

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 14, 2020 Meeting Summary

Zoom meeting – no physical address

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Will Messer, Chair; Dr. Ramsey Salem, Vice Chair; Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Bob Barletta, Charter Point Community Association; Andre Boutte', Hickory Creek HOA; Pam Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Lenore Hanapel; Covington Creek HOA; Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; ; Shelia Lithwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Joseph Manitoine, The Woods Community; Pete Miller, Indian Springs Community Association; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Nina Poigiouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association; Patricia Sanders, Charter Point Community Association

Excused: Mike Anania, Arlington Business Society; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Kirk Armstrong, Lucina Lake Association; Tim Keeley, Kensington Association; John Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills;

Visitors: Pat Vail; Mary Jane Brewer; Carol Schirado; Rocena Drogen; Chuck Medovich; Don's Phone; Steve

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; Elizabeth Anderson, DCS Board Member; Assistant Chief Lakesha Burton, JSO; Steve Long, Public Works; Connie Quinto, Planning and Development Department; Gary Roberts, Municipal Code Compliance; Michael Sullivan, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office.

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

Presentation(s): No presentation

Elected Officials Report:

Chester Aiken, City Council District 1 Executive Council Assistant- informed the CPAC that City Council has been very busy and shared the following updates:

- The next Council District 1 Town Hall meeting will be held on September 21, 2020 via Zoom. Please visit the Council Members website for the Zoom meeting details.
- Arlington 20/20 is hosting a free three-day festival to celebrate the Arlington community. The festival will take place September 25th to 27th and will offer numerous virtual events, a 5K run, drive-in picnic and more. For more information on this event, visit: <https://arlington2020jax.org>

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

Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Ron Salem, At-Large Group 2, provided the following updates:

- Council Member Salem is the chair of the Special Committee on Opioid Epidemic, Vaping & Mental Health Resources (Formerly Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic). The Special Subcommittee has expanded to include Vaping and Mental Health. With Vaping they plan to provide updates on the vaping and use of electronic cigarettes, public service announcements, and the success of the City's campaign to educate youth on the dangers of vaping. The Mental Health component will provide a survey of the City and State mental health resources.
- Council Member Salem will introduce a Bill on Wednesday that will extend the time involved to rename a park and/or city owned building to include public input in the renaming process.

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

Staff Reports:

JSO – Assistant Chief Lakesha Burton introduced herself to the CPAC and provided some crime statistics for GAB District/Zone 2. In Zone 2 the year to date stats are: violent crime is up 28% (a lot of this can be contributed Covid-19) and property crime is down 4%. Property crime has had a slight rise. Most of the property crime can be attributed to auto burglaries. Last week, there were 22 auto burglaries; of which five of the vehicles had guns stolen from them. Assistant Chief Burton reminded the CPAC to lock their vehicles and encouraged them not to leave guns in unattended vehicles locked or unlocked. A lot of the auto burglaries were committed in apartment communities.

There are approximately 400 apartment communities in Zone 2. JSO is working the apartment managers and providing them with crime preventions information to share with their tenants.

Over the past couple of months JSO has received a lot of complaints for panhandling; many of the panhandlers appear to be homeless. JSO is strategically working to address this issue.

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. Assistant Chief Burton stated JSO is in conversation with the new buyer of the Regency Square Mall to discuss the possibility of JSO having/using some space at the mall.

Duval County Public Schools – Elizabeth Anderson, School Board Member stated that they are working on transmitting all students into brick and mortar classrooms. 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.

Board Member Anderson reminded the CPAC that the campaign in support of a half-cent sales tax to fund repairs and upgrades at Duval County schools is underway and will be voted on at the November election. Schools in Duval County are, on average, the oldest in the state. Duval County is unique in the fact that there are no alternative revenue streams, like a sales surtax or impact fees from development as there are for the other large Florida school districts.

FDOT – Derek Dixon sent an email to state that he did not have a report, but if anyone has any question(s) to please forward the question(s) to him. Pam Brown inquired if we could get an update on the widening of San Pablo Road.

JPL – Michael Sullivan reminded the CPAC that the several libraries remain open and the schedule has not changed. Currently 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. Curb side pick continues at other branch libraries and JPL is planning to open the Regency Square Branch library on September 28, 2020; the hours of operation will be released in the near future. For additional information, visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org. Please call [\(904\) 255-2665](tel:9042552665) if you need assistance.

Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance - Gary Roberts stated that he and his team have been busy. In the past month in Zone 2 there have been 1175 cases.

Planning and Development Department – Connie Quinto presented the LUZ Subcommittee report on behalf of the LUZ Subcommittee Chair. The LUZ Subcommittee reviewed four applications and no motion or actions will be presented to the full CPAC. After reviewing the applications in the full CPAC two motions were made and approved. The motions are:

Deny Ord. 2019-013 a conventional rezoning from RR-Acre to RLD-90 at Quinlan Road. The recommendation to deny for the following reasons:

- No provisions for ingress/egress without disruption to the neighborhood; the parcel is land locked.
- Concern that the JEA sewer connection may not be available. The application states that the POC may be utilized only if the continuous property ownership exists between subject parcel and the Gately Oaks Lane E right of way. Contiguous property ownership does not exist.
- The request has been reviewed by the CPAC in the past and there are no substantial differences addressing our precedent concerns. The application failed in the past.

Deny WFR-20-18 at 4480 Edenfield Lane. The following concerns regarding the application are:

- Neighboring subdivision representatives for Charter Point, University Park and others highlighted how this waiver is inconsistent with the Greater Arlington Vision Plan.
 - Guiding Principal 1 Community Character
 - 1.1: Identify, preserve, protect, promote and enhance the neighborhood assets and character of Greater Arlington/Beaches communities.
 - Sub-Principal 2 Land use, Growth & Development
 - Sub-Principal 2.2: Revitalize and redevelop, while safeguarding and advancing neighborhood character.

Connie Quinto – ConnieQ@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long, Chief of Right of Way and Storm Water Maintenance stated that his team are busy working with drainage in the city. There is currently a hurricane in the Atlantic and they are working to ensure drains are functioning properly.

Nina Pougouklidis inquired about the status of the damaged island curbing in her community of Ibis Point. Mr. Long confirmed that the waste hauler is working on the repair to the curbing. There were additional questions to who would remove the island(s) from two of the Ibis Point cul-de-sac. Ms. Pougouklidis questioned why in the past the City of Jacksonville paid to reduce the size of the islands in other cul-de-sacs in her community. If something has changed in regard to responsibility to reduce the size of the islands, please share that information with Ms. Pougouklidis. Ms. Pougouklidis 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.

Pam Brown inquired when the drains in the Osprey point Community would be cleaned?

Steve Long – 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 – reminded the CPAC funds are still available for trees. If you have a location on public property or right of way, please contain the Tree Commission

Membership – vacant

Transportation – Chair Messer no report, but requested that FDOT provide an update on the Diverging Diamond interchange at San Pablo Road and J. Turner Butler Boulevard (SR 202).

Ad Hoc Committees:

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

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – John Roberts was not in attendance.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC that they needed to form a Nomination Subcommittee. The GAB CPAC will need to hold their election for Chair and Vice Chair at the November 2020 CPAC meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for the subcommittee, please contact Rosemary

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

Chairs Report – Chair Messer announced that he attended the quarterly meeting with the Mayor’s Office on Friday, September 11, 2020 and provided the following updates:

- The Mayor’s Office is aware that portions of the GAB district has an ongoing problem with trash collection. Please continue to report missed collection to the MyJax system either by call 630-2489 or online through the www.myjax.custhelp.com system.
- Chair Messer has requested Traffic Calming options, policies and procedures. The traffic calming options are designed to eliminate speeding in residential areas.
- If you have a concern about a tree on city right of way call 630-2489 to report.

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Public Comment – none

Motion to Adjourn -The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on **Monday, October 12, 2020** at 6:30 pm via Zoom – no physical address