

## Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

### May 9, 2022, 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; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Nicole Hamm, Southern Grove Condominium; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Delmas “Dedee” Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Harley Herndon, Cypress Cove Good Neighbors; Tim Keeley, Vice Chair, Kensington Association; Will Messer, Chair, Queens Harbor POA; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Nina Pougiouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Assoc.; John Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA;

**Excused:** Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA

**Visitors:** Steven Diebenow, Property Owner; Donnie Oultan, Glynlea Park; Michael Journey; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove; Debi Wagne, Hawkins Cove; Andrew Westhoff, COEA

**Staff:** Council Member Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Captain Cooke, JFRD; Daryl Joseph, Parks, Recreation and Social Services; Steve Long, Public Works; Sharwonda Peek, Duval County Public Schools; Adam Phillips, Municipal Code Compliance; Thomas Register, Municipal Code Compliance; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Raelyn Wiirre, JPL

**Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Messer called the May 2022 GAB CPAC meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary** – The April 2022 GAB CPAC meeting summary was approved.

**Presentation(s): Robert Phillips, Duval County Supervisor of Elections,** provided the following overview:

2022 Primary and General Election dates to remember:

- Election Dates- Primary Election: August 23, 2022; General: November 8, 2022
- Deadline to Register to Vote - Primary Election: July 25, 2022; General Election: October 11, 2022
- Early Voting - Primary Election: August 8, 2022 - August 21, 2022; General Election: October 24, 2022 - November 6, 2022
- Vote-by-Mail Send Dates for Primary and General Elections - Primary Election: Military/Overseas: July 9, 2022; Domestic: July 14, 2022 - July 21, 2022
- General Election - Military/Overseas: September 24, 2022; Domestic: September 29, 2022 - October 6, 2022

- Deadline to Request a Ballot to be Mailed - Primary Election: August 13, 2022; General Election: October 29, 2022

Our local elections for Mayor, Sheriff and City Council members will be held in March and May 2023.

If you need to register to vote, have moved, or need to update your personal information, please visit: <https://www.duvalelections.com/Voter-Information/Register-to-Vote-Update-Address-Name-Party/Voter-Status#status>

While visiting this web address you can also see sample ballots, request a mail ballot, check the status of your mail ballot, confirm your voting location and/or early voting locations.

If you are interested in working as a poll worker, please visit: <https://www.duvalelections.com/Poll-Workers> It was mentioned that they are currently hiring poll workers.

Mr. Phillips informed the CPAC about their new voting assistance terminal, the ExpressVote. The ExpressVote replaces the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal, and it is a paper-based universal voting system designed to assist voters with special needs. All 199 Duval County voting precincts will have one ExpressVote, instead of the previously used AutoMARK. Mr. Phillips brought an ExpressVote machine and provided one on one demonstrations to those interested.

Duval County Supervisor of Elections - (904) 255-VOTE [8683] or [mhogan@coj.net](mailto:mhogan@coj.net)

#### **Elected Officials Report:**

**Joyce Morgan, City Council Member, District 1** – shared the following updates:

- Council Member Morgan thanked our Planner, Erin Abney for her work at Council Member Morgan’s April Town Hall meeting.
- There will be a City Council meeting tomorrow night, May 10, 2022, at 5:00 pm at City Hall in the City Council Chamber.
- The next City Council District 1 Town Hall meeting will be held on May 23, 2022, at the Lions Club, 6523 Commerce St, Jacksonville, FL 32211 at 6:00 pm.
- Norman Studios (6337 Arlington Road) hosted their first SEAM (Sunshine Education Arts Market) event on Saturday, May 7, 2022. This event will be held every other month.
- The Arlington Annual 5K will be held the last weekend in September. Details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event.
- Council Member Morgan is the Vice Chair of the Solid Waste Special Committee which was charged to complete a comprehensive examination of the City's solid waste and recyclables collection system. The committee is currently looking at potential options to our current systems by examining the best practices and new technologies being applied in other jurisdictions that may offer improved operations in Jacksonville.

Joyce Morgan, 904-255-5201 or [joycemorgan@coj.net](mailto:joycemorgan@coj.net)

## Staff Reports:

**Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Division (JFRD) – Captain Dallas Cooke**, stated Hurricane Season is upon us and the CPAC was encouraged to get prepared early. One early preparation that was encouraged was to download the JaxReady app to have the most accurate information regarding upcoming storms, evacuation shelters and evacuation zones.

**Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Raelyn Wiirre** provided the following updates:

- In conjunction with Jacksonville’s Bicentennial, JPL presents a Talk with Emily Lisska on June 11, 2022, 1-2 pm in the Conference Center in the Main Library. Ms. Lisska is the former Executive Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society and the Past-President of the Florida Historical Society. For more events, visit [jax200.org](http://jax200.org)
- Another event connected to the Jacksonville’s Bicentennial, JPL special collections department is collecting personal stories from residents to be a part of the permanent digital collection, this is open to anyone that is interested in participating. To learn more about this opportunity visit: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/blog/be-part-jacksonvilles-story>

Raelyn Wiirre – [rwiiirre@coj.net](mailto:rwiiirre@coj.net)

**Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) – Cheryl Riddick** provided the following updates:

- JTA has hired a consultant, Cantrece Jones to deliver information regarding the JTA Mobilityworks San Pablo Road project.
- Phase 1-A of the Mobilityworks San Pablo Road project started on April 18, 2022. Phase 1-A boundaries begin at Castaway Island to the north and end at Beach Boulevard to the south. The currently being conducted is cleaning and grubbing of the east lane of San Pablo Road.
- Lane closures on San Pablo Road will begin later this week.

There was a request to follow-up on the possible donation of JTA land that adjoins Buck Park. There have been several requests to have the land be turned over to the City of Jacksonville Parks, Recreation and Social Services Department so the land can be developed as part of Buck Park.

Cheryl Riddick- [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)

**Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) – Adam Phillips** reported on behalf of Bradley Clayton, Supervisor provided the following updates:

- Code Compliance completed a systematic inspection in the Southside Estates Community and this inspection generated 638 new cases.
- The next systematic inspection began on May 23, 2022, in the Girvin Road area.
- There were 1787 inspections were completed in the past 30 days and 9333 inspections were completed year to date.

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>

Bradley Clayton – [BClayton@coj.net](mailto:BClayton@coj.net) or 904-255-7038

**Planning and Development Department – Erin Abney** informed the CPAC that LUZ Subcommittee reviewed 3 LUZ applications. Erin Abney will assist Vice Chair Keeley regarding the LUZ applications that were reviewed at the LUZ Subcommittee meeting.

Erin Abney – [Eabney@coj.net](mailto:Eabney@coj.net)

**Parks, Recreation and Social Services – Daryl Joseph** shared information on both parks and programs:

- Gerrie’s Park and Ed Austin Regional Park will receive new playground equipment in the GAB District.
- Summer Camp will begin on June 13, 2022, and end on July 22, 2022. There are summer camp opportunities throughout the city. To learn more about summer camp opportunities visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/parks,-recreation-and-community-services/recreation-and-community-programming/jaxparks-summer-camp>
- Lifeguards are needed. Starting pay for new lifeguards is \$12.00 per hour. To learn more about lifeguard employment opportunities visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/headlines/lifeguard-hiring>
- The Jacksonville Jazz Festival returns May 26 – 29, 2022. For more information about the festival visit: <https://jacksonvillejazzfest.com/>
- At Blue Cypress Park a bid has gone out for the swimming pool, the artificial turf on the fields has been installed and the pickleball courts are open to the public.
- The nine-hole golf course at Blue Cypress Park will be redeveloped as a twelve-hole golf course.
- The restrooms and pool at Terry Parker High School have received some improvements.
- At Hanna Park, a lot of improvements have been made at Dolphin Plaza.

Director Joseph answered a couple of questions about walking trails and park programming.

Daryl Joseph – [Djoseph@coj.net](mailto:Djoseph@coj.net)

**Duval County Public Schools – Sharwonda Peeks** informed the CPAC that kindergarten registration is now open at all elementary schools. Children are eligible to enroll in public school kindergarten if they have attained age 5 on or before September 1 of the current school year. Students that enroll this year in kindergarten will be the class of 2035. To learn more about kindergarten enrollment please visit: <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/5968>

To help close the technology gap for students in need, the district applied for a federal grant known as the Emergency Communications Fund grant. Through this grant, the school district can loan 43,000 laptops and 10,000 hotspots to students. All families in need of assistance with technology are

encouraged to complete an application. This application is online in the parent's FOCUS account. It is called the "Parent Emergency Communications Fund Survey." Applications will continue to be collected until all technology has been handed out.

Charter School and Magnet School enrollments are open and will remain open until all spots are filled.

Sharwonda Peeks – [peeks@duvalschools.org](mailto:peeks@duvalschools.org)

**Public Works – Steve Long** stated in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season and summer rainfalls, the Public Works Department has contracted a company to clear all the drainage/outfall ditches in the city. The last zip code in the GAB District to have their ditches cleared is 32277. At this time, plans are to have every ditch cleaned in the City of Jacksonville every 12 to 18 months.

Chief Long reminded the CPAC of the importance of not putting anything (lawn clippings, garbage, unwanted items) down the storm drains. If you see a storm drain that is blocked and not flowing properly, please call 630-CITY to report.

During a hurricane, the Public Works Department stations crews throughout the city at fire stations. These crews are called ERAT's, or Emergency Roadside Assistance Teams and they are in place to help clear the roads during a hurricane so emergency vehicles can respond to calls during the storm. Post hurricanes, the ERAT's and other contractors work to clear and remove debris from the roadways and the right of ways.

Chief Long answered several questions about storm drains and drainage ditches.

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

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

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Vice Chair Tim Keeley** - the LUZ subcommittee reviewed three applications and presented one recommendation from the LUZ Subcommittee. The recommendation is:

- Deferral of 2022-0298 at 855 St. Johns Bluff Road AD-22-23 to rezone approximately 79.23 +- acres from Public Buildings and Facilities (PBF-3) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to permit the development of a maximum of 250,000 square feet of warehousing uses includes parking for employees and fleet vehicles to service the Jacksonville area as well as loading areas. The deferral was requested so additional information can be obtained about ingress and egress from the location. The motion was made, there was a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Abney introduced Brittany Figueroa as the new GAB CPAC Planner. Ms. Abney will attend the next couple of meetings to transition Ms. Figueroa into the position.

Ms. Abney informed the CPAC that Mr. Steve Diebenow spoke to the LUZ Subcommittee regarding the Old Thunderbird Hotel located at 5865 Arlington Expressway. A formal application has not been submitted to the Planning and Development Department, but Mr. Diebenow shared a written description for a proposed project (multi-family housing) on the property. A brief Q&A session was held.

**Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge** – encouraged the CPAC members to visit <https://www.useful-community-development.org/> for neighborhood improvement projects for their community.

**Environment – Lad Hawkins** – no report

**Membership** – vacant

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**DCPS Sales Surtax Oversight Committee - Delmas “Dedee” Harper** – no report but will have one next month.

**Park Safety Committee – Mary Jane Brewer** – informed the CPAC that the committee did not have an April meeting and she did not have a report.

**North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO)** – vacant

**TRUE Commission- John Roberts** stated the TRUE Commission reviewed the following items:

- There is a piece of legislation pending (Resolution 2022-276) that is encouraging the Mayor to submit the final annual budget proposal for fiscal year 2022-2023 using the anticipated ad valorem revenues based on the estimated rolled-back millage rate.
- The TRUE Commission reviewed the contract for the management group that manages the City of Jacksonville’s entertainment venues. The TRUE Commission recommends they put this contract out to bid to test the market.
- The City Auditor gave a presentation to the TRUE Commission on policy and procedures.

**Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** reminded the CPAC about the 2022 Neighborhood Awards competition. The purpose of the Neighborhood Awards Competition is to recognize neighborhood groups that have emphasized volunteerism, leadership, projects, and events that have been a benefit to their communities. All projects and events should have occurred in 2021. Paper copies of the applications are available for those in attendance and the applications will be emailed to everyone. The deadline to apply is June 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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

**Chairs Report** – Reminded the CPAC members that information has been shared regarding a letter from the Finance and Administration Department, Budget Office. This letter is an invitation to identify one priority capital improvement project for each neighborhood within our CPAC boundaries.

The projects must meet certain criteria, such as: the project must have a total cost greater than \$100,000 and have a lifespan of more than 10 years; must add to, enhance the value of, or extend the life of the City’s physical assets. City’s capital assets include land, buildings, parks, streets, utilities, and other items of value from which the community derives benefit.

Some project examples were provided, and it was confirmed that the funds cannot be used for routine maintenance issues.

A couple of recommendations were made; replace the pier and board walk at Blue Cypress Park and to create a multi-use path/trail system using JEA right-away land. The start of the trail would begin at the St. Johns River (RE#160266-0120 to RE#161135-0000) and continuing east across McCormick Road.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business – none**

**Public Comment** – Visitor Michael Journey informed the CPAC about the First Responders Appreciation Day that will be held on June 11, 2022, at Holiday Hill Baptist Church, 730 Mandalay Road, 32216. This is a family friendly event (music, games, petting zoo) and open to the public.

Another project that Mr. Journey is working on is with Duval County Public Schools in effort to update their drug education curriculum.

**Motion to Adjourn** – there was a motion and a second; the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on Monday, June 13, 2022 - 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.