

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 09, 2023, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; 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; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Michael Journey, City Council District 4; Tim Keeley, Chair, Kensington Association; Shelia Litwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Will Messer, Chair, Queens Harbor POA; Leanna Pearce, Duval Democratic Environmental Caucus; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Nina Pouglopuklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; Anne Waldron, St. Johns Riverview Homes Condo Association

Excused: Bob Barletta, Charter Point Community Association; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA.

Visitors:

Staff: The Honorable Ron Salem, At-Large Group 2; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Assistant Chief Alicea, JSO; James Carroll, Public Works; Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance; Shay Hill, JEA; Jamar Smith, JFRD; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office; Raelyn Wiirre, JPL

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Keeley called the January 2023 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 – The November and December meeting summaries were approved by the GAB CPAC members.

Presentation(s): Anne Waldron, MD, Council on Elder Affairs, Council District 1 Representative, informed the CPAC about Age-Friendly Jacksonville and the Council on Elder Affairs.

The Jacksonville/ Duval County Council on Elder Affairs (COEA) is a countywide body representative of citizens that are over the age of 60.

In 2019, Florida was designated as an Age-Friendly State and in 2021 Mayor Lenny Curry proclaimed Jacksonville an Age-Friendly City. With the distinction of being an Age Friendly City, it is the intent of the City of Jacksonville (through COEA) to implement a five-year process to reach their goals. The process of developing an Age-Friendly Community includes:

- Year 1: Conduct a survey and listening session(s)
- Year 2: Create an action plan
- Year 3-5: Implementation
- Year 5: Progress/ status update

To determine the baseline assessment of an Age-Friendly Community, COEA will use the '8 Domains of Livability' established by AARP. The eight areas of focus or domains are: housing, transportation, outdoor spaces and buildings, community support/health services, communication and information, civic participation and employment, respect/social inclusion, and social participation.

In the near future, an official announcement by the mayor's office about the baseline assessment will be made and volunteer opportunities will be shared with the community. Then the survey will be shared with the community.

For more information on Age-Friendly Cities, please visit: www.aarp.org/livable

For more information about COEA, please visit: <https://www.coj.net/departments/boards-and-commissions/council-on-elder-affairs> or contact Carrence Bass, COEA Executive Director at cbass@coj.net

Elected Officials Report:

Ron Salem, City Council Vice President, City Council At-Large, Group 2 shared the following information:

- Council Vice President Salem informed the CPAC that he has been involved with the GAB CPAC in various capacities since the inception of the CPAC's in 1993. In 1994 and 1995 Vice President Salem served as the GAB CPAC Chair.
- Funds have been appropriated to purchase the church adjacent to the Norman Studios. This acquisition will restore the original studio properties together.
- The special committee on Critical Quality of Life Issues focused on affordable housing, healthcare, and homelessness locally. The special committee also worked with subject matter experts in each field to address these issues. Members of the special committee have submitted their recommendation and can be viewed at: http://apps2.coj.net/City_Council_Public_Notices_Repository/COJ%20CQLI%20Final%20Report%2012.16.22.pdf
- Updates at the Blue Cypress Golf Course will include adding an additional three holes to the course, thus creating a unique twelve-hole golf course.
- Soon, legislation will be introduced for a trial composting program. Initially, the program will only take food from restaurants in the Riverside area to a compost site on the north side. Additional details will be available about the program once the legislation has been introduced.
- The City of Jacksonville is finalizing the design of a refrigerator magnet that will contain educational material on what items can and cannot be recycled in our recycling bins. Upon completion, one magnet will be provided to everyone in the City of Jacksonville.
- There was a new initiative introduced that will assess all the recycle bins in the city. Once the initiative is in place, all recycle bins will be assessed four times a year.

Ron Salem – 904-255-5143 or RSalem@coj.net

Michael Journey, CPAC Representative for Council Member Kevin Carrico, District 4 informed the CPAC that Council Member Carrico did not have a report. Mr. Journey stated he would share any questions or concern with the council member. No questions or concerns were identified.

Staff Reports:

JSO- Assistant Chief Alicea – provided the crime statistics for the past 30 days. The data revealed property crime is down 43.2% and violent crime is down 16.6% throughout the district.

Substation 2 – 904-630-8166 or JSOZone2@jaxsheriff.org

JFRD – Lieutenant Jamar Smith reminded the CPAC that:

- Calls for service in the Greater Arlington/ Beaches district remain consistent. Even with the cold weather, there was not an increase in calls for service.
- Free smoke detectors are still available. Call 630-CITY or log into your MyJax account to request a new smoke detector to be installed in your home.
- It was confirmed that construction is underway at the new fire station located near Arlington Road and Atlantic Boulevard. It was estimated that the fire station should be finished in approximately mid-2024.

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

- There will be a panel discussion on Saturday, January 20, 2023, 10:30 am at the Regency Branch Library, 9900 Regency Square Boulevard, 32225 called Building Arlington. The panel will discuss the past, present, and future, of local structures and architecture unique to Arlington. Pre-registration is required. To register please call 904-255-2665 or visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org/events
- The next Lit Chat at the Regency Branch Library will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm. This event will feature local author and former Jacksonville Public Library librarian Marshelle Berry to talk about her book *It Still Hurts: My Father's Painful Account of Survival at the Florida Industrial School for Boys*, as part of the Regency Square Library's 50th anniversary celebration. To register please call 904-255-2665 or visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org/events
- The Jacksonville Public Library will partner with American Association of Retired People (AARP) to provide free tax preparation. Pre-registration is required. Beginning Tuesday, January 17, 2023, you can schedule an appointment at: www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations or call (904) 701-3462.

Raelyn Wiirre – rwirre@coj.net

JEA- Shay Hill shared the following information:

- JEA is actively following Federal and State legislation to learn of any changes to regulations or guidelines that JEA most follow.
- Everyone was reminded that JEA scams are still occurring. It was emphasized that JEA will never ask you to pay a bill with gift cards. It was confirmed JEA will never turn off your power or water without contacting the customer multiple times. If you ever have a question regarding a possible scam, please call JEA at 904-665-6000 to verify.
- In September 2022, JEA removed the fees associated with paying with a credit card. Accounts can now be setup to be paid automatically with your credit card.

- There was a brief overview regarding the wattage generated by the solar panel farm located off I-10. As JEA buys more energy from solar farms, the saving will be passed on to JEA customers. There was a request to learn more about solar farms in the future.

Shay Hill – 904-665-6000

Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) – Devron Cody shared the following updates:

- In Zone 2, there were 1,252 inspections completed in December 2022 and 354 inspections completed so far in January 2023.
- On January 3, 2023, MCCD started a systematic inspection in the Woodland Acres community. So far 370 new cases have been identified and the systematic inspection will continue through the week.
- 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.

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Public Works – James Carroll shared the following updates:

- Public Works resurfacing projects:
 - Fort Caroline Road (from University Boulevard N. to University Club Boulevard)
 - University Boulevard N. (from Justina Terrace to Ft. Caroline Road)
- Drainage Projects:
 - Woolery Drive – replace and up-size the cross drains at Woolery Drive and Arble Drive.
 - Macy Avenue – Install new drainage, connect to existing drainage system, then pipe and connect to the Commerce Street system.
- There was an inquiry if the waste haulers have plans to mail new collection calendars to the individual homes as they have in the past. Mr. Carroll will follow up with that inquiry.
- The CPAC was reminded that the most efficient and effective method to address a concern or complaint is to use the MyJax system either by calling 904-630-CITY or online at <https://myjax.custhelp.com/>.

Planning and Development Department – Erin Abney – no report

Erin Abney – Eabney@coj.net

Subcommittee Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Chair Tim Keeley - the LUZ subcommittee reviewed three new LUZ applications and took no action on any of the applications. Chair Keeley informed the CPAC that due to his new duties as CPAC Chair, Michael Corcoran will serve as the LUZ Subcommittee Chair going forth.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge reminded everyone that Arbor Day will be coming up soon and to be mindful when selecting tree to be planted in your yard. Each tree has a different growth rate and size of canopy; please think about the future growth of the tree when selecting a place to plant a tree.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – not present

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt stated that the NFTPO did not meet in January but will meet in February.

Park Safety Council – Mary Jane Brewer – not present

TRUE Commission- vacant

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

- Announced with the passing of Bryan Mosier, Director of the Neighborhoods Department, City Council passed special legislation naming Ms. Chiquita Moore the new Director of the Neighborhoods Department.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Keeley introduced new member Dr. Anne Waldron who is representing St. Johns River Homes Condo Association, Inc. and presented her with a new member packet.

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Public Comment – none

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, February 13, 2023 - 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.