

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

### **July 8, 2024, Meeting Summary**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

**CPAC Members:** Robert Beckham, Pelican Bay HOA; Michael Corcoran, Kensington 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; 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; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.;

**Excused:** Marion Anglin, Charter Point Community Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Alexander Hoffman, Ashley Green HOA; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA

**Visitors:** Diana Richardson, Mayport Landing; Fred Berley

**Staff:** Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Scott Adams, JPL; Assistant Chief Alicea, JSO; James Carroll, Public Works; Jared Chemay, Municipal Code Compliance; Lieutenant Dingle, JFRD; Joe Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 1; Don Tuten, JEA; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

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

**Presentation(s): Cantrece Jones, Acuity Design Group** informed the CPAC about the upcoming Open House to discuss the Mayport Dock Redevelopment – Phase 2.

On Thursday, July 25, 2024 there will be an Open House at the William "Bill" Gulliford Community Center, 4975 Ocean Street, Jacksonville, Florida, 32233 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

The goal of the dock redevelopment is to create a vibrant, mixed-use village around three uniquely defined components: education, historic and working waterfront. The emphasis of this phase of the project will be on the Ocean Street corridor; parking needs, environmental needs, working waterfront, recreational waterfront, infrastructure needs, resiliency and economic development.

For more information, contact Ms. Jones at [hello@alladg.com](mailto:hello@alladg.com)

**Elected Officials Report: Joe Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 1**, shared the following information:

- Ordinance 2024-231- for a proposed RV storage along Fort Caroline Road was denied unanimously by the City Council and by a 4 to 3 vote by the LUZ Committee.
- The Lone Star Road Extension project is currently in a hold phase; the Public Works Department is waiting for right of way paperwork to be finalized before they can start the next phase.
- It was announced that all the buildings associated with the old FBI headquarters located along the Arlington Expressway will be redeveloped as six apartment communities that will be completed in six phases. The first phase is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2024.
- Regency Square Mall has been cited (by Municipal Code Compliance) multiple times for various types of violations from the air conditioning not working to mold growth. It is unfortunate at this time there are no additional updates or plans available for the future use or redevelopment of Regency Square Mall.

Ken Amaro – 904-255-5201 or [KAmaro@coj.net](mailto:KAmaro@coj.net)

#### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO – Assistant Chief Alicea** presented the following JSO report for District 2:

- In the past 30 days:
  - There were 259 incidents of crime against persons, which is down 3 incidents from the prior 30 days.
  - There were 389 crimes against property, which is down 69 incidents from the prior 30 days.
- 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 Dingle** reported on behalf of Lieutenant Jarmar Smith and shared the following recommendations:

- Encouraged the CPAC attendees to start their hurricane preparedness plans now. One of the first steps everyone should take is to determine if you live in an area with mandatory evacuations.
- If you use a Special Medical Needs Shelter, you must register every year to maintain your Special Medical Needs status.
- Make sure you have all your financial, medical and insurance paperwork (in both hardcopy and as digital documents) compiled and ready to go as part of your hurricane kit.
- Make sure you download the JaxReady app. Additional information/preparedness recommendations can be found on the JaxReady app.
- Lieutenant Dingle brought copies of the 2023-2024 City of Jacksonville Preparedness and Response Guide to share with the CPAC members.
- Everyone was encouraged to stay hydrated in the heat.

Lieutenant Smith – [JarmarS@coj.net](mailto:JarmarS@coj.net)

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

- The JPL free summer lunch program continues 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](http://www.JPL.com) to see the daily schedule of events at all the various libraries throughout the city.
- Early voting will begin on August 5<sup>th</sup> and end on August 18<sup>th</sup> at most libraries.
- On July 25, 2024, there will be a Disability and Adaptive Recreation Expo at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- The University Park Regional Library will offer a Life-chat to discuss Florida Friendly Landscaping. This will be held on July 18, 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

**JEA – Don Tuten** highlighted the following information:

- As a reminder, in the event of extensive power outage after a major storm, JEA will again implement the 1-2-3 Power Restoration Process.
  - Phase 1 - Public Safety: JEA will assess JEA facilities, transmission lines, substations, water/sewer facilities. The power will be restored to hospitals, shelters, police and fire stations first.
  - Phase 2 – Restoration to Customers: Priority is given to making repairs that will restore power to the most customers. Repairs to electric circuits will begin at this time. Circuits with 2500 homes on them will be repaired first.
  - Phase 3 – Final Repairs: will be provided to isolated outages.

Post storm safety recommendations that were provided:

- Check your circuit breaker to see if a power surge may have tripped any of the switches in your circuit breaker.
- Check the outside of your home to see if the wires attached to your home have been damaged.
- Stay away from any down powerlines and report them to (904) 630-CITY.
- Power up gradually in your home when power is restored to help prevent power surges.

Don Tuten – 904-665-6000

**Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) –** On behalf of Robert Bautochka, **Jared Chemay** shared the following updates:

- In the past 30 days, 1,009 inspections were completed, and 193 snipe/litter signs were removed.
- After the June GAB CPAC meeting, Supervisor Bautochka received a complaint about a transient camp near 14405 Beach Boulevard. Supervisor Bautochka did find a camp and contacted the JSO Blight Abatement Unit to assist.
- In preparation for possible tropical storms/weather, everyone was encouraged to clean up any dead tree material, building materials stored outside or anything that can be blown around in a storm, tornado or hurricane. If you see issues that could be a potential

storm hazard, please submit a concern at 904-630-CITY prior to the immediate onset of tropical weather.

- The growing season is here. Grass and/or weeds must be 15 inches in height before it is a violation.
- It was noted that MCCD has cited the owners of Regency Square Mall multiple times, for multiple issues, over multiple years. Most recently (June 27, 2024) for the non-functioning air conditioning.
- 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](mailto:RBautochka@coj.net)

**James Carroll- Public Works Department** informed the CPAC the Right of Way and Stormwater (RWSM) Division (in the Public Works Department) is responsible for maintaining over 1,000 miles of ditches across the city, in addition to stormwater ponds, curbs, inlets, culverts and other stormwater facilities. To be proactive, the City of Jacksonville has contracted with various companies to clean and maintain the above-mentioned stormwater systems. If you see a blockage or problems draining, please report it to 904-630-CITY.

James Carroll – 904-255-8786

**Planning and Development Department – Erin Abney** staffed the meeting on behalf of Connor Corrigan – no report

Connor Corrigan – [Ccorrigan@coj.net](mailto:Ccorrigan@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 two applications. No motions or actions were made.

**Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge** – not present

**Environment – Lad Hawkins** – stated that he has been following the redevelopment of Metropolitan Park. In the future, an online survey for the redevelopment of Metropolitan Park will be available for community input. Mr. Hawkins encouraged the CPAC members to participate in the survey and when taking the survey, please recommend that the current tree canopy at the park be left alone.

Mr. Hawkins informed the CPAC that he was under the impression that the selective tree height reduction on the JAXEX at Craig Airport would not involve clear cutting the land. It appears that clear cutting may have occurred.

**Membership** – vacant

#### **Ad Hoc Committees:**

**North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt** – stated that NFTPO does not meet in the month of July

**Park Safety Council** – is currently vacant. CPAC Member Donnie Oulton has submitted an application and he is hopeful to hear an update soon.

**TRUE Commission - Alex Hoffman** – not present

**Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** informed the CPAC that the Zoom portion of the CPAC meeting will be conducted using Zoom webinar. Zoom attendees will still sign on to the meeting using the information provided in the Hybrid Meeting Notice each month. One difference is Zoom webinar program requires the Zoom participant to raise their electronic hand and the Zoom facilitator (Rosemary) must electronically recognize the raised hand before the Zoom participant can be heard by anyone.

Rosemary Wesolowski – 904-255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)

**Chairs Report** – Chair Keeley informed the CPAC that the CPAC Chairs again this year are the judges for the Neighborhood Award Program. It is exciting to see what the different communities are doing throughout the city.

**Old Business** – none

**New Business** – none

**Public Comment** – Member Mike Corcoran reminded the CPAC that National Night Out will be held on August 6, 2024. Please coordinate with JSO to arrange to have a JSO officer come to your event.

**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 12, 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.