

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

May 12, 2025, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Point HOA; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Cheryl Brantley, Hidden Hills Country Club Estates HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Point Homeowners Association; Michael Corcoran, Kensington HOA; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.; Gary Dickinson, Grove Park HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest HOA; Delmas “Dedee” Harper, POISE, Inc.; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Tim Keeley, Chair, Kensington Association; Sheila Litwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Joanne McIntosh, Ashley Green HOA; Donnie Oulton, Glynlea Park Neighborhood Association; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Nina Pougliouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Assoc.; Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA; Wayne Van Doren, Old Mill Cove HOA; Debra Wagner, Ibis Point Owners Association

Excused: Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Alex Hoffman, The Woods Community

Visitors: Chrissy Bott, San Jose Neighborhood; Herbert Ramsdell, Southside Estates Civic Association; Ed Radloff, Colony Cove; Fred Berley; Antonio Chang, Beachwood Civic Association; Jutin, Charter Point

Staff: Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; James Carroll, Public Works; Connor Corrigan, Planning & Development Department; Devan Holland, JPL; Joe Johnson, Executive Council Assistant, Council District 1; Susan Kelly, Planning and Development Department; Sharwonda Peek, DCPS; Lieutenant Benjamin Suydam, JSO; La'dora Taylor, Parks District Manager; Cheryl Riddick, JTA; Lieutenant Jarmar Smith, JFRD; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Keeley called the May 2025 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 April 2025 meeting summary will be completed at the June 2025 CPAC meeting.

Presentation(s): Susan Kelly, City Planner Supervisor, Planning and Development Department, City of Jacksonville, spoke on the City of Jacksonville Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document required by the Florida Statute (Chapter 163) and by Jacksonville's Municipal Code of Ordinances (Chapter 650). The Comprehensive Plan lays out the goals that direct development of programs and policies that guide growth and development. The City of Jacksonville is currently using the 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan consists of 11 elements, a section with definitions and a map series. The 11 elements are Capital Improvements, Conservation/Coastal Management, Future Land

Use, Historic Preservation, Housing, Infrastructure, Intergovernmental Coordination, Property Rights, Public Schools' Facilities, Recreation/Open Spaces and Transportation.

Florida Statutes (Sec.163.3191(1)) require that local governments evaluate their Comprehensive Plans at least once every 7 years. The updates are subject to the public hearing process and must be adopted by the City Council. The City's Comprehensive Plan in 2023 was updated from the 2030 Comprehensive Plan to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

To view the 2045 Comprehensive Plan visit: [Jacksonville.gov>City Departments>Planning>Community Planning Division>City's Comprehensive Plan](https://jacksonville.gov/City-Departments/Planning/Community-Planning-Division/City's-Comprehensive-Plan)

Susan Kelly – 904-255-7837 or Ksusan@coj.net

Elected Officials Report:

On behalf of The Honorable Ken Amaro, District 1, Joe Jackson, Executive Council Assistant, shared the following updates:

- Phase 1 construction on the Lone Star Road extension is underway. This phase of the project is expected to be completed by fall 2025. Phase 2 of the project will improve the intersection of Lone Star Road and Mill Creek Road; a traffic signal will be added.
- Regency Square Mall was sold, and Council Member Amaro has communicated with the new owners but has not received any redevelopment information yet.
- On May 21, 2025, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Blue Cypress Pool at 9:00 am at 5461 Golf Course Drive, 32277.
- The next Council District 1 Town Hall meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm; the location will be announced in the near future.

The Honorable Ken Amaro – 904-255-5201

Staff Reports:

JSO – On behalf of Commander Alicea, Lieutenant Benjamin Suydam provided the following JSO report:

- Shared the various crimes statics for each of the JSO subsectors that are in Zone 2.
- The CPAC was reminded that spring break is around the corner, and everyone was encouraged to be mindful that there will be an increased number of kids out and about; be careful driving.
- Everyone was reminded to participate in the 9:00 pm routine; remove all valuables from vehicles and lock your car every night at 9:00 pm.

Commander Alicea – 904-630-8166

JFRD – Lieutenant Smith reminded the CPAC meeting attendees that Hurricane Season is upon us. Everyone was encouraged to download the JAX Ready app and to start purchasing items for their hurricane kits.

As a follow up to a question last month. JFRD has identified the location for the new fire station in the Arlington area off Wompi Drive. Wompi Drive is off Merrill Road, east of I-295. A temporary trailer will be placed at the location for JFRD staff to work out of until the new fire station can be built.

Lieutenant Smith – JarmarS@coj.net

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Devon Holland, provided the following information:

- All libraries are preparing for the summer events. There are many fun activities planned that incorporate reading and learning so kids do not lose a lot of skills/knowledge over the summer.
- On Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 10:30 am at the Pablo Creek Regional Library there will be a free genealogy class offered. Bring your library card to use a computer and guidance will be provided to search your family history using ancestry.com.
- On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, starting at 5:00 pm there will be a photography workshop at the Pablo Creek Regional Library for free.
- Please remember that JPL provides a lot of digital resources available for free that you can access from your home computer. One of the most popular free programs is Linked In Learning which offers unlimited access to over 16,000 courses on demand. Visit: <https://jaxpubliclibrary.org/>
- All the libraries will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in honor of Memorial Day.

Devon Holland – DHolland@coj.net

JTA – Cheryl Riddick encouraged everyone to visit www.jtafla.com and click on the different tiles on the website to learn about all JTA's programs and services that are available.

As an update to the Automation and Innovation Center, there are 48 days remaining until the launch of Navi.

The autonomous service has been branded Neighborhood Autonomous Vehicle Innovation or NAVI and is part of the Ultimate Urban Circulator (USC) project. The NAVI program will deploy 14 AV shuttles downtown by early summer.

Cheryl Riddick, 904-630-3100

Military and Veterans Affairs – Fred Berley provided the following updates:

- There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26, 2025, at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Wall, 1145 East Adams Street (adjacent to EverBank Stadium) starting at 8:00 am.
- On June 2, 2025 the annual Spouse's Night Out will begin at 5:00 pm at the VySyta Veteran's Memorial Arena. No children allowed and no childcare provided. Please pre-register at fmorales@coj.net.

Fred Berley – 904-255-5524

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

- In the past 30 days, 1,156 inspections were completed, and 84 snipe/litter signs were removed.
- A special project was started today in the Atlantic Highlands community (off Atlantic Boulevard and Sunny Side Avenue).

Robert Bautochka – RBautochka@coj.net

Planning and Development Department – Connor Corrigan – no report

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

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – On behalf of Daniel Piastuck, La'dora Taylor shared the following updates:

- Parks, Recreation and Community Services will operate 10 summer camp programs at various parks. Visit <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/parks,-recreation-and-community-services/recreation-and-community-programming/jaxparks-summer-camp> to pre-register.
- At Blue Cypress Park the swimming pool will open on May 21st ; the fishing pier is under construction; and the boardwalk is open for use.
- The Beach Boulevard Pottsborg Creek Boat Ramp is currently in the design and permitting phase.
- Fitness equipment has been installed at Victory Park.
- Mayport Park is a new park under construction. Once completed, there will be a pavilion, restrooms, and a playground.
- Construction on Ivey Road Park will begin next month. Upon completion, the park will include restrooms, walking trail, dog park, and playground.

Daniel Piastuck – Dpiastuck@coj.net

Public Works – James Carroll encouraged the CPAC members to visit the new Blue Cypress Park swimming pool. Mr. Carroll stated the new swimming pool has an amazing concept/design and he recognized the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department for their creative work.

James Carroll – 904-255-8786

Duval County Public Schools – Sharwonda Peeks informed the DCPS is actively working on bus route and enough buses for all the school bus riders for the 2025-2026 school year.

Sharwonda Peeks – 904-390-2000

Subcommittee Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Mike Corcoran stated the subcommittee reviewed three applications and the subcommittee decided to take no action on any of the applications.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report

Environment – Lad Hawkins – informed the CPAC that Old Arlington Inc. (OAI) will host a Garden Tour on May 17 -18, 2025. Visit: <https://oldarlington.org/latest-news/2025/04/21/OAI-to-Host-Inaugural-Garden-Tour-May-17-18> for more information.

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt informed the CPAC that North Florida TPO is currently researching improvements to the roundabout on University Boulevard on/near the Arlington Expressway. Tentatively, funds have been identified for making these upgrades/improvements in the 2026 budget.

Park Safety Council – Donnie Oulton – no report

TRUE Commission - Alex Hoffman – not present

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski reminded the CPAC that the City of Jacksonville will host the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) conference May 20-23, 2025. To register for the conference visit: <https://www.nusa.org/>

The City of Jacksonville is also offering Neighborhoods Day on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. This is an opportunity to attend the conference for free on Wednesday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. Pre-registration is available on Eventbrite.

The City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Awards Program will be held at the Prime F. Osborn, III Convention Center on May 20, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Rosemary Wesolowski – 904-255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net

Chairs Report – We have all received our Solid Waste Fee Bill in the mail. The fee is currently \$12.65 a month and will increase to \$27 per month or \$324 annually for 2025, \$354 in 2026 and \$384 in 2027. If you have any questions or if you need financial assistance, please call 630-CITY and they can assist you.

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, June 9, 2025. The meeting will be held in-person at Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building Cafeteria, 3450 Monument Road, 32225 at 6:30 pm and the meeting will also be available virtually on Zoom.