

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 13, 2022, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Mary Jane Brewer, Live Oak Manor Neighborhood Association; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Michael Corcoran, Kensington HOA; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Nicole Hamm, Southern Grove Condominium; Delmas “Dedee” Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Tim Keeley, Vice Chair, Kensington Association; Sheila Lithwiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Will Messer, Chair, Queens Harbor POA; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Nina Pougliouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Assoc.; John Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.

Excused: Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA

Visitors: Fred Atwill, Jax Parag; Donnie Oultan, Glynlea Park; Michael Journey; Anne Waldron, COEA; Marilyn Garis; Leanna Pearce, Duval County Environment; Tricia Kapustka, Jax Chamber Arlington; Alexandria Spry, JXCE; Kimberly Vicente, JXCE

Staff: Chester Aikens, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 1; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Jared Chemay, Municipal Code Compliance; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Brittany Figueroa, Planning and Development Department; Steve Long, Public Works; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Raelyn Wiirre, JPL

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Messer called the June 2022 GAB CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

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

Presentation(s): Susan Pittman, Founder, Project & Strategy Director, Drug Free Duval and Hannah Schaper, Community Education & Training Director, Drug Free Duval, provided the following Opioid Overdose & Narcan Administration overview:

- Explained the difference between opioids and opiates; how they are obtained and how they are consumed.
- An overview/timeline of the onset of the opioid epidemic since 1999 was provided.
- Over 40% of the illicit counterfeit pill market is laced with fentanyl and methamphetamine, resulting in 94% increase in 2020 of overdose deaths for youths 14- to 18-year-old.
- The 911 Good Samaritan Act encourages anyone to call for help during a life- threatening overdose situation. In 2019 the 911 Good Samaritan Act was expanded and protects the person who calls 911 and the overdose victim from being charged, prosecuted or penalized for possession of controlled substances if found as a result of seeking emergency medical care.

- Signs of an opioid overdose include: pinpoint pupils; lack of consciousness; possibly unresponsive; breathing that is slow, shallow, erratic, or has stopped; pulse is slow, erratic, or has stopped; skin color is abnormal; choking sounds or snore like gurgling sounds; vomiting and their body may be very limp.
- What to do: call 911 immediately; administer Narcan/Naloxone and place them in the Recovery position (on their side).

For additional information, please contact Hanna Schaper: Hannah@dfdjax.org or Susan Pitman: Susan@dfdjax.org

Elected Officials Report:

Chet Aikens, Executive Council Assistant, District 1 – shared the following updates:

- The 2022/2023 City Council President is Terrance Freeman and City Council Vice President is Ron Salem.
- There will be a City Council meeting tomorrow night, June 12, 2022, at 5:00 pm at City Hall in the City Council Chambers.
- The next City Council District 1 Town Hall meeting will be held on June 27, 2022, at the Christ the King Catholic Church, 742 Arlington Road N., Jacksonville, FL 32211 at 6:00 pm.
- 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 finalizing their recommendations.

Joyce Morgan, 904-255-5201 or joycemorgan@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO- stated in the past 30 days, overall crime is down in all sectors in Zone Two. JSO is working on the citywide problem of illegal street racing. It was announced that the Zone Two Summer Park Initiative will return this year. This is an opportunity to meet and greet police officers that work in Zone Two to discuss any concerns you may have in an area park starting during the hours of 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. A copy of the park schedule will be shared with Rosemary to distribute to the CPAC.

FDOT – Derek Dixon shared the following updates:

- Resurfacing of the Southside Connector will be completed by the end of June 2022.
- Resurfacing of the Wonderwood Expressway began on June 6, 2022.
- Resurfacing of the Arlington Expressway will begin soon.
- The Mathews Bridge will be repainted after some steel on the bridge is repaired. This project will begin in late June 2022.

Derek Dixon – deker.dixon@dot.state.fl.us

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

- On June 1, 2022, JPL kicked off their summer reading program. All library branches will offer a summer reading program as well as other fun activities for kids and adults alike. Handouts on the programs were available at the sign-in table.
- The Summer Lunch Program provides free meals to children 18 years of age and younger. This program is funded by the US Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Visit <https://jaxpubliclibrary.libnet.info/event/6848701> to learn more about the program.

Raelyn Wiirre – rwuirre@coj.net

Neighborhoods Department – Chiquita Moore, Operations Director provided the following updates:

- The Mortgage Relief Programs still has funds available, visit <https://www.coj.net/welcome/news/federal-funds-for-mortgage-relief-program-still-av> for more information.
- The Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance Program is currently on hold as staff process the backlog of applications.
- Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) shelter is over capacity. If you are interested in fostering or adopting a new furry family member please visit <https://www.coj.net/departments/environmental-and-compliance/animal-care---protective-services.aspx>
- 630-City is available to register concerns or issues in your community.

Chiquita Moore – ChiquitaM@coj.net

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

- Code Compliance completed a systematic inspection in the Sandalwood Community and this inspection generated 400 new cases.
- There were 1801 inspections were completed in the past 30 days.

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 or 904-255-7038

Planning and Development Department – Brittany Figueroa – no report

Brittany Figueroa – BFigueroa@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long stated:

- 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
- Any drainage problems that you may be experiencing, please call 630-CITY to report.
- Public Works is hiring, please check the www.coj.net for a complete listing.
- Chief Long answered several questions about storm drains and drainage ditches.

Steve Long – 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, no motions or actions were made.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – stated as hurricane season approaches, please address any unhealthy or dying trees on your property.

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 they committee met briefly on May 23, 2022. The new quarterly Inspection Report was not available. The committee did discuss a fight that occurred in a park on Mother’s Day and another fight that occurred on Memorial Day at a different park. The next committee meeting will be held on June 27, 2022.

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – vacant

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

- JEA has a \$161 million dollar deficit due to the increase of oil prices.
- 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.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC that all city offices will be closed on Monday, June 20, 2022, in observation of Juneteenth. The deadline to submit a CommUniverCity application is June 29, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

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

Chairs Report – Reviewed the project recommendations that were submitted for the GAB CPAC CIP Project Recommendations that are due on Friday, June 17, 2022. Chair Messer introduced new CPAC members Scott Cowitt (Primary) and Debra Wagner (Alternate) representing Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.

Old Business - none

New Business – Scott Cowitt volunteered to serve as the NFTPO Liaison on the North Florida TPO Citizens Advisory Committee. A motion was made to nominate Mr. Cowitt as the GAB CPAC liaison on NFTPO, there was a second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment –

- Visitor Trish Kapsutka informed the CPAC about the upcoming Celebrate Arlington event. This event will be held September 24 – October 2, 2022. Handouts were available; to learn more, visit: www.CelebrateArlington.org
- Visitor Dr. Anne Waldrup informed the group about the Council on Elder Affairs (COEA) which serves as an advocate for the elderly. To learn more about COEA and their upcoming meetings/events, visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/boards-and-commissions/council-on-elder-affairs>

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, July 11, 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.