

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 14, 2023, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Robert Beckham, Pelican Bay HOA; Mary Jane Brewer, Live Oak Manor Neighborhood Association; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Michael Corcoran, Kensington HOA; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Nicole Hamm, Southern Grove Condominium; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Delmas “Dedee” Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Harley Herndon, Cypress Cove Good Neighbors; Michael Journey, City Council District 4; Tim Keeley, Chair, Kensington Association; Sheila Lithwiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Leanna Pearce, Duval Democratic Environmental Caucus; Nina Pougouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.;

Excused: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA;

Visitors: Chantha Bisher; Rick Sonneberg; Mary Castor; 904-631-6401

Staff: Assistant Chief Alicea, JSO; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development Department; Nikki Evans, City Council President Aide, At-Large Group 2; Shay Hill, JEA; Steve Long, Public Works; Daniel Piastuck, Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Jackie Spiritas, JPL; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Keeley called the August 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 July 2023 meeting summary was completed.

Presentation(s): Jordan Pope, JEA, Vice President of Corporate Strategy, informed the CPAC about the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), JEA’s Future Energy Mix through 2030.

JEA is working toward a cleaner and more resilient energy future for Northeast Florida. The long-term plan that JEA has developed contains the following goals:

- Their power supply portfolio will include 35% clean energy.
- To retire less efficient energy generating equipment.
- To reduce CO2 emissions by 80% compared to the 2005 emission rates.
- Use 100% clean energy at JEA facilities.
- To offset electrification demands from homes, businesses and vehicles with energy efficiency programs.

- The IRP has identified least-cost resource plans to meet forecasted energy requirements between 2022 through 2051.

To learn more about JEA’s IRP process, please visit www.JEA.com/irp For feedback or questions, send them to irp@jea.com

Elected Officials Report:

Nicole Evans, Executive Council Assistant, to City Council President Ron Salem, reported in July, Council President Salem created the Jacksonville City Council Special Committee to Review JSO Principal Properties. The overall goal of this special committee is to review the possibility of moving the Duval County jail and JSO headquarters. Council Member Michael Boylan will serve as the Special Subcommittee Chair. The special committee members have toured the jail and will hold their first organizational meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

Ron Salem – 255-5416 or RSalem@coj.net

Michael Journey, CPAC Member Appointee for Council Member Kevin Carrico, District 4, extended an invitation to the CPAC to attend a town Hall meeting with Mayor Deegan on September 7, 2023, at Crossroads Church, 10005 Gate Parkway, 32246 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Kevin Carrico – 904-255-5204 or KCarrico@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO – Assistant Chief Alicea announced:

- In Zone 2, year to date violent crime is down 3.31% and property crime is up 8.09%.
- In Zone 2, in the past 30-days violent crime is down 8.77% and property crime is up 5.96%.
- It was noted that the increase in property crime is attributed to auto theft. The auto thefts are primarily associated with the thefts of Hyundais and Kia’s.

JSO Zone 2 – 630-8166 or JSOZone2@jaxsheriff.org

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Jackie Spiritas provided the following updates:

- Jax Book Fest is back. The event will be held on two days, September 22-23, 2023, at the Main Library. There is an extensive lineup of bestselling and local authors, workshops, writer’s groups, and other activities. For more information, please visit: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/>
- Automatic Renewals - Jacksonville Public Library has started automatically renewing borrowed materials for you as the due date approaches; this service began on August 1, 2023. Three days before an item is due, the library will attempt to renew the item(s). If successful, your loan period will be extended from the existing due date. If the item is unsuccessfully renewed, you will continue to receive notices about upcoming due dates and overdue items. For more information about Automatic Renewals, please visit: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/blog/automatic-renewals-jacksonville-public-library>

Jackie Spiritas – spiritas@coj.net

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

- In the past 30 days, 1535 inspections were completed, and 119 snipe/litter signs were removed.
- A proactive inspection was completed in the Monterey community. This generated 109 new cases.
- The next proactive corridor inspection will be conducted on the Rogero Road corridor.
- 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

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Dan Piastuck shared the following information:

- Today is the first day of school for Duval County Public Schools; thus, all public pools will only be open to the public on weekends until Labor Day.
- New softball field lights for Ed Austin Regional Park are currently in the procurement phase; installation will be completed in 2024.
- The Ed Austin Regional Park parking lot lights (between the PAL Building and Ed Fortuna Senior Center) are under review.
- Arlingwood Park will have a new playground installed, no estimate on completion date.
- Blue Cypress Park will have new playground equipment installed in the fall of 2023 and the Blue Cypress Community Center will be renovated. Renovations are in the procurement phase.
- Fort Caroline Community Center pool is under review to have the pool deck replaced and updates completed on the pool pump/filtration system.
- Isle of Palm Park is in the final stages of new playground equipment installation.
- Sunny Acres Park is also in the final stages of playground equipment installation.
- Victoria Park will have new playground equipment installed and is currently in the design phase.
- Registration has opened for the Teen Warehouse program. This program is for teens ages 13 to 18, held Monday – Friday from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm. The program will be held August 14, 2023, to May 23, 2024. Handouts were provided.
- Club Rec After School program began today as well. This program is for students ages 6 to 12, the program is held Monday – Friday from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm; this program also ends on May 23, 2024.

Dan Piastuck – 904-255-7907

Public Works – Steve Long shared the report and updates:

- We are approaching the height of hurricane season and public works remains vigilant with the maintenance of water inlets, storm drains, drainage ditches, etc.
- Everyone was reminded not put anything down a storm drain except rainwater.
- With the extreme heat that we have experienced lately, the City of Jacksonville will open cooling centers all over the city. For more information on cooling centers, please use this web address: <https://www.coj.net/welcome/news/six-cooling-center-locations-open-on-monday,-augus>
- Mayor Deegan has proposed a significant increase in the Public Works mowing budget. If the mowing budget is increased, edging will be completed every time the grass is mowed.

Steve Long – slong@coj.net

Planning and Development Department – Connor Corrigan – no report.

Connor Corrigan – Ccorrigan@coj.net or 904-7844

Subcommittee Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Michael Corcoran, informed the CPAC the subcommittee had eleven LUZ applications to reviewed, due to time restraints, all the applications were not reviewed. Mr. Corcoran presented the applications the subcommittee reviewed and led the discussion on the remaining applications. After all the LUZ applications were reviewed four motions were made. The motions were:

- Denial of 2-23-0433 (E-23-45) at 926 Arlington Road to allow the sales at an event center with the reduction of the required minimum distance between a liquor license location and a church or a school from 1500 feet to 469 feet.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Denial of 2023-0434 (WLD-23-10) at 926 Arlington Road to allow the sales at and event center with the reduction of the required minimum distance between a liquor license location and a church or a school from 1500 feet to 469 feet.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Denial of 2023-0430 at 13600 Bamboo Drive, Conventional Rezoning from RLD60 to RMD-D.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Denial of 2023-0426 at 730 Mandalay Road, PUD to a PUD to allow for a daycare not meeting the supplementary regulations of Part 4 of the Zoning Code.

The motion passed unanimously.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – not present.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – stated there is undeveloped land that abuts Buck Park, and the community is has requested to have the undeveloped land transferred to the City of Jacksonville and be added to Buck Park. Mr. Hawkins stated he would follow up on the status of the land transfer.

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt – informed the CPAC that a Smart Analysis of North Florida has been completed and provided an overview of the study findings. The analysis contained information about local population growth, the local gross domestic product and forecasting business growth.

Mr. Cowitt shared local traffic statistics from the analysis. In 2022 there were approximately 1.2 million drivers on local roads; there were 31,788 traffic crashes with 233 of those crashes had fatalities. It was determined 100 of the traffic fatalities involved impaired driving. There were also eight bicycle fatalities and 62 pedestrian fatalities.

Park Safety Council – Mary Jane Brewer – no report

TRUE Commission- vacant

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski there was a reminder that the GAB CPAC has not had representation on the TRUE Commission for the past year. If anyone is interesting in representing the GAB CPAC on the TRUE Commission, please contact Rosemary and details about the TRUE Commission will be provided.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Keeley informed the CPAC that last week he represented the GAB CPAC at the Neighborhood Initiative Subcommittee meeting (part of the transition meetings) and at the CPAC Chairs meeting with the Mayor’s staff. The six CPAC Chairs have made a request to the administration to have follow up provided regarding the annual CIP recommendations. The CPAC Chairs would like to know which projects will be funded.

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, September 11, 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.