

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

July 12, 2021, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Michael Corcoran, Kensington 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; Shelia Lithwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Pete Miller, Indian Springs Community Association; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; John Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA

Excused: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Mike Anania, Arlington Business Society; Mary Jane Brewer, Live Oak Manor Neighborhood Association; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Nicole Hamm, Southern Grove; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Will Messer, Chair, Queens Harbor POA

Visitors: Ed Shvila, The Woods; Cindy Miller, Indian Springs Community Association; Macy Waters, UNF; Sarah Saily, UNF; Carol Pearson; Don Tuten

Staff: Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, City Council At-Large- Group 2; Renee Goode, JEA; Lt. David Hall, JSO; Steve Long, Public Works; Julie McNeil, JPL; Ernest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance Division; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Connie Quinto, Planning and Development Department; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Cliff Zukero, Municipal Code Compliance Division.

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Vice Chair Keeley called the July 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 June 2021 GAB CPAC meeting summary was approved.

Presentation(s): Kristen Reed, Chief of Community Planning, Planning and Development Department provided an update on the City of Jacksonville Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan). Florida's Growth Management Act requires all of Florida's counties and municipalities to adopt Local Government Comprehensive Plans that guide future growth and development. The City of Jacksonville 2030 Comprehensive Plan contains chapters or 'elements' that address Capital Improvements, Conservation Coastal Management, Future Land Use, Historic Preservation, Housing, Infrastructure, Intergovernmental Coordination, Public School Facilities, Recreation and Open Space and Transportation.

It was noted that due to recent legislation at the state level, an 11th element will be added to the Comp Plan. Locally this is Ordinance 2021-334 and the ordinance is still pending. Once the ordinance has passed, the City of Jacksonville will be mandated to adopt an 11th element to the Comp Plan. The 11th element will address Private Property Rights. The future element states that *the City will recognize and respect judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected property right in accordance with the*

Community Planning Act established in Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. The new legislation will ensure the City will ensure that Private Property Rights are considered in local decision making; that will include:

- The right of a property owner to physically possess and control his or her interests in the property, including easements, leases, or mineral rights.
- The right of a property owner to use, maintain, develop, and improve his or her property for personal use or for the use of any other person, subject to state law and local ordinances.
- The right of the property owner to privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property.
- The right of a property owner to dispose of his or her property through sale or gift.

This ordinance will be presented to the Land Use and Zoning Committee on July 20, 2021.

Public participation is another key component to the Comp Plan. The Planning and Development Department sends notices to the CPACs that address land amendments and text amendments. Additionally, twice a month, the LUZ Book (CPAC Book) is shared with all the CPACs. There are public hearings for all amendments. To further engage the community, the Planning and Development Department offer Citizens Information Meetings (CIM); public hearings (two for each amendment) to share you input on each amendment; letters that are sent from the CPACs are also taken into consideration.

All of the 2030 Comp Plans are currently undergoing an update which will be reflected in the 2045 Comp Plan. In 2017, the Planning and Development Department (P&DD) conducted a full assessment to determine if the content of the current Comp Plans were still relevant and effective. In 2017, P&DD also reached out to the six CPACs and asked for input major issues and concerns in their areas. In 2018, the CPAC Chairs attended a Local Issues Meeting to explain the concerns for their areas. From this meeting a list of issues/recommendations were compiled and formalized into a report. City Council passed Resolution 2019-255 which acknowledges the report and the recommendations within. These recommendations are being used to update the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. By the end of this year, the Planning and Development Department will have finalized the 2045 Comp Plan and will present the plan to the CPAC as well as offer the opportunity for public comment.

The Transportation Planning Division focuses on long range transportation policy, planning and development activities and is a key participant in coordinating land use and transportation issues related to land development in the City of Jacksonville through elements of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as the City's Mobility Plan. The Division provides interagency coordination with local and regional transportation partners including the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), Jacksonville Airport Authority (JAA), Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA), North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) and Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC).

The Transportation Planning Division also provides service to the Concurrency and Mobility Management System Office (CMMSO) assisting the public with review and recommendations on applications for development. The CMMSO website now includes an informal and non-binding expedited Mobility Fee Calculation tool. By adopting the Mobility Fee system via Ordinance 2011-241-E, the City opted out of the transportation concurrency and fair share assessment contract methodology previously provided in the Comprehensive Plan and replaced it with the new mobility fee system. Ordinance 2011-536 amends the Ordinance Code to reflect the workings of the mobility fee system as

established by the earlier ordinance and the changes made to various elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Kristen Reed – 904-255-7888 or Kreed@coj.net

Elected Officials Report:

Nikki Evans, City Council At-Large Group 2, Executive Council Assistant provided the following updates:

- Standing Committees 2021, Councilmember Salem serves on the Finance Committee as Chair
- Special Assignments 2021, Councilmember Salem serves on City Council Executive Committee; Jacksonville Port Authority as Liaison; Opioid Epidemic, Vaping & Mental Health Resources Special Committee as Chair and Opioid Abuse Prevention Committee as Liaison.
- The Mental Health Offender Pilot Program (MHOP) launched in January of this year has become a huge success and will become a permanent program. The goal of this pilot program is to divert misdemeanor offenders with mental health issues out of the jail and provide them with the correct care that they need. By helping these people become stabilized and active members of our community, we can not only reduce our jail population significantly, but we can also save taxpayer money by combating recidivism. The Sulzbacher Center provides monthly updates to the Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic, Vaping and Mental Health Resources.

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

Staff Reports:

JSO – Lieutenant Hall shared the following updates in Zone 2:

- Crash data looks good and overall crime is down in Zone 2.
- There is a slight increase in aggravated battery; this is usually associated with domestic batteries.
- JSO is conducting a meeting tonight at Townsend Apartments, 3501 Townsend Boulevard to meet with the community about a recent shooting at the apartment complex. It has been determined that this shooting was not random and that everyone involved in the shooting knew each other.
- The daily JSO Officer Meet & Greet in a Park Program has been a big success. The program will end on July 18, 2021 and the remaining schedule is:
 - July 13, 2021 – Gamewell Tot Lot – 6608 Terry Parker Road
 - July 14, 2021 – Parkwood Heights Elementary Park – 1709 Lansdowne
 - July 15, 2021 – Arlington Boat Ramp – 5130 Arlington Road
 - July 16, 2021 – Sunny Acres Park – 2850 Wompi Drive
 - July 17, 2021 – Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens – 1445 Millcoie Road
 - July 18, 2021 – Archie Dickinson Park – 410 Jackson Road

An officer will be available at the above listed parks for the meet and greet from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.

JFRD – Chief Davidson reminded the CPAC that we are in the middle of hurricane season and he encouraged the CPAC to download the JaxReady app. It was stated that construction is underway on

the new Fire Station #63 located at 6538 Gate Parkway and JFRD is still working on plans for the new Fire Station #65 that will be located on Arlington Road.

JPL – Jackie Spiritas informed the CPAC about updates at JPL:

- Jacksonville Public Library will host their annual Summer Reading program from June 1 to July 30, 2021. The program includes limited in-branch activities, many interactive virtual events, challenges, scavenger hunts and more. The program is free and open to everyone. For every 15 days read, youth (ages birth to 17) will earn 1 free book.
- The Jax Kids Book Club is a free early literacy summer reading program for all Duval County Pre-Kindergarteners who are preparing to enter kindergarten in the fall of each year. Jax Kids' Book Club (first formed more than 15 years ago as Mayor Peyton's Book Club) gives rising kindergarteners a set of books of their very own.
- The Free Summer Lunch Program at the Jacksonville Public Library officially kicked off on June 7th. From June 7th through August 6th, all kids up to 18-years-old can get a free meal at 12 participating library branches. At these library locations, no signup or application is necessary and any child 18 or younger can simply come during mealtimes to receive a free and healthy meal. The program is funded by the USDA and coordinated through the Kids Hope Alliance.

Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

JEA – Renee Goode announced JEA is actively working to be prepared for hurricane season. Once the height of the storm passes and weather reports indicate it is safe, JEA immediately enters the restoration phase of our emergency operations. Our “Restoration 1-2-3” process is designed to assess and repair JEA facilities and restore power across the 900-square-mile service territory as quickly and safely as possible.

Phase 1: Public Safety

As soon as weather conditions permit, JEA will begin assessing their facilities, making critical repairs to power plants, transmission lines, substations, and water and sewer facilities. Then restore power to local hospitals, shelters, police and fire stations, and make repairs to the electric grid that will bring the majority of customers back into power as quickly as possible.

Phase 2: Individual Customers

With public safety repairs complete, JEA will announce when Phase 2 will begin. At this time, JEA is ready to accept outage reports from individual customers. Utility crews now begin making repairs by electric “circuits” – repairing an entire circuit of approximately 2,500 homes before moving on to another circuit. Priority is given to making repairs that will restore power to the most customers. To report your outage: Call (904) 665-6000. You can also report your power outage online. If you've already registered for JEA alerts, you can also text “OUT” to MyJEA (69532) to report your outage.

Phase 3: Final Repairs

Phase 3 will target the few remaining isolated outages. If you still don't have power, sometimes, major storms can cause damage to your home that will prevent your power from coming back on even though JEA has made all necessary repairs to your circuit. If everyone else in your neighborhood has power and

you don't, please call (904) 665-6000 so JEA can help you determine the cause of your continued outage.

The new JEA Headquarters, located at 225 Pearl Street will be a seven story office building with a seven story parking garage that can accommodate 630 parking spaces. Construction started in July of 2020 and is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2022.

The septic tank phase out is underway and JEA is looking for additional funds to expand to the next phase of the program.

Renee Goode – goodrr@jea.com

JTA- Cheryl Riddick informed the CPAC that all the JTA administrative staff returned to work in office since March 2020.

JTA invites you to attend a public information open house to review plans to reconstruct the existing San Pablo roadway from a two-lane to a three-lane road, divided urban section from Beach Boulevard to Crystal Cove Drive and from Osprey Point Drive to Atlantic Boulevard.

A video will be available on the JTAFLA website on July 26, 2021 that will focus on the project. You are invited to view it at bit.ly/JMW-SanPabloRd. Everyone was encouraged to submit comments/questions in advance or join the open house any time between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

JTA is expanding its reduced fare program this summer. Eligibility for the Reduced Fare Pilot Program now includes anyone receiving benefits through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Women, Infants and Children (WIC), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), along with those who qualify for Section 8 housing. That is in addition to existing customers who have a qualifying disability, including veterans with disabilities; Social Security Disability (SSD), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicare recipients. Qualified customers can purchase reduced fares through the Token Transit mobile app or through a JTA Reduced Fare STAR Card. The Reduced Fare Pilot Program runs through September 30, 2021, and eligible customers can purchase Reduced Fare passes for an entire year.

Cheryl Riddick – criddick@jtafla.com

Municipal Code Compliance – Ernest Murphy introduced himself as the new Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor. Mr. Murphy provided the following information:

- YTD 1200 snipe signs have been collected and in the last 30 days 338 snipe signs were collected. 951 inspections were completed.
- A systematic inspection will be conducted in the Arlingwood community; a start date has not been determined.
- Year to date 14,440 inspections in the GAB District have been completed.

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

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 stated the Public Works Department was busy working through the holiday in preparation for Elsa. Next Thursday, Mayor Curry will present the budget to City Council. Mr. Long answered a few questions about garbage, recycling and yard waste collections. In addition, Mr. Long heard concerns about drainage issue. If you notice any drainage issues that last longer than a day or two and/or if you have a solid waste collection that was missed for at least two days, please call 630-CITY to report the problem.

Steve Long – Slong@coj.net

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

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Dr. Ramsey Salem served as Chair for the LUZ Subcommittee - the LUZ subcommittee reviewed two applications and made one motion. The motion was:

Denial of AD-21-35 at 1940 Kitty Street to decrease the setback from 20 feet to 7 feet to allow for a carport. The CPAC made the following observations:

- Sets very bad precedence to allow a structure only 7 feet from the property line.
- Diagram of front yard shows 85 – 90% as cement from driveway to structure which is poor aesthetics for a neighborhood front yard.
- The carport structure is tilted at a 45-degree angle to the street which is also not aesthetic.
- Property owner should have been aware of 20 feet setback from property line before any structure was built.

The motion passed unanimously.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report

Environment – Lad Hawkins – no report

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 stated the commission did not meet in July.

DCPS Sales Surtax Oversight Committee - Delmas “Dedee” Harper – no report, the next meeting will be held in September.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski thanked the CPAC members for attending the meeting both in person and on Zoom.

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

Chairs Report – Vice Chair Keely – no report

Old Business - none

New Business – Member Dr. Salem called for an informal straw poll to determine the opinion if the CPAC members on their preference to meet at the PAL building or would they rather return to the Pablo Creek Regional Library since the meeting space has opened back up to the community. Those that were in attendance voted and five voted 5 to stay at PAL and four voted to move back to the Pablo Creek Library. The majority of CPAC members that joined the meeting via Zoom stated they preferred to meet at the library. There was additional conversation with a request to set the room/tables up in a U shape like the room set up at the Pablo Creek Regional Library. Rosemary stated she would inquire if we could set the room up in that manner.

Public Comment – none

Motion to Adjourn – meeting ended at 8:15 pm

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on Monday, August 9, 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.