

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

December 11, 2023, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Marion Anglin, Charter Point Community Association; Robert Beckham, Pelican Bay HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Delmas "Dedee" Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Alexander Hoffman, Ashley Green HOA; Tim Keeley, Chair, Kensington Association; Donnie Oulton, Glynlea Park, Neighborhood Association; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.

Excused: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Mary Jane Brewer, Live Oak Manor Neighborhood Association; Michael Corcoran, Kensington HOA; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA

Visitors: Cheryl Brantley, Hidden Hills; Chantha Bisher, Pelican Bay HOA; James Anglin, Charter Point; Joe Mantione, The Woods; Sarah Behnen, Ridgewood HOA

Staff: The Honorable Will Lahnen, City Council District 3; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development Department; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Lieutenant Gaston, JSO; Joe Johnson, Executive Council Assistant; Tiffany Morales, Military and Veterans Affairs; Sara Radovic, JPL; Lieutenant Jamar Smith, JFRD; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Keeley called the November 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 November meeting summary will be completed at the January 8, 2024, meeting.

Presentation(s): No presentation

Elected Officials Report:

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

- Clarified the boundaries of new City Council District 3. San Pablo Road is now part of City Council District 13.
- Upgrades at Patton Park are expected to be completed by the end of January 2024. The upgrades include the installation of one of the biggest and most extensive playgrounds in Jacksonville.
- Council member Lahnen is actively working to get a community center to City Council District 3.
- The University of North Florida (UNF) entrance off Kernan Boulevard is part of a \$3 million-dollar shared use path project. A shared use path is a 10- to 12-foot-wide paved path that offers a variety of uses. The new path will begin at Kernan Boulevard and end at the

entrance into the St. Johns Town Center. The project will be completed in three phases. Phase one will begin this year; the project should be completed over the next three years.

- FDOT is working on a pedestrian signaling improvement project at the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Hodges Boulevard. This project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.
- A large-scale FDOT project is underway at the intersection of J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 202) and Kernan Boulevard. This \$17 million-dollar single cloverleaf interchange project should be completed in late 2024.
- Tomorrow night, the City Council will vote on the \$25 million-dollar Mayor Deegan has requested for various projects throughout the city.
- For more information on City Council District 3, please follow Council Member Lahnen on his council Facebook page. <https://m.facebook.com/WillLahnen>

Will Lahnen – 255-5203 or WLahnen@coj.net

Joe Johnson, Executive Council Assistant to Council member Amaro, City Council District 1, shared the following updates:

- Ord.# 2023-714 will be presented to the full City Council tomorrow night. This is regarding the designation of a mid-century modern bank located at 930 University Boulevard North as a historic landmark. The former Arlington Federal Savings and Loan building was recently purchased and is scheduled for demolition to build a car wash. Dozens of supporters have turned out to Council Land Use and Zoning Committee meeting on December 5, 2023.
- On December 4, 2023, Council member Amaro held his December Town Hall meeting.
- The next City Council District 1 Town Hall meeting will be held on February 26, 2024, a location to be determined.
- On December 13, 2023, Council member Amaro will attend a ribbon cutting event at Fort Caroline Middle School Performing Arts Center.
- If you are not on Council member Amaro's email list, please send your email to joej@coj.net to be added.

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

Staff Reports:

JSO – Lieutenant Gaston announced:

- In the past 30 days, crime statistics were down overall in all zones.
- Everyone was reminded to participate in the 9:00 pm Routine. Please keep your vehicles locked when you are not in them and do not leave valuables and/or firearms in your vehicles.

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

JFRD – Lieutenant Jarmar Smith encouraged everyone to:

- If you plan to put up a live Christmas tree, please keep it watered.
- Set up and use your grills (gas or fire) at least 10 feet from your home.
- JFRD can install a new smoke detector or change the batteries in an existing smoke detector by calling 630-CITY to submit your request.

- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials.
- Before lighting a fire in your fireplace, make sure your chimney is clean. Be mindful where you have Christmas decorations/stockings hanging before lighting a fire.

Jarmar Smith – JarmarS@coj.net

FDOT – Derek Dixon announced:

- The intersection upgrades at Beach Boulevard and Hodges Boulevard will be completed later this year. Project manager is Brianna Turner – 1-904-360-5481
- The cloverleaf interchange project at J. Turner Butler Boulevard (S.R. 2020) and Kernan Boulevard is scheduled to be completed late 2024. Project manager is Sara Pleasants – 1-904-269-3490.
- The resurfacing of the Arlington Expressway should be completed by the summer 2024.
- Mr. Dixon shared the responses to the questions and concerns that were submitted through Rosemary.
- For additional information about FDOT road project, please visit: www.NFLRoads.com

Neighborhoods Department – Albert Feraro, Interim Director sent a flyer with details of two December pet adoption events. Chair Keeley read the information to the CPAC.

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Sara Radovic, shared the following information:

- For students, JPL will offer daily programming at all library branches during the winter break. Visit <http://events.jaxpubliclibrary.org/events> for daily details.
- The JPL mobile app is not functioning properly, please contact your local library if you have any questions.

Sara Radovic – 904-255-2665

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

- In the past 30 days, 1007 inspections were completed, and 284 snipe/litter signs were removed.
- A proactive inspection was conducted in Woodland Acres and 150 new cases were opened.
- 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. 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

Planning and Development Department – Connor Corrigan did not have a report.

Connor Corrigan – Ccorigan@coj.net or 904-255-7844

Military and Veterans Affairs – Tiffany Morales informed the CPAC that:

- On Saturday, December 16, 2023, Wreaths Across America will be held at our national Cemetery. Volunteers are needed, call 904-255-5550 for more details.
- On January 26 and 27th the Homeless Stand Down will be held at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds.

Tiffany Morales – 904-255-5550

Subcommittee Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Lad Hawkins conducted the LUZ Subcommittee meeting on behalf of Michael Corcoran. Mr. Hawkins stated the subcommittee reviewed eight different applications, no motions or actions were taken.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – not present

Environment – Lad Hawkins – no report

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

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

Park Safety Council – Mary Jane Brewer – not present

TRUE Commission- vacant

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski inquired if the CPAC had any requests or topics they would like to have a presentation on in 2024. There was a reminder that copies of the 2024 CPAC meeting calendar are available in hard copy on the sign in table and copies were emailed to everyone.

It was announced that the CPAC Chair and Vice Chairs will attend the annual Chairs training on December 13, 2023, in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street at 6:00 pm.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Keeley introduced three new CPAC members; the new members are:

- Marion Anglin representing Charter Point Community Association
- Alexander Hoffman representing Ashley Green HOA
- Donnie Oulton representing Glynlea Park Neighborhood Association

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, January 8, 2024, - 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 also be available virtually on Zoom.