

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

June 10, 2024, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Marion Anglin, Charter Point Community Association; Robert Beckham, Pelican Bay HOA; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Michael Corcoran, Kensington HOA; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; 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; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.;

Excused: Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA;

Visitors: Jamaul Jackson, Neighborhoods Department; Thai Correas, Neighborhood Services Office; Catherine Frey; Anita W.

Staff: The Honorable Ken Amaro; City Council District 1; Scott Adams, JPL; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Keeley called the June 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 May 2024 meeting summary was completed.

Presentation(s): No Presentation

Elected Officials Report: The Honorable Ken Amaro, City Council District 1, shared the following information:

- Council Member Amaro has funded median enhancements near Jacksonville University (JU) main entrance, the turbo roundabout on University Boulevard North and on a portion of Fort Caroline Road. In total 65 trees were planted, and other suitable plants were added as part of the landscaping enhancements. Due to the extreme heat and lack of rain, some of the plants need to be replaced.
- The public swimming pool at Blue Cypress Park is under construction.
- Recently construction started at Blue Cypress Golf Course to expand the golf course from a 9-hole course to a 12-hole course.
- The next City Council District 1 Town Hall meeting will be held on June 24, 2024, at the Regency Square Branch Library starting at 6:00 pm.
- City Council members as a group have started vetting the proposed stadium renovation financial proposal and the relocation agreement that is part of the renovation proposal.

- The next Renew Arlington CRA meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, in City Hall. At this time, the CRA has been inundated with project applications. The deadline to submit a CRA application is April 28, 2025.
- Due to inflation, Council Member Amaro is working on new legislation in an effort to provide fair adjustment to the reimburse rates to those that have applied for and completed the improvements associated with the Renew Arlington Facade Grants.

Ken Amaro – 904-255-5201 or KAmaro@coj.net

Staff Reports:

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

- In the past 30 days:
 - There were 7 robberies, which is down 4 incidents from the prior 30 days.
 - There were 75 incidents of aggravated assault, which is up 16 incidents from the prior 30 days.
 - There were 208 incidents of simple assault, which was up 24 incidents from the prior 30 days.
 - There were 32 burglaries, which is down 4 incidents from the prior 30 days.
- The CPAC was encouraged to visit www.jaxsheriff.org to learn more about the various programs and/or services JSO has to offer; crime prevention tips can also be found there.
- One service found on www.jaxsheriff.org that was discussed is ConnectDuval. To be a part of the ConnectDuval program, homeowners and businesses alike are encouraged to register their security cameras with JSO. This will allow JSO to be aware of cameras in the area in the event an investigator needs to view footage if an incident occurs in the vicinity.
- 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.
- JFRD is in the planning stage of adding a new fire station in the GAB CPAC District. The new station will be located in the Hartsfield & Merrill Road area; JFRD is still trying to acquire land for the station.

Lieutenant Smith – JarmarS@coj.net

FDOT – Derek Dixon shared updates for the questions that were submitted to him, and the replies were:

- The concern about the litter and tall grass along S.R. 202 (J. Turner Butler Boulevard) has been forwarded to the FDOT Maintenance Department.
- There was a request for an update on the work that is occurring on the Wonderwood Expressway. The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2025; weather permitting. Crews are working near St. Johns Bluff Road, and they are removing the easy base

material and will replace with the permanent base material, then the final layer of asphalt will be laid.

- There was a question about the landscaping on the Arlington Expressway. The entire Arlington Expressway project is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2024. Crews are working on the service roads of the expressway. New concrete will be poured and then crews will apply a layer of friction course to complete the resurfacing portion of the project. Then the fences will be repaired or replaced. Lastly, new landscaping will be planted.

Derek Dixon – 904-360-5400

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

- The JPL free summer lunch program has begun at the several JPL library branches. The free summer lunch program is for children 18 years old or younger. In the Greater Arlington Beaches CPAC District, Pablo Creek Regional Library, University Park Branch Library and Regency Square Branch Library are offering meals. Please call 255-BOOK to obtain the hours that meals are provided at each library.
- A variety of summer reading programs have started. Visit www.JPL.com to see the daily schedule of events at all the various libraries throughout the city.
- The DC Comics and Zine Festival will be held at the Main Library on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- The University Park Regional Library will offer a Life-chat to discuss workforce readiness and personal branding. This will be held on June 25, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the University Park Branch Library. To learn more about this opportunity and/or to RSVP, please call 904-255-BOOK.

Scott Adams – Sadams@coj.net

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

- In the past 30 days, 1,048 inspections were completed, and 193 snipe/litter signs were removed.
- With the onset of summer, there has been a significant rise in complaints about nonworking air conditioners. For renters, it is a state law that heat must be provided by landlords, but air conditioning is not required. If your air conditioning was working when you moved into the unit/home, the air conditioning then must be maintained. If you move into a unit or home without air conditioning, the landlord does not have to provide air conditioning.
- The growing season is here. Grass and/or weeds must be 15 inches in height before it is a violation.
- 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 be parked 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

Planning and Development Department – Connor Corrigan – no report

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

Subcommittee Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Mike Corcoran stated the subcommittee reviewed four applications and presented a motion on one application.

- Ordinance 2024-0414 – PUD at 5900 Fort Caroline Road – The Jacksonville Classical Academy East. The motion was to support the recommendation of the Renew Arlington CRA Board to enforce the recommended time limit on the use of the portal classrooms.

The CPAC voted unanimously to support this motion.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – encouraged everyone to be mindful of the health and well-being of the trees in your yard or community. Please trim or remove unhealthy or dead limbs/trees on your property to prevent injury or property damage.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – an email was shared with the GAB CPAC from the Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) that addressed the tree removal/trimming at JAXEX at Craig Airport. This email confirmed that trees would not be clear cut. The height of the trees would be addressed to stay in compliance with FAA regulations.

Mr. Hawkins spoke to COJ Public Works Director and the Parks, Recreation and Social Services Director about 50 acres of land off Girvin Road; the former Girvin Road Landfill. This landfill has been closed for 33 years. Federal guideline recommendation states that a landfill needs to remain closed 30 years before that land can be re-purposed/used. Mr. Hawkins would like to see trees planted (using tree mitigation funds) and a walking/hiking trail developed.

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt - no report.

Park Safety Council - vacant

TRUE Commission- Alex Hoffman – stated he is officially appointed and attended his first meeting on June 6, 2024. Mr. Hoffman is still familiarizing himself with the commission and will provide a more detailed report after their August meeting. The TRUE Commission does not meet in July.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski informed the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville will host the 2025 Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) conference in the month of May. The focus of the NUSA conference is to build and strengthen neighborhood organizations.

Mr. Jamal Jackson, Special Projects Intern, Neighborhood Department and Thaisha Corres, Intern, Neighborhood Services Office were introduced to the CPAC.

Handouts were available for the various housing assistance programs offered by the Housing and Community Development Division at the sign-in table; copies were emailed to all CPAC members.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Keeley reminded the CPAC that school is out and everyone was encouraged to drive safely.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Public Comment – Member Donnie Oulton shared with the CPAC that he attended the Seniors Beach Bash at the Prime F. Osbourn Convention Center. Mr. Oulton encouraged other senior citizens to participate in the various activities that the City of Jacksonville offers.

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 8, 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.