

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

September 12, 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.; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Delmas “Dedee” Harper, POISE, Inc.; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Nicole Hamm, Southern Grove Condominium; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; 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; Leanna Pearce, Duval Democratic Environmental Caucus; 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: Michael Journey, City Council District 4

Visitors: Anne Waldron, COEA; Mary Clare

Staff: Chester Aikens, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 1; Assistant Chief Alicea, JSO; James Carroll, Public Works; Jared Chemay, Municipal Code Compliance; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Nicole Evans, Executive Council Assistant, At-Large Group 2; Brittany Figueroa, Planning and Development Department; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods Department; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Raelyn Wiirre, JPL

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Presentation(s): Kaysie Cox, Brittany Figueroa and Arimus Wells, Planning and Development Department reviewed the Citizen’s Guide to Zoning; a hardcopy was provided to all in attendance and a copy was emailed to the CPAC members. The Planners reviewed the function of the Current Planning Division and provided an overview of the application criteria for conventional rezoning.

Elected Officials Report:

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

- The next City Council meeting will be held on September 13, 2022, at 5:00 pm in City Council Chambers, everyone is invited to join the meeting.
- Council Member Morgan will host her September Town Hall Meeting at the University Park Branch Library on September 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

- Celebrate Arlington will be held September 24, 2022, to October 2, 2022. A wide variety of activities will be offered. An event handout was provided in-person and a copy emailed to all.

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

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

- Stated the City Council Finance Committee has completed their line-by-line review of the City of Jacksonville 2022/23 budget.
- Council Vice President Salem has partnered with Northeast Florida Healthy Coalition and has allotted his city council funds to the coalition to purchase a bus to serve as a mobile pantry. This mobile pantry will provide diapers, formula, pregnancy tests and materials to the community.
- Ms. Evans announced she will be out on maternity leave starting December 2022 through February 2023.

Ron Salem – 904-255-5216 or RSalem@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO- Assistant Chief Alicea provided the following updates:

- For the last 30 days, violent crime is down 7.69% and property crime is down 16.16%
- Year to date violent crime is down 9.09% and property crime is up 14%
- Retail crime remains a problem in the district. This is mostly due to shoplifting.
- Auto burglaries remains a problem. It is documented that 95% of the vehicles involved in auto burglaries are left unlocked.

Substation 2 – 904-630-8166 or JSOZone2@jaxsheriff.org

FDOT – Derek Dixon- provided information on the following FDOT projects:

- On Atlantic Boulevard near the Sutton Lakes community, a median modification project will take place. FDOT will hold a hybrid public hearing regarding the scope of the project on Thursday, November 3, 2022, 4 to 6 pm.
- The Wonderwood Connector (S.R. 116) will be resurfaced. This is a two-year project and should be completed in the summer of 2024.
- Mayport Road; between Atlantic Boulevard and the Wonderwood Connector, is currently in the middle of a safety improvement project. This project is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2022.
- In June 2022, a paint and repair project started on the Mathews Bridge. The paint and repair project is expected to be completed by Spring 2023.
- The Arlington Expressway will be resurfaced. The resurfacing project will include the service roads and the on/off ramps starting in 2023. There will be additional improvements that include upgraded lighting, upgraded signage, plus gutter and curb repairs.
- The intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Third Street will receive new lighting structure, sidewalk improvements and paving of roadway markings.
- At the Bay Street and 15th Avenue North intersection expect a lane shift on the northbound lanes for the next several weeks.

- The new diverging diamond interchange at San Pablo Road and J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 202) is nearing completion.
Derek Dixon – derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us

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

- September is National Library Sign-Up Month; swing by a local library and get a library card if you do not have one.
- An upcoming Lit Chat Interview with #1 New York Times bestselling author Elizabeth Gilbert, on Friday, September 23, from 6:30-7:45pm at the Main Library’s Hicks Auditorium and online via Zoom. Gilbert is the author of books including Eat Pray Love, City of Girls, and Big Magic. Gilbert will be in conversation with local author and journalist Nikesha Elise Williams. Preregistration is required.
- There is an upcoming writer's lab titled Big Magic Creativity and Courage. This workshop will be conducted by bestselling author Elizabeth Gilbert on Saturday, September 24: 10:00am - 1:00pm at the Main Library - Multipurpose Room 1, 2 and 3. Preregistration is required.

Raelyn Wiirre – rwiirre@coj.net

Neighborhoods – Chiquita Moore, Operations Director shared the following information:

- Federal funds for the Mortgage Relief program still has funds; visit <https://www.coj.net/welcome/news/federal-funds-for-mortgage-relief-program-still-av> for more details.
- Remember to call 630-CITY or use the MyJax system to report any concerns or issues. By using this system, you will receive updates and you can monitor the progress.
- The Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) is in critical need of volunteers to help walk the dogs. The animal shelter is at 120% capacity; adoptions are available.

Chiquita Moore – Cmoore@coj.net

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

- There were 1814 inspections were completed in the past 30 days and 15,518 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>

- Florida Senate Bill 60 prohibits code inspectors from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints. The tickets will be closed if they are submitted anonymously.

Bradley Clayton – BClayton@coj.net or 904-255-7038

Planning and Development Department – Brittany Figueroa – no report

Brittany Figueroa – BFigueroa@coj.net

Public Works – James Carroll provided the following project updates:

- Thanked Operations Director Moore for reminding everyone to enter their concerns and requests into the MyJax system.
- Public Works is waiting for the budget to be approved before they can announce any new projects.
- The Public Works Director, John Pappas has retired after 37 years. Steve Long will serve as the Interim Director of Public Works.

James Carroll – Jcarroll@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 application and no actions or motions were made.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report

Environment – Lad Hawkins – no report

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

DCPS Sales Surtax Oversight Committee - Delmas “Dedee” Harper – the next quarterly meeting will be held on September 21, 2022.

Park Safety Council – Mary Jane Brewer – informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Council held a work session on August 15, 2022. The council is having difficulty understanding the formatting of inspection reports. The Park Safety Council members are working to determine the challenges, seriousness of the various park issues/violations and how these violations are being corrected. The next meeting will be held on October 11th, 2022.

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt informed the CPAC that he attended NFTPO September meeting and he is officially a member now. At the meeting, NFTPO members reviewed and approved funding for a variety of project on a five-year plan. None of the proposed is projects discussed at the NFTPO meeting are in the GAB district.

TRUE Commission- John Roberts – long time TRUE Commission Liaison recently passed away.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski provided the following updates:

- Everyone was reminded about the upcoming Neighborhood Awards Program that will be held at the Mary Singleton Center on October 20, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
- Stated the GAB CPAC needs to form a Nomination Subcommittee for the November election of CPAC Chair and Vice Chair. A minimum of three volunteers are needed to form a subcommittee. Please contact Rosemary if you are interested in this temporary subcommittee.
- On behalf of CPAC Member Barbara Roberts, Rosemary announced that CPAC Member John Roberts has passed away.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Messer informed the CPAC that as a CPAC we will need to replace John Roberts on the TRUE Commission and on the Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee. Chair Messer introduced and welcomed new member Leanna Pearce, Duval Democratic Environmental Caucus to the CPAC.

Old Business - none

New Business – Chair Messer announced that GAB CPAC member Nicole Hamm is now the Executive Director for the Blue Zone Project. Ms. Hamm provided an overview of the organization.

Public Comment – None

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, October 10, 2022 - the meeting will be held in-person at Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building, 3450 Monument Road, 32225 at 6:30 pm and the meeting will be available virtually on Zoom.