

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 11, 2021, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Bob Barletta, Charter Point Community Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Mary Jane Brewer, Live Oak Manor Neighborhood Association; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Harley Herndon, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor; Tim Keeley, Vice Chair, Kensington Association;; Will Messer, Chair, Queens Harbor POA; Pete Miller, Indian Springs Community Association; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; John Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA

Excused: Shelia Lithwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Angela S; Carol D’Onofrio;

Visitors: Donnie Oulton, Glynlea Neighborhood Association

Staff: The Honorable Danny Becton, District 11; The Honorable Joyce Morgan, District 1; Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, At- Large Group 2; Chief Chester Clemmons, JFRD; Renee Goode, JEA; Steve Long, Public Works; Ernest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance Division; Sharwonda Peek, DCPS; Connie Quinto, Planning and Development Department; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Lieutenant Terrell, JSO; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Messer called the October 2021 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 2021 GAB CPAC meeting summary was approved.

Presentation(s):

The Honorable Danny Becton, District 11 and The Honorable Joyce Morgan, District 1 presented City Council Resolution 2021-564-A 8 to Mrs. Patti Anania. This City Council Resolution is to honor and commemorate the life and civic accomplishments of late Michael J. Anania and to express their condolences. Mrs. Anania and family were in attendance and were honored by the recognition.

Council Member Becton then presented to the full CPAC on City Council Redistricting.

Every ten years, with the release of the new census data, City Council must adjust the city council district boundary lines to account for population changes that have occurred since the previous census data in 2010. The overall goal of redistricting is to rebalance the population within each of the 14 City Council districts, so each district has roughly the same number of residents. The districts that have grown the most in population will experience the most geographic boundary changes. Overall, Duval County has grown by approximately 12 to 13 percent the past decade.

To accomplish the task of redistricting, City Council has created a special committee. The Redistricting Committee members are: Council Member Aaron Bowman – Chair; Council Member Danny Becton - Vice Chair; Council Member Garrett Dennis; Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson; Council Member Randy White. In addition to city council members, Duval County School Board Members Kelly Coker and Darryl Willie also serve on this special committee.

There are some specific requirements and timelines that are established by Federal, State, and local laws and must be followed during the redistricting process; they include:

- Selection of Redistricting Consultant - The Redistricting Committee shall investigate possible persons or entities, including the Planning and Development Department (PDD), qualified to serve as a Redistricting Consultant. The Planning and Development Department was selected and will serve as the Redistricting Consultant in 2021/2022. The consultant (the Planning and Development Department) and the Redistricting Special Committee received the City's directives and were ready to work on various plan proposals when the final Census was certified on March 31, 2021.
- Obtain Legally Permissible Considerations for Redistricting in accordance with state, federal and case law - The Redistricting Committee will hear from the Office of General Counsel about the criteria and analysis consistent with the current status of federal law and court precedents that will determine what rules must be followed in developing legally defensible districts and the Redistricting Committee will develop guidelines based off of these legal considerations.
- Schedule for Preparation of Plan to be Submitted to Council - The Redistricting Committee shall adopt a schedule for preparation of a plan and present the plan to Council. This plan must be submitted by the Redistricting Committee to Council within 30 days after the U.S. Census data is certified, which was March 31, 2021. The redistricting consultant (the Planning and Development Department) began drawing alternative proposal maps in early 2021 using guidelines for new districts supplied by the Redistricting Committee and census data.
- Reapportionment Committees Present a Plan to the Rules Committee and City Council - Within 150 days after the U.S. Bureau of the Census certification of the final population count for the City, the Redistricting Committee is required to submit a final proposed plan to Council, in the form of an ordinance that will be referred to the Rules Committee.

The Redistricting meetings are noticed and can be attended by the public. The meetings can be accessed virtually through the Zoom or you can attend in-person in City Council Chambers. City Council Chamber are located on the first floor in City Hall, 117 Duval Street N., 32202. To learn more about Redistricting, the Redistricting meetings and to view the proposed redistricting maps, please visit: <https://www.coj.net/city-council/standing-committees/redistricting-special-committee>

Elected Officials Report:

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

- Council Member Morgan encouraged everyone to go online and look at the proposed city council district maps. <https://www.coj.net/city-council/standing-committees/redistricting-special-committee>
- An invitation to attend the October 5, 2021, City Council meeting was extended to the CPAC.

- All curbside recycling collection will be temporarily suspended beginning October 4. In the interim, citizens may bring their recyclables to one of 14 locations throughout Jacksonville. There is no cost. Hours for recycling drop-off will be Monday through Saturday from sunrise to sunset. Recycling drop-off sites in the GAB District include: . Blue Cypress Regional Park 4112 University Blvd. N. – 32277; Southside Estates Elementary Park, 9775 Ivey Rd. – 32246; and Castaway Island Preserve, 2885 San Pablo Rd. S. – 32225.
- A new waste hauler has started collection household waste and yard debris in some of the GAB District. Council Member Morgan is open to feedback on service from the new company.
- The next Safter Together Committee workshop will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021 in City Hall at 8:30 am.
- Council Member Morgan’s next Town Hall meeting will be held in person at Impact Church at Regency Square Mall at 6:30 pm on October 25, 2021. Please use this web address if you would like to join the meeting virtually: [https://www.coj.net/city-council/events/all-events/city-council-district-1-town-hall-meeting-\(10\)](https://www.coj.net/city-council/events/all-events/city-council-district-1-town-hall-meeting-(10))

Sharwonda Peek, Assistant Superintendent of School Choice, Duval County Public Schools shared students can enroll online at <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/11003>. This web address will take you to Duval County Public Schools Choice Application and Enrollment. Once at the site you will have the option to enroll your student in a few click steps. You will be asked to select the option that best represents your situation. Such as: Enroll in Kindergarten, VPK, attendance area school, magnet school, a special transfer option school, Duval Virtual and for Duval Flex for Home School. Ms. Peek is available to meet with community groups that would like a presentation on the various school types. For additional information or assistance please contact the Family Support & Welcome Center at 904-348-7777 or their email address is: school_choice@duvalschools.org

Staff Reports:

JSO – Lieutenant Terrell introduced himself and informed the CPAC that shared JSO crime statistics from the past 30 days: violent crime was up 3%; property crime was up 4%. There were 53 aggravated batteries; 5 sexual batteries; 68 auto burglaries -39 vehicles were unlocked and 10 had guns stolen.

Everyone was encouraged to participate in the 9 pm Routine; remember to remove valuables and firearms from your unattended vehicles. Remember to lock your car doors when you are not in the vehicle.

The Zone 2 Substation will be moving as soon the interior construction has been completed. The new substation will be located at 9119 Merrill Road, 32225. As a reference, the new Zone 2 JSO Substation is near the intersection of Merrill Road and Fort Caroline Road in a shopping center near the Big Lots store;

JFRD – Battalion Chief Clemons, Rescue Division introduced himself and informed the CPAC that JFRD has opened fire stations up for taking blood pressure checks again. JFRD is once again offering the Ride Along program for EMT and Paramedic students. The official groundbreaking for the new Fire Station 65 (new station off Arlington Road) will be held in January 2022.

Chair Messer informed JFRD that there is fire hydrant leaning over. JFRD referred the Chair to JEA. JEA team member Renee Goode was on Zoom and took the information.

One of the CPAC members asked JFRD if they provide monthly statistics on the they calls of service that receive for both fire and EMS calls.

JPL – Jackie Spiritas informed the CPAC about updates at Jacksonville Public Library (JPL):

- JPL is wrapping up Hispanic Heritage Month that has been going on since September 15,2021.
- JPL recognizes October is LGBT History month; Learning Disabilities Awareness month; Bulling and Prevention month among others.
- Friends of the Library will hold a Book Sale on October 13 to the 16 at the Beaches Branch Library, 600 3rd Street, 904-2665. A flyer was emailed to the CPAC in regard to this book sale.
- The Main Library is closed. Visit <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/> and visit Locations and Hours for alternate locations. The Regeneron Treatment Site in the Main Library Conference Center is operational; the entrance into the treatment center is through the entrance on Main Street. If you have questions about Regeneron Treatments, please call 1-850-344-9637.

Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

JEA – Renee Goode provided the following updates:

- Confirmed that she would report the leaning fire hydrant.
- Announced JEA remains prepared for Hurricane Season and Restoration 1-2-3 is still in place.
- Announced Jay Stowe, JEA Managing Director and CEO was just named One of Florida’s Most Influential Leaders.
- JEA offers free Energy and Water Evaluations Audits for your home. Please call 665-6000 to schedule an appointment.

A visitor informed Ms. Goode that one of the pump stations in the Glynlea area is not working properly. Specific location information was provided.

Municipal Code Compliance – Ernest Murphy provided the following updates:

- In the past 30 days, Code Compliance has removed 253 snipe signs.
- In the past 30 days, 1047 inspections were conducted.
- A systematic inspection was completed in the North Beach area last week.

The Jacksonville Assistance and Relief or JAR program was discussed. 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.

If you cannot comply the violations on your property due to a disability or economic hardship, please feel free to visit:

<https://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program>

Ernest Murphy – EMurphy@coj.net or 904-402-5568 or 904-255-7096

Planning and Development Department – Connie Quinto did not have a report but was available for questions.

Connie Quinto – ConnieQ@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long provided the following updates:

- Public Works is still actively addressing drainage issues. If you have a slow flowing or clogged storm sewer, please request assistance to clear the blockage by using the MyJax system either online at <https://myjax.custhelp.com/> or by calling 630-CITY (2489).
- Meridian Waste has been on duty for the past two weeks. So far Public Works has received a lot of positive feedback.
- Curb side recycling collection has been suspended temporarily. Citizens may bring their recyclables to one of 14 locations throughout Jacksonville. There is no cost. Hours for recycling drop-off will be Monday through Saturday from sunrise to sunset.

Steve Long – Slong@coj.net

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

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Chair Will Messer served as Chair for the LUZ Subcommittee - the LUZ subcommittee reviewed five applications and no motions were made.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report

Environment – Lad Hawkins – not present

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Nicole Hamm – not present

TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – John Roberts shared three issues with the CPAC:

- Sheriff Williams attended the October TRUE Commission meeting. Sheriff Williams informed the TRUE Commission members on the various programs and activities that JSO has implemented to reduce crime and to divert children away from crime.
- City Council is considering the tentative agreements that have been reached with the various labor unions and the City of Jacksonville. Mr. Roberts requested an audit to be completed that dates back to 2007 to see how wages have fared since then.

DCPS Sales Surtax Oversight Committee - Delmas “Dedee” Harper – no report, but asked the CPAC members if they had any questions. There were no questions.

Park Safety Committee – Mary Jane Brewer informed the CPAC that their first meeting consisted of Ethics Training and Sunshine Laws Training. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021. If you have any concerns about a park, please share and Ms. Brewer will bring it up at the October meeting.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that Greenscape of Jacksonville and Keep Jacksonville Beautiful will offer a Paper Collection Event and Tree Giveaway on November 13, 2021, 9 am to 1 pm, Lot E located at TIAA Bank Field, 1680 E. Adams Street, Jacksonville Fl, 32202. The CPAC Chair and Vice Chair election will be held at the November 8, 2021, CPAC meeting. Please submit and nominations you would like to make.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Messer stated that the CPAC will discuss how we would like to conduct our December meeting at the at our November 8, 2021, meeting. Would the CPAC like to hold a shorter meeting or would we like to have a short meeting then conclude the evening with a holiday potluck dinner as we have in the past? The CPAC will discuss how they would like to handle the December CPAC meeting at the November meeting.

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Public Comment –

- Lenny Hanapel stated that she appreciated the detailed report that Council Member Morgan provides each month and would like to have a report or update from Council Member Aaron Bowman, City Council District 3.
- Eddi Parsons asked if someone could reach out to Council Member Al Ferraro, City Council District 2 to inquire if he would like to attend a future CPAC meeting.

Motion to Adjourn – meeting ended at 8:18 pm

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on Monday, November 8, 2021 - In person the meeting will be held at Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building, 3450 Monument Road, 32225 at 6:30 pm and the meeting will be available virtually on Zoom.