

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

### **July 10, 2023, Meeting Summary**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

**CPAC Members:** Robert Beckham, Pelican Bay HOA; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Mary Jane Brewer, Live Oak Manor Neighborhood Association; Michael Corcoran, Kensington HOA; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Nicole Hamm, Southern Grove Condominium; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Delmas “Dedee” Harper, POISE, Inc.; Tim Keeley, Chair, Kensington Association; Will Messer, Queens Harbour POA; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.;

**Excused:** Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Nina Pougiouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association

**Visitors:** Marion Anglin, Charter Point; Mary Castor; 904-631-6401

**Staff:** The Honorable Will Lahnen, City Council District 3; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Kathleen Brunner, JPL; James Carroll, Public Works; Caroline Fulton, Planning and Development Department; Sargent Garcia, JSO; Shay Hill, JEA; Jarmar Smith, JFRD; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office;

**Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Keeley called the June 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** – Approval of the May 2023 meeting summary and the June 2023 meeting summary was completed.

**Presentation(s): Garold Smith, Acuity Design Group**, informed the CPAC about the Parks Master Plan Update.

The City of Jacksonville, in partnership with GAI Consultants, is updating the Jacksonville Parks Master Plan to create a 10-year vision for the City’s future parks system. By developing recommendations and action plans that improve, grow, and maintain the City’s parks, trails, and recreations facilities, the Plan will help the city continue providing recreation options to the Jacksonville community.

The new Master Plan will examine the parks system's needs and address social and environmental resilience, climate adaptation, build social capital, and enhance social cohesion.

The first phase of the Jacksonville Parks Master Plan was completed in 2022. During the first phase, the project team assessed the existing conditions of the park system and developed a list of improvement priorities. The second phase has just started. During the second phase, public input will be instrumental to compiling the recommendations that will be a part of the final recommendations.

Public input will be obtained through CPAC meetings, City Council Townhall meetings, Public Workshops, and an online survey. The web address for the survey is: [www.imaginejaxparks.com](http://www.imaginejaxparks.com)

The Jacksonville Parks Master Plan update contacts are:

- Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, (904) 255-7907 or [DJoseph@coj.net](mailto:DJoseph@coj.net)
- Jill Enz, Chief of Natural and Marine Resources, (904) 255-7907 or [JEnz@coj.net](mailto:JEnz@coj.net)
- Cantrece Jones, Public Involvement, 904-619-8605 or [hello@adgmark.com](mailto:hello@adgmark.com)

The final Master Plan is expected to be completed by Summer 2024.

### **Elected Officials Report:**

**The Honorable Will Lahnen, City Council District 3**, shared the following updates:

- Introduced himself to the GAB CPAC.
- Since city council redistricting has occurred, the City Council District 3 boundaries have changed. Everyone was encouraged to review the new city council district boundaries.
- Jamey Crozier has stayed on as Executive Council Assistant to Councilmember Lahnen.

Will Lahnen – 255-5203 or [WLahnen@coj.net](mailto:WLahnen@coj.net)

### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO – Sargent Garcia** announced:

- In the past 30-day in Zone 2, violent crime is down 8.3%, property crime is down 16.2%.
- In Zone 2, JSO received two calls for robberies in progress. Upon responding JSO determined both locations were illegal gaming centers. After the businesses were safely cleared, the Fire Marshall conducted an inspected found numerous fire code violations. Both locations were cited for the violations and JEA cut power to the locations. Both businesses were closed.
- It was confirmed that a Florida State statute changed legislation pertaining to fireworks a couple of years ago. With that change there are three days that it is legal to shoot off fireworks in Florida. The three days are the Fourth of July, Veteran’s Day, and New Year’s Eve.
- Sheriff Waters will hold a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water Street. This is a city-wide event and everyone that would like to attend is encouraged to RSVP with JSO.

JSO Zone 2 – 630-8166 or [JSOZone2@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSOZone2@jaxsheriff.org)

**JFRD – Lieutenant Jarmar Smith** shared:

- Everyone was encouraged to stay hydrated in the extreme heat. JFRD has experienced a significant uptick on heat related calls.
- With the heat, we have experienced strong afternoon storm. If you can hear thunder, you can be struck by lightning; please take cover in a safe structure or in a vehicle.

Lieutenant Jarmar Smith – 904-255-8538 or [JarmarS@coj.net](mailto:JarmarS@coj.net)

**Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Kathleen Brunner** provided the following updates:

- The Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library's (FJPL) Big Bag Book Sale will be held on July 20-22, 2023, with deals on books, movies, audiobooks, records, jigsaw puzzles, and more. The bookstore is located at the University Park Branch Library at 3435 University Blvd. N., 32211.
- Free Summer Lunch program will be offered at the Regency Square Branch Library, Monday through Friday from 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm. The lunch program is for children 18 and under.
- JPL offers a summer reading programs for readers of all ages. To learn more about the reading program visit [jaxpubliclibrary.org/summer](http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/summer)

Kathleen Brunner - <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/>

**JEA – Shay Hill** announced:

- As the summer heat increases so will our electric bills. Everyone was encouraged to keep their thermostat at 78 degrees as a cost and energy saving measure.
- Home energy audits are available by contacting JEA at 904-665-6000.
- Visit the JEA website to find suggestions to help lower JEA bill at [https://www.jea.com/my\\_account/understand\\_my\\_bill/high\\_bills/changes\\_in\\_habits\\_and\\_consumption/](https://www.jea.com/my_account/understand_my_bill/high_bills/changes_in_habits_and_consumption/)

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

- In the past 30 days, 1032 inspections were completed, and 164 snipe signs were removed.
- A proactive inspection was completed in the Fairways Forest community. This generated 39 new cases.
- 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 with 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.

Robert Bautochka – [RBautochka@coj.net](mailto:RBautochka@coj.net)

**Public Works – James Carroll** shared the following COJ roadway resurfacing updates:

- Resurfacing on Fort Caroline Road has been completed.
- Resurfacing University Boulevard N. (from Justina Road to University Club Boulevard) has been completed.
- Resurfacing on Wedgefield Road is scheduled to start any day.

- Hartsfield Road resurfacing has been completed.
- Resurfacing of Rogero Road is currently pending.

James Carroll – [JCarroll@coj.net](mailto:JCarroll@coj.net)

**Planning and Development Department – Caroline Fulton** attended on behalf of Connor Corrigan – no report.

Connor Corrigan – [Ccorigan@coj.net](mailto:Ccorigan@coj.net) or 904-7844

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

**LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Michael Corcoran,**

The LUZ subcommittee reviewed four LUZ applications and made one motion. The motion was:

- Denial of AD-23-45 at 7038 Diamond Head Road. The CPAC voted to deny the request to reduce the required yard(s) 5ft to 0 ft to account for the proposed pool enclosure and the present accessory structures; reduce the perimeter landscape buffer area between vehicle use area abutting property from 5 feet minimum width required along: east boundary to 0 feet; south boundary to 0 feet; west boundary to 0 feet for the following reasons:
  - An impact statements from surrounding properties on all affected sides or approval from any governing body (HOA) was not provided.
  - This property has multiple non-compliance issues pending which should be corrected prior to any further considerations or approvals.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge** – reminded the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville is working hard to hire lifeguards for area public pools. If you know anyone that is interested, please encourage them to apply.

**Environment – Lad Hawkins** – no present

**Membership** – vacant

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

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

**Park Safety Council – Mary Jane Brewer** – no report

**TRUE Commission-** vacant

**Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski** provided a handout that contained contact information for all City Council Members and their Executive Council Assistants. There was a quick reminder about the upcoming CPAC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Thursday, October 19, 2023.

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

**Chairs Report** – Chair Keeley did not have a report but stated he looks forward to having all the CPAC members attend the monthly CPAC meetings in-person.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** – none

**Public Comment** – CPAC member Nell DeCoursey shared her concerns about attending the CPAC meeting in-person at the PAL Center. Her concerns are the poor parking lot lighting and the parking lot pavement conditions. Ms. DeCoursey would like to move the meeting back to the Pablo Creek Regional Library, especially if the Zoom portion of the CPAC meeting is eliminated. Additionally, Ms. DeCoursey stated she attended the June meeting on Zoom.

**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 14, 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.