

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 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; 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.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Michael Journey, City Council District 4; Tim Keeley, Chair, Kensington 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: Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA

Visitors: Don Oulton, GPNA; Chanta Bisher; Joyce Ammons; Jeanne Kline; Roy A. Kline; Judy Heffron; Nancy Robinson; Ashanti Jackson, GameFace; Alexander Hoffman; Debrorah Gelwicks; Mary Castor; Marion Anglin, Charter Point; 1-904-631-6409

Staff: Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Kathleen Brunner, JPL; Caroline Fulton, Planning and Development Department; Joe Johnson, City Council District 1, Council Executive Assistant; Steve Long, Public Works; Lieutenant Jamar Smith, JFRD; Lieutenant Terrell, JSO; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

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

Presentation(s): Bird Friendly, Lights Out Northeast Florida Program, Elizabeth Filippelli and Peter Miller, informed the CPAC about the program.

There is a national initiative called Lights Out. The goal of the initiative is to encourage business owners, building managers and homeowners to turn off or reduce artificial lighting at night to ensure safe passage of birds during the spring and fall migration periods. Most birds migrate at night, and they use the moon and stars to navigate to their wintering grounds. The American Bird Conservancy estimates between 365 million and one billion birds are killed annually due to building collisions and/or confusion from sky glow.

Locally, the Lights Out Northeast Florida initiative was established and is a partnership between the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Duval Audubon Society, and St. Johns County Audubon Society that united to bring awareness of this migratory challenge.

Ms. Filippelli and Mr. Miller shared various lighting techniques, discussed products and practices homeowners can implement/use to reduce collisions with glass and to reduce artificial lights. To learn more about this subject, to request a presentation (for adults and/or children) or to become a volunteer, please visit: www.jacksonvillezoo.org/Lights-Out

Elected Officials Report:

Joe Johnson, City Council District 1, Executive Council Assistant introduced himself to the CPAC and shared the following updates:

- Council Member Amaro and State Senator Clay Yarborough are working together regarding the current condition and future sale/use of Regency Square Mall. At this time the proposed buyer(s) has not been identified.
- The next Council District 1 Townhall meeting will be held at River City Baptist Church, 6801 Merrill Road, 32277 on October 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
- Two weeks ago, the Jacksonville City Council approved the 2023/2024 budget without a tax increase.
- Council Member Amaro is working with FDOT regarding the damaged trees on the Wonderwood Expressway. FDOT will replace the damaged trees.
- It was confirmed that the City Council voted to deny ordinances 2023-0433 and 2023-0434 for outdoor liquor sales and minimum distance for a liquor license at the Atlantis Events Center.
- Construction is underway at one of the former FBI buildings on the Arlington Expressway. It was confirmed that the other two FBI buildings will also be renovated and redeveloped as well.

Ken Amaro – 255-5201 or KAmaro@coj.net

Staff Reports:

JSO – Lieutenant Terrell announced:

- In the past 30 days, crime statistics were down overall in all zones.
- JSO and JFRD will host a Trunk or Treat on October 20, 2023, at 11901 Atlantic Boulevard in the parking lot. The event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
- An overview of the ConnectDuval program was introduced to the CPAC. ConnectDuval is an opportunity for businesses and citizens to register their security cameras to assist JSO with solving crimes. Handouts were provided and Lieutenant Terrell answers questions about the program.
- Everyone was reminded to participate in the 9pm Routine. Please keep your vehicles locked when you are not in them and do not leave valuables and firearms in your vehicles.

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

JFRD – Lieutenant Jarmar Smith encouraged everyone to be mindful when using their fireplaces and space heaters. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials (clothing, drapes, furniture) and make sure the wiring on the space heater is not damaged in any manner. Before lighting a fire, make sure your chimney is clean. Everyone was encouraged to place a fire screen in front of the fireplace fire box once a fire is lit. The CPAC members were reminded that fire extinguishers typically last five years. Everyone was encouraged to rotate the contents of their fire extinguisher.

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

- A copy of the University Park Branch Library activity schedule was provided to all the CPAC members.
- JPL will offer financial education classes for children called Kash Kids. The classes will last four weeks, featuring a different financial topic each week. To learn more about the classes, please visit: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/blog/kids-financial-adventure-kash-kids>
- JPL will be celebrating National Friends of the Library Appreciation Week (October 15-21) to thank all the volunteers that work long hours to benefit the library.
- Jacksonville Public Library card holders receive free admission into the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) on the last Friday of each month. Library card holders just need to show their JPL library card to be admitted free.
- There will be a Lit Chat interview with local history author, Tim Gilmore, on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 3:00 pm at the Main Library's Ansbacher Map Room at 3:00 pm or via Zoom. Pre-registration is required- <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/blog/lit-chat-prolific-local-history-author-tim-gilmore>

Kathleen Brunner – kbrunner@coj.net

JEA – Shay Hill shared the following information:

- JEA has one of the lowest water and electricity rates in Florida.
- JEA is hiring and currently has 27 open positions. To learn more about employment opportunities, visit www.JEA.com/careers.
- All JEA projects are listed on the JEA website; please visit www.JEA.com if you have any questions about projects in your area. Homeowners should receive door hangers if a special project will be conducted near their home or if service will be interrupted.
- If you see a tree that is touching a powerline, please call JEA at 665-6000 to report it.
- JEA is in the process of changing out all of the electronic water meters and new automated meters will be installed.

Shay Hill – 665-6000

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

- In the past 30 days, 1242 inspections were completed, and 128 snipe/litter signs were removed.
- The first phase of a proactive inspection was completed on the Glynlea, Holiday Hills and Grove Park community. Due to the size of the Glynlea, Holiday Hills and Grove Park communities, the proactive inspections will be completed in three phases. The first phase generated 83 new cases.

- The second phase of the proactive corridor inspection in the Glynlea, Holiday Hills and Grove Park community will be conducted in October.
- 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.

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Planning and Development Department – Caroline Fulton on behalf of Connor Corrigan did not have a report.

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

Public Works – Steve Long informed the CPAC that:

- Local fire hydrants are inspected, and a flow test is conducted annually.
- Do not dispose of your unwanted fire extinguisher in your garbage can. The proper way to dispose of a fire extinguisher is at a household hazardous waste event. It was recommended that you empty the container out as much as possible before disposal.
- We are still in hurricane season; don't let your guard down yet.
- Mayor Deegan has increased the Public Works mowing budget. All City of Jacksonville roadways will be mowed and edged 21 times per year. Each time the roadways are mowed, litter will also be collected.
- The Public Works Department is working on an updated website. The new website will allow the community to better understand what and where the various Public Works projects are ongoing.

Steve Long – SLong@coj.net

Subcommittee Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Michael Corcoran, informed the CPAC the subcommittee reviewed two applications and no actions or motions were made.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – no report

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt – informed the CPAC that the City of St. Augustine is now using a real time app to inform drivers where and how many parking spaces are available. This app identifies parking spaces in public parking garage(s) and metered parking. The app is available for both Android and Apple devices.

Park Safety Council – Mary Jane Brewer – stated the Park Safety Council has cancelled their monthly meeting again; nothing to report.

TRUE Commission- vacant

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski announced that the GAB CPAC Nomination Subcommittee will meet at the Regency Square Branch Library on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 4:30 pm. This will be a hybrid meeting; the hybrid meeting notice has been emailed to everyone. Please send any CPAC Chair or Vice Chair nominations to Rosemary so she can share with the subcommittee.

A thank you was extended to the CPAC members that have submitted an RSVP to attend the Neighborhood Awards and the CPAC 30th Anniversary celebration on October 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

There was an inquiry if the CPAC members would like to have a speaker at their December 11, 2023, meeting. It was determined that the CPAC members do not want a speaker at the December meeting.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Keeley did not have a report.

Old Business – none

New Business – CPAC Member Nina Pougliouklidis informed the CPAC about CS/CS/HB 919 (2023) – Homeowners' Associations. This revises provisions relating to homeowners' associations including official records, fines, suspensions, attorney fees and costs, liens, etc. The effective date is October 1, 2023. For more information visit:

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=77664>

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, November 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.