has requested that Pickle Ball Courts be added to the Fort Caroline area (Ed Austin Park). Please keep these ideas in mind for our recommendations in the CIP next year.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** – none

**Public Comment** – none

**Motion to Adjourn** -The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on **Monday, September 14, 2020** at 6:30 pm via Zoom – no physical address