

## **Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**

### **October 10, 2022, Meeting Summary**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

**CPAC Members:** Bob Barletta, Charter Point Community Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Mary Jane Brewer, Live Oak Manor Neighborhood Association; 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; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Tim Keeley, Vice Chair, Kensington Association; Will Messer, Chair, Queens Harbor POA; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Leanna Pearce, Duval Democratic Environmental Caucus; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.

**Excused:** Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Michael Journey, City Council District 4; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization

**Visitors:** Anne Waldron, COEA

**Staff:** The Honorable Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1; Chester Aikens, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 1; Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Brittany Figueroa, Planning and Development Department; Steve Long, Public Works; Jamar Smith, JFRD; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Raelyn Wiirre, JPL

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

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence** was held in honor of the loss of longtime CPAC member John Roberts. Mr. Roberts passed away on September 9, 2022.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary** – The September 2022 GAB CPAC meeting summary was approved with one modification to the status of John Robert’s attendance on the TRUE report to reflect that he passed away.

#### **Presentation(s): No Presentation**

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

**Joyce Morgan, City Council District 1** shared the following information:

- The next City Council meeting will be held on October 11, 2022, at 5:00 pm in City Council Chambers, everyone is invited to join the meeting.
- Council Member Morgan will host her October Town Hall Meeting at Destination Church on October 24, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

- Lakeview Christian Fellowship Church located at 8300 Merrill Road has sold the church and land to developers. Developers have filed an LUZ application (2022-713) requesting a zoning change from PBF2 to RMDA-PUD. The Renew Arlington CRA Board will review this application on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 3:00 pm. Council Member Morgan will provide more information on this proposed project at the next CPAC meeting.

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

### **Staff Reports:**

#### **JSO- Assistant Chief Alicea – not present**

Substation 2 – 904-630-8166 or [JSOZone2@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSOZone2@jaxsheriff.org)

#### **JFRD – Lieutenant Jamar Smith** reminded the CPAC that:

- We still have weeks to go in hurricane season. Everyone was encouraged to download the JAXReady app to get up-to-date hurricane information.
- JFRD has 30 to 40 team members working in Southwest Florida to assist with Hurricane Ian relief efforts.
- Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector.

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

- On October 22, 2022, 12:00 – 5:00 pm Duval Comic and Zine Fest will take place at the Main Library. Over 50 zines artists will be there as well as a risograph press. Award winner cartoonist and illustrator, Jim Rugg, will be there at 3:30 pm to lead an exploration of zines and comics. Visit: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/blog/meet-dozens-self-published-zine-and-comic-makers-library> for complete details.

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

#### **JEA – Shay Hill** provided the following updates from Hurricane Ian:

- Jay Stowe, JEA, CEO is part of the command structure of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and worked with all local agencies through Hurricane Ian.
- JEA had arranged mutual aid from three states which would have added an additional 300 linemen to assist our team of 200 JEA linemen if Hurricane Ian would have significantly damaged our area.
- Five ERACT Teams (these teams de-energize fallen power lines) worked through Hurricane Ian to clear the roads so vehicles can move safely.
- Locally, at the height of Hurricane Ian, 21,000 JEA customers lost power. It was announced that none of the JEA sanitary sewers overflowed into the St. Johns River or any local tributaries.
- In preparation of Hurricane Ian, JEA shut down a water plant at the beach. JEA then shifted the beaches water supply to a different water grid system to provide water to the beaches communities and to protect the water plant facilities. No problems were reported.

Shay Hill – [Hillcs2@JEA.com](mailto:Hillcs2@JEA.com)

**Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) – Devron Cody** introduced himself as the new Supervisor for the Greater Arlington Beaches District (Zone 2) and provided the following updates:

- In Zone 2, there were 1,336 inspections were completed in the past 30 days and 16,741 inspections were completed year to date.
- This month the East Arlington neighborhood is scheduled to receive a systematic inspection.
- 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.

Devron Cody – [Dcody@coj.net](mailto:Dcody@coj.net)

**Planning and Development Department – Brittany Figueroa** – no report

Brittany Figueroa – [BFigueroa@coj.net](mailto:BFigueroa@coj.net)

**Public Works – Steve Long** provided the following project updates:

- Mr. Long is currently the Interim Director of Public Works Department.
- Team members from the Public Works Department work with JEA as part of their ERACT Team. ERACT stands for Emergency Reaction Team. The role that the Public Works Department team members have is to cut and remove the poles and trees from the road once JEA de-energizes the power lines that are attached to the poles or brought down by tree.
- Hurricane Ian brought down 75 trees throughout Jacksonville and the ERACT Team had them removed quickly. Due to the low number of trees Hurricane Ian brought down all the debris was removed from the side of the road by Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

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 several LUZ applications and decided to act on one application. The motion is:

Denial of AD-22-71 at 1611 Mayfair Road, the request to reduce parking from 22 spaces to 9 spaces and to reduce the required landscape buffer from 10 feet to 0 feet. The concerns include:

- The reduced parking area is inappropriate for a health care facility. The facility must provide enough on-site parking for patients as well as health care workers. The location abuts a residential area, any overflow parking could impact the surrounding neighborhood.
- The reduction in landscape buffer request is counterproductive and sets a precedence to not follow the requirements established by local code for landscape buffering. The business needs to be cognizant of the adjacent neighborhood.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge** – reminded everyone to take a good look at the landscaping around their house. Everyone was encouraged to remove and dead or spent blooms or leaves from their residential landscaping.

**Environment – Lad Hawkins** – reminded the CPAC that ample funds are still in the Tree Commission and the Tree Planting Program. The Tree Planting program allows the City to plant trees within publicly maintained street rights-of-way in Duval County at the property owner requests. The procedure for this program is the property owner requests the tree installation through the MyJax system/app or by calling 630-CITY. Each homeowner can have one or two trees planted within the publicly maintained street right-of-way adjacent to their property. The request will then be reviewed, and the site will be evaluated by an arborist.

**Membership** – vacant

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**DCPS Sales Surtax Oversight Committee - Delmas “Dedee” Harper** – the next quarterly meeting will be held on November 16, 2022.

**Park Safety Council – Mary Jane Brewer** – informed the CPAC that the Park Safety Council September meeting was cancelled. The upcoming October meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2022.

**North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO)** – Scott Cowitt informed the CPAC that nothing was discussed at the October meeting that would impact our district.

**TRUE Commission**- vacant

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

- The upcoming Neighborhood Awards Program will be held at the Mary Singleton Center on October 20, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend, and invitations were distributed.
- The GAB CPAC Nomination Subcommittee formed, and the subcommittee will hold a hybrid meeting on October 25, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The in-person meeting will be held at the Regency Square Branch Library and virtually on Zoom. The meeting information will be sent to out electronically to everyone.

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

**Chairs Report** – Chair Messer inquired if the CPAC members had a topic or a guest speaker they would like to have present at a future meeting? There was a request to have a presentation from Military and Veterans Affairs.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** – none

**Public Comment** – Member Leanna Pearce, announced the Duval Democratic Environmental Caucus will host a clean-up event on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The clean-up event will kick off at 9:00 am from 1820 Monument Road.

**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, November 14, 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.