

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

July 11, 2022, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: 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.; 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; Michael Journey, City Council District 4; 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.; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.

Excused: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA

Visitors: Anne Waldron, COEA; Leanna Pearce, Duval County Environment; Sonya

Staff: Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, City Council At-Large Group 2; James Carroll, Public Works; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Brittany Figueroa, Planning and Development Department; Renee Goode Manna, JEA; Steve Long, Public Works; Adam Phillips, Municipal Code Compliance; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Raelyn Wiirre, JPL

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Messer called the July 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 June 2022 GAB CPAC meeting summary was approved.

Presentation(s): No Presentation

Elected Officials Report:

Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, At-Large Group 2 – shared the following updates:

- The 2022/2023 City Council President is Terrance Freeman and City Council Vice President is Ron Salem.
- The Jacksonville Beach Pier reopened on July 6, 2022. The new pier was built 12 feet higher and designed to withstand stronger hurricanes.

Ron Salem, 904-255-5216 or rsalem@coj.net

Staff Reports:

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.
- The Big Bag Book Sale will be held at the University Park Branch Library, 3435 University Boulevard N., 32277. The sale will begin on July 14, 2022, and end on July 16, 2022.

Raelyn Wiirre – rwiiirre@coj.net

JEA – Renee Goode Manna informed the CPAC about a nationwide supply chain shortage for electrical transformers and electrical wire (power lines). Electric companies across the United States are faced with this problem. If Jacksonville receives a major storm, the supply chain shortage could create challenges in restoring our power. In preparation of hurricane season and as a temporary fix, JEA is having transformers rebuilt for future use or until new transformers can be purchased. Additionally, JEA is working on inter-governmental agreements to share electrical components if needed.

A national committee was formed to address this challenge. JEA's CEO is serving as Chair on this national committee.

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

- Code Compliance working on a systematic inspection in the Sandalwood Community and this inspection generated 400 new cases.
- There were 1656 inspections were completed in the past 30 days and 12,760 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 or 904-255-7038

Planning and Development Department – Brittany Figueroa – no report

Brittany Figueroa – BFigueroa@coj.net

Public Works – Steve Long provided the following updates:

- Steve Long will now serve as the Operations Director for the Public Works Department.
- Operations Director Long introduced Mr. James Carroll as the new Chief of Right of Way and Storm Water Maintenance. Mr. Carroll will attend the GAB CPAC on behalf of Mr. Long occasionally.
- Any drainage problems that you may be experiencing, please call 630-CITY to report.
- It was announced that Public Works is also experiencing problems with supply chain issues and the drastic price increase of construction materials. There are several Public Works projects that are scheduled to be completed but have been delayed due to the availability of materials.
- One bit of good news, the supply chain issues have caused an increase in demand of recycling. All recyclable materials have gone up in value except glass.
- Operations Director Long answered several questions about storm drains, drainage ditches and the repair of a damaged storm drain near Matthew Unger Drive.

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 two applications, no motions or actions were made.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – stated the University of Florida’s New Leaf newsletter that was circulated to the CPAC members mentioned there will be a Master Gardening program starting soon. If you are interested in learning more about gardening, please contact the Duval County Extension Office for additional details on their classes and gardening programs.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – no report

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

DCPS Sales Surtax Oversight Committee - Delmas “Dedee” Harper – provided the following updates from the June 22, 2022 committee meeting:

- A financial report/update was provided.
- Concerns were discussed regarding the roles and responsibilities of the committee. DCPS General Council attended a meeting at the state level and it was determined that there will be some changes within the committee, but the changes have not been identified yet.
- The committee received presentations from two charter schools. The committee learned how the charter schools were going to handle the funding they have received and what their vision is for their schools.
- DCPS is completely on schedule with their 15 year plan.

- Three prototype schools will be built; the elementary school is under way, there will also be a middle school and high school constructed.
- To date, DCPS has 59 projects in the design phase, 34 under construction, 127 schools will be updated to provide more security and safety measures. In 2022, updates/repairs/construction on 42 schools will be completed.
- To date, the sales surtax has provided \$121 million to DCPS and \$18 million has gone to Charter Schools.
- The next DCPS Sales Surtax Oversight Committee meeting will be held in September.

Park Safety Committee – Mary Jane Brewer – informed the CPAC that the June 2022 committee meeting was cancelled. Ms. Brewer reminded the CPAC members at the June 2022, GAB CPAC meeting a concern was raised about the condition of Brookview Elementary Park located at 10450 Teresa Drive. Ms. Brewer visited the park and found it in disrepair and noted numerous safety issues. This will be brought to the attention of the Park Safety Committee. If anyone has any park safety issues, please send them to Rosemary so she can share them with Ms. Brewer.

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt informed the CPAC that NFTPO is processing his appointment onto the NFTPO CAC and he will have a report next month.

Mr. Cowitt informed the CPAC that there will be lane closures on the Wonderwood Expressway due to a resurfacing project. The Wonderwood Expressway project will take 2 years to completed and will be completed in five phases.

TRUE Commission- John Roberts – not present

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that CommUniverCity, Training Neighborhood Leaders program will begin on July 11, 2022 in the Ed Ball Building. Rosemary also inquired if there were a presenters or topics the CPAC would like to have presented at future meetings.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Messer introduced new CPAC member Michael Journey. Mr. Journey will represent Council Member Carrico, Council District 4. Mr. Journey shared the following updates from Council Member Carrico:

- Councilmember Carrico serves on the City Council Land Use and Zoning Committee and the Finance Committee.
- There is a drainage improvement project underway on Beach Boulevard, just south of Pottsburg Creek.
- Work is underway at the new fire station off Arlington Road.
- There is a proposal in place to replace the Beach Boulevard boat ramp.
- The Ivey Road Parks should be completed in the next couple of months.
- The new Southside Senior is scheduled to open to the public on September 1, 2022.

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Public Comment – Member Lad Hawkins inquired how will Florida Statue 559.955 impact HOA’s and their covenants and by-laws?

Planner Brittany Figueroa stated that this is a legal question for an attorney.

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, August 8, 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.