

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

### **December 13, 2021, Meeting Summary**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

**CPAC Members:** Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Bob Barletta, Charter Point Community Association; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Michael Corcoran, Kensington HOA; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Nicole Hamm, Southern Grove Condominium; Harley Herndon, Cypress Cove Good Neighbor; Tim Keeley, Vice Chair, Kensington Association; Will Messer, Chair, Queens Harbor POA; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Barbara Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills; John Roberts, The Valley at Hidden Hills; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA

**Excused:** Delmas Harper, POISE, Inc; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Pete Miller, Indian Springs Community Association

**Visitors:** Diana Richardson, Mayport Landing; Carol Pearson

**Staff:** Derek Dixon, FDOT; Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant, At- Large Group 2; Connie Holt, Executive Council Assistant, City Council District 2; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods Department; Ernest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance Division; Connie Quinto, Planning and Development Department; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

**Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Messer called the December 2021 GAB CPAC meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary** – The November 2021 GAB CPAC meeting summary was approved.

**Presentation(s): No presentation**

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

**Connie Holt, Executive Council Assistant,** City Council District 2- no report, available for questions.

Al Ferraro, 904-255-5202 or [Ferraro@coj.net](mailto:Ferraro@coj.net)

**Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant,** At-Large Group 2 informed the CPAC that the Special Committee on Parks has approval to rename a historic Jacksonville baseball field in honor of the late baseball great Hank Aaron. Mr. Aaron played for the former Jacksonville Braves Class A Minor League team in 1953 at Jacksonville's Durkee Field, which is now called J.P. Small Memorial Stadium.

In addition to renaming the ballpark (at 1701 Myrtle Ave. N. near 8th Street) Henry L. Aaron Field at J.P. Small Memorial Stadium, the City Council Special Committee on Parks would also like to identify funding for renovations for the stadium, grandstands and to the museum.

Council Member Salem chaired the Annual Strategic Planning meeting. At this meeting City Council Members make recommendations for one-, three- and five-year goals. Ms. Evans brought a copy of the recommendations and will share an electronic version of the recommendations to share with the full CPAC.

Ron Salem, 904-255-5216 or [Rsalem@coj.net](mailto:Rsalem@coj.net)

#### **Staff Reports:**

**FDOT – Derek Dixon** informed the CPAC on the following FDOT projects:

- The I-295 East Beltway will be completed and open to the public in mid-January 2022.
- Major interchange improvements will begin at the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Southside Boulevard in early 2022.
- The Southside Connector (from the Dames Point Bridge to the Regency Square Mall area) will be resurfaced starting in Spring 2022.
- Construction of the Diamond Divergent Interchange at S.R. 202 (J. Turner Butler Boulevard) and San Pablo Road is on schedule.
- For more information on area FDOT roadway projects, visit [www.NFRoads.com](http://www.NFRoads.com)

**JPL – Jackie Spiritas** announced:

- The Main Library has re-opened today. The Regeneron Antibody Treatment location was moved from the Main Library to the Joseph Lee Center (5120 Perry Street, 32208) on Friday, December 10, 2021. The hours of operation will remain Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- All libraries will be closed December 24, 2021, through December 27, 2021, and on December 31, 2021, through January 1, 2022.
- JPL will now offer a Personalized Booklist service from Jacksonville Public Library Reader's Advisory staff. Please visit: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/services/find-your-next-read> Once at the website there will be a series of short questions to complete to identify your reading preferences. This service and books are available electronically even when the library is closed.

Jackie Spiritas – [spiritas@coj.net](mailto:spiritas@coj.net)

**JTA – Cheryl Riddick** shared:

- Bus riders across Jacksonville will get to enjoy Christmas music and holiday decorations on the bus with Santa at the wheel. Riders also get to ride for free. The JTA Holiday Bus is running until January 2, 2022. JTA hopes to run the Holiday Bus at least once on each route.
- JTA will offer a new pilot program called "My Ride 2 School" on January 4, 2022. Eligible students can ride JTA buses, as well as the First Coast Flyer, for free Monday through Friday (when school is open), from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Students allowed to participate in the My Ride 2 School program are middle and high school students that attend a Duval County Public Schools, private schools, or charter school in Duval County. To board the JTA bus, students will need to show a valid school I.D. or one issued to them through the JTA.
- The next JTA next service change takes effect on Monday, January 10, 2022. Please visit <https://www.jtafla.com/.../january-10th-service-change/> to see if your bus has been impacted by

the upcoming service change. For questions or concerns, reach out to JTA Customer Service at (904) 630-3100.

Cheryl Riddick – [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com)

**Neighborhoods Department – Chiquita Moore**, Operations Director extended well wishes to the CPAC members and shared the following updates:

- Informed the CPAC members about new Neighborhoods Brochure. The brochure contains a brief synopsis of all the services offered by the Neighborhoods Department.
- Housing and Community Development Division continues to provide funds through the Mortgage Relief Program, which was established to assist individuals and families who have been affected by COVID-19. Individuals requesting assistance must be the owner and occupant of the property. For additional information, please call (904) 630-2489 (CITY).
- The City of Jacksonville’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program has distributed over \$15 million of federal funds to provide rent and utility assistance to Duval County residents. With approximately \$10 million remaining, the City of Jacksonville has reopened the application portal. More information about the program and portal can be found at: [https://www.coj.net/welcome/news/city-announces-details-on-how-to-apply-for-eme-\(1\)](https://www.coj.net/welcome/news/city-announces-details-on-how-to-apply-for-eme-(1))
- City Council will hold their final meeting for 2021, tomorrow night at 5:00 pm in City Council Chambers.
- Join Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) and The Jacksonville Humane Society for the Silent Night Program that aims to put shelter pets into foster homes for the holiday season. To participate, visit the shelter during adoption hours and pick up a pet to host through the holiday break. ACPS will supply a bag of food, leash and collar and any necessities for the pet. To learn more about the program email [jaxpets@coj.net](mailto:jaxpets@coj.net) or visit the shelter in person.

Chiquita Moore – [Chiquitam@coj.net](mailto:Chiquitam@coj.net)

**Municipal Code Compliance – Ernest Murphy** provided the following updates:

- In the past 30 days, 572 snipe signs were collected and 138 inspections were conducted.
- A systematic inspection was completed in the Arlington Road/University Boulevard/Merrill Road area and 121 violations were cited.

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>

Ernest Murphy – [EMurphy@coj.net](mailto:EMurphy@coj.net) or 904-402-5568 or 904-255-7096

**Planning and Development Department – Connie Quinto** did not have a report but was available for questions.

Connie Quinto – [ConnieQ@coj.net](mailto:ConnieQ@coj.net)

**Public Works – Steve Long** – not in attendance

Steve Long – [Slong@coj.net](mailto:Slong@coj.net)

**Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3-minute time limit):**

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Chair Will Messer served as Chair for the LUZ Subcommittee** - the LUZ subcommittee reviewed one application and a motion was not made.

**Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge** – reminded the CPAC how the proper maintenance of trees can protect your home and community.

**Environment – Lad Hawkins** – not present

**Membership** – vacant

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Nicole Hamm** informed the CPAC that the FDOT representative gave a good report earlier and she had nothing to add.

**TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – John Roberts** stated the TRUE Commission has completed their analysis of the nine peer cities and have a draft report completed. Mr. Roberts will share a copy of the draft report through Rosemary to the CPAC members.

**DCPS Sales Surtax Oversight Committee - Delmas “Dedee” Harper** – not present

**Park Safety Committee – Mary Jane Brewer** – not present

**Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** thanked everyone for participating through 2021. Copies of the 2022 GAB CPAC meeting were provided. Rosemary presented Chair Messer with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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

**Chairs Report** – Chair Messer presented Certificates of Appreciation to all of the Subcommittee Chairs, CPAC Liaisons and to Vice Chair Tim Keeley.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** – none

**Public Comment** – Visitor Diana Richardson, Mayport Landing shared her experience and the experience of her brother in Washington State regarding the antibody therapies for Covid

**Motion to Adjourn** – meeting ended at 7:30 pm

The next meeting of the District 2 CPAC will be on Monday, January 10, 2022 - In person the meeting will be held at Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building, 3450 Monument Road, 32225 at 6:30 pm and the meeting will be available virtually on Zoom.