

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

May 13, 2024, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Marion Anglin, Charter Point Community Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Delmas “Dedee” Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Alexander Hoffman, Ashley Green HOA; Tim Keeley, Chair, Kensington Association; Sheila Litwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Joe Mantione, The Woods Community; Donnie Oulton, Glynlea Park Neighborhood Association; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Nina Pougliouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.;

Excused: Robert Beckham, Pelican Bay HOA; Michael Corcoran, Kensington HOA

Visitors: Arnita Baskin; Diana Richardson, Mayport; Lori and Ryan Hart, Waterleaf; Sandra Smith, Arlington; Al Smith, Arlington; Alex Santos, Waterleaf

Staff: Scott Adams, JPL; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Fred Berley, Military Affairs and Veterans Department; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development; Paul Davis, Planning and Development; Lieutenant Terrell, JSO; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Keeley called the May 2024 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 – Approval of the April 2024 meeting summary was completed.

Presentation(s): **David Dunkley Jr., Environmental Administrator, Jacksonville Aviation Authority and David Martin, ISA Certified Arborist, Sanford Tree Service** informed the CPAC about the upcoming tree removal at Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport (JAXEX).

Mr. Dunkley informed the CPAC that the removal of trees is necessary to stay in compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) tree height regulations. Every airport is required to maintain and prioritize clear approach and departure surfaces and to ensure there is a clear flight path during these critical phases of flight. It has been identified that on the JAXEX property (at the corner of St. Johns Bluff Road N and Monument Road) there are 32 trees that have exceeded FAA tree height regulations.

Mr. Martin from Sanford Tree Service introduced himself and explained the process Sanford Tree Service plans to use to bring the trees into compliance. All the tree height reduction work will be completed Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and will be in compliance with the City of Jacksonville traffic and noise ordinances. Height reduction techniques and the use of the tree material as forestry mulch was discussed. It was stated that there will still be a 50-foot tree buffer in the area where the tree height reduction will occur.

There were numerous questions answered and a discussion was held on the techniques that will be used to address the tree heights.

Elected Officials Report: None

Staff Reports:

JSO – Lieutenant Terrell presented the following JSO report for District 2:

- In the past 30 days:
 - There were 243 incidents of crimes against persons, which is down 1 incident from the prior 30 days.
 - There were 421 incidents of property crimes, which is up 14 incidents from the prior 30 days.
 - There were 406 incidents of crimes against property, which was down 22 incidents from the prior 30 days.
- The crime statistics were broken down by the various JSO subsectors in the GAB District.
- There were 25 auto thefts in the past 30 days. Kias and Hyundais are still the targeted vehicles. If you own a Kia or a Hyundai, please take the car to the dealer for a software update.
- There was a discussion about homeless camps in various locations throughout the GAB District. Please contact JSO and report any suspected homeless camps.
- Everyone was reminded to participate in the 9:00 pm routine; remove all valuables from vehicles and lock your car every night at 9:00 pm.

Assistant Chief Alicea – 904-630-8166

JFRD – Lieutenant Jarmar Smith shared the following recommendations:

- JFRD can install a new smoke detector or change the batteries in an existing smoke detector by calling 630-CITY to submit your request.
- JFRD is actively working on hurricane season preparations.
- This past weekend, JFRD attended the first annual JAXReady Fest. The festival was held at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water Street.

Lieutenant Smith – JarmarS@coj.net

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Scott Adams provided the following information:

- On May 16, 2024, there will be an informative program on the Jacksonville Small and Emerging Business Program at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
- On June 1, 2024, Friends of the Mandarin Library will hold a book sale at the South Mandarin Library from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- On June 5, 2024, most of the libraries will hold parties to celebrate and kick off all the summer activities and events that JPL will offer.

Scott Adams – Sadams@coj.net

Military Affairs and Veterans – Fred

- Food Farmacy will be held on April 25, 2024, at 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, FL. This event occurs on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. For Active-Duty Military families with Military ID.

- The annual Military Spouses Night Out will be held on June 20, 2024, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. This is open to U.S. and allied military spouses of active-duty, reserve, guard, and retired service members. A valid Military ID is required. Registration is required; this is a free event.
- The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at 8:30 am at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, 1145 E. Adams Street, 32202 (adjacent to TIAA Bank Field).

Fred Berley – FBerley@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) – Robert Bautochka shared the following updates:

- In the past 30 days, 966 inspections were completed, and 177 snipe/litter signs were removed.
- A proactive inspection was conducted on Fort Caroline Road (began at University Boulevard North and ended at Townsend Boulevard) and 19 new cases were generated.
- It was stated MCCD has limited ability enforcing commercial vehicles violations. The types of commercial vehicles that MCCD can enforce in residential areas include semi-trucks, flatbed trucks, box trucks, and dump trucks to name a few. Pickup trucks and vans (with signage on them) are not considered commercial vehicles or a violation to parking in a residential area.
- 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.

Robert Bautochka – RBautochka@coj.net

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Daniel Piastuck reported:

- Arlingwood Park, will have a new playground installed, completion Fall 2024
- Blue Cypress Community Center is under renovation and construction on a new pool at Blue Cypress Park is underway.
- New playground equipment will be installed by late summer of 2024 at Brookview Park.
- Helen Cooper Floyd Park (3600 Florida A1A) pier has been completed, the path to the pier will be opened soon.
- The Fort Caroline pool is under renovation and should be completed by Memorial Day.
- Summer camps will be offered again this year. Visit <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks,-recreation-and-community-services/recreation-and-community-programming/jaxparks-summer-camp> for more information and to register.
- For a complete list of COJ pool locations and hours, please visit: <https://www.jacksonville.gov/jaxparksaquatics>

Daniel Piastuck – Dpiastuck@coj.net

Planning and Development Department – Connor Corrigan – no report

Connor Corrigan – Ccorrigan@coj.net or 904-255-7844

Subcommittee Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Lad Hawkins lead the LUZ Subcommittee meeting on behalf of Michael Corcoran. The LUZ Subcommittee reviewed four applications; no motions or actions were taken.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report

Environment – Lad Hawkins – no report

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – **Scott Cowitt** stated they are working to complete the 5-year plan.

Park Safety Council - vacant

TRUE Commission- Mr. Hoffman stated that he is still in the appointment phase, he has spoken to all the City Council members that serve on the Rules Committee and his appointment will be finalized on May 20, 2024.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC that the Neighborhood Awards Ceremony will be held on November 7, 2024, but the deadline to apply is May 23, 2024. Copies of the application and handouts about the award program are available on the sign in table.

CommUniverCity graduates Diana Richardson and Sandra Smith were presented with their CommUniverCity Certificates of Completion and a graduation gift bag.

The CPAC members were reminded there will not be a presenter at the June meeting to allow time for the CPAC members to gather for dinner and fellowship at Matt's Italian Cuisine, 2771 Monument Road: please RSVP with Rosemary.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Keeley read a letter that he received from the North CPAC pertaining to having CPAC letters read into City Council meeting minutes. There was some discussion about the letter and a motion and a second were made to write a letter to address this concern.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Public Comment – Member Donnie Oulton shared with the CPAC that he attended a JTA public meeting regarding the autonomous vehicles that JTA will roll out soon. Mr. Oulton stated the vehicles and the proposed plan seem to be a good tool to enhance transportation in and around downtown.

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 10, 2024, - the meeting will be held in-person at Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building Cafeteria, 3450 Monument Road, 32225 at 6:30 pm and the meeting will also be available virtually on Zoom.