

**Greater Arlington Beaches District – Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
**June 9, 2025**

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

**Meeting Attendance:** Chair Tim Keeley, Kensington Association; Vice Chair Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Larry Beige, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe Homeowners Association; Scott Cowitt, Hawkins Cove Owners Association; Gary Dickinson, Grove Park HOA; Kacy Evans, Caroline Forest Homeowners Association; Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Alexander Hoffman, The Woods Community; Sheila Litwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; JoAnne McIntosh; Ashley Green HOA; Donnie Oulton, Glynlea Park Neighborhood Association; Nina Pougliouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association; Wayne VanDoren, Old Mill Cove HOA; Mike Corcoran, Kensington HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove HOA; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association.

**Excused:** Ramsey Salem, Queens Harbour POA.

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Manager, Edwina Henry, Neighborhood Coordinator, Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Coordinator; JSO Lieutenant ; Robert Bautochka, MCCD; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development; Devon Holland, JPL; Sharwonda Peek, Duval County Public Schools; Robin Lang, COEA.

**ZOOM:** City Council member Ken Amaro (Ken's iPhone); Cheryl Brantley, Hidden Hills Country Club Estates HOA; Nell DeCoursey, Hickory Creek HOA; Lenore Hanapel, Covington Creek HOA; Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe Homeowners Association; Ernest Smith; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Justin Lingyed, Charter Point; Lieutenant Jarmar Smith, JFRD; City Council member Ken Amaro; Aaxson.

**Guests:** Candaledia Peepers; Melvin Peepers, Southside Estates Civic Association; J. Ramsdell; Herbert Ramsdell, Southside Estates Civic Association; Nicole Szarlan, Ibis Point; Janis Russell, Ibis Point.

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Keeley called the June 9, 2025, Greater Arlington Beaches CPAC to order at 6:30 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified the presence of a Quorum.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Summary:** Tabled.
3. **Presentation:** Joe Moye, Vice Chairman, BEEP gave a presentation on the Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C) program, which is designed to introduce autonomous vehicles into the JTA's transportation system.
  - The Bay Street Innovation Corridor will introduce Autonomous Vehicles, initially operating in approximately three miles of mixed traffic in curbside lanes along Bay Street from Pearl Street to EverBank Stadium, extending west to east through the Jacksonville Corridor, stopping at designated locations to allow passengers to enter and exit.

- In April 2025, JTA cut the ribbon on its Autonomous Innovation Center (AIC), 650 W. Bay Street, in the LaVilla Neighborhood; which will serve as the command center facility to store, service, monitor and maintain the autonomous mobility fleet.
- There will be safety attendants on board each autonomous vehicle.
- BEEP is set to manufacture autonomous vehicles in Jacksonville with a new production facility. This facility is expected to produce 5,000 autonomous vehicles annually.
- Mr. Moye noted that the Florida State College at Jacksonville has created a curriculum to allow its automotive technology students to be at the forefront of the rapidly evolving industries of autonomous and electric vehicles and artificial intelligent by integrating these technologies into their academic programming.
- JTA has been researching and testing autonomous vehicle technologies since 2017.
- Please visit <https://u2c.jtafla.com> for more information
- Jacksonville city Council Member Ken Amaro asked for the location of the production plant. Mr. Moye indicated that it will be located on 41 acres on Zoo Parkway near the Broward River.

**Joe Moye** - [info@ridebeep.com](mailto:info@ridebeep.com)

#### 4. Elected Officials Report:

- **Ken Amaro** – City Council member, District 1, announced his June 25, 2025, Town Hall Meeting at Jacksonville University. He will forward information to Rosemary Wesolowski to email to the CPAC membership.

**Ken Amaro** - [KAmaro@coj.net](mailto:KAmaro@coj.net)

#### 5. Staff Reports:

- **Mayor's Liaison** – Brittany Norris – Not present.
- **JSO - Lieutenant** Greg Terrell for Commander Alicea, stated that Commander Alicia is being transferred to the Academy and Commander Rick Valentine will be his replacement for District 2. Lieutenant Terrell reported the crime statistics:

| Sector             | Crime Type       | Previous 30 Days | Past 30 Days |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| ECHO               | Against Persons  | 87               | 86           |
|                    | Against Property | 70               | 62           |
| FOXTROT            | Against Persons  | 61               | 73           |
|                    | Against Property | 59               | 81           |
| GOLF               | Against Persons  | 57               | 61           |
|                    | Against Property | 94               | 102          |
| HOTEL              | Against Persons  | 47               | 34           |
|                    | Against Property | 44               | 45           |
| District 2 Overall | Against Persons  | 252              | 254          |
|                    | Against Property | 267              | 290          |

- Lieutenant Terrell reminded the CPAC to check their vehicles at night, ensure that doors are locked and to not keep valuables in the car.

**Lieutenant Terrell** – [JSODistrict2@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSODistrict2@jaxsheriff.org)

- **JFRD** – Lieutenant Jarmar Smith announced that Fire Station 66 (Arlingwood) will be located in the area of Merrill and Hartsfield Roads. Construction has not yet started.  
**Lieutenant Jarmar Smith** - [jarmarS@coj.net](mailto:jarmarS@coj.net)

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Sharwonda Peek gave the following report:
  - The school year ended with many wonderful graduations
  - The school district is waiting on the school grades to be released. DCPS is currently at 91% of schools rated A, B, or C. They are projecting an increase in school grades.
  - The Merrill Road and Don Brewer Elementary Schools consolidation will take place during the 2026 School Year.
  - Please visit the Duval County Public School District website to view the summary on how the funds from the half penny millage was spent:  
<https://dcps.duvalschools.org>
  - The School District is currently waiting on the State to release the budget, so that they can move forward with planning.

**Sharwonda Peek** – [@dcps.duvalschools.org](mailto:@dcps.duvalschools.org)

- **FDOT** – Derek Dixon reported on the question received:
  - What is the completion date of the Wonderwood Repairs? Mr. Dixon stated that barring any unforeseen circumstances, the project should be completed by the end of this calendar year.
  - Mr. Dixon was asked to bring back information on the work that is being done on Kernan Road to the intercoastal Road.
  - Mr. Dixon will also look into Highway 10, Kernan Boulevard to St. John's Bluff near the Amazon Warehouse. Turning lanes are confusing.
  - Mr. Dixon asked that questions be submitted to Rosemary Wesolowski, and she will forward to him.

**Derek Dixon** - [Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us)

- **JPL** - Devon Holland shared the following:
  - School is out and summer is underway. Library Branches have held their Summer Kickoff Celebration Parties.
  - Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 11 am to 5 pm, at the Main Public Library, is the Duval Comics and Zines Fest – a Celebration of Self Publishing.
  - Ms. Holland also referenced several resources available online through the library, such as “Flipster,” which is an online database of digital magazines – accessible with your library card.
  - Holiday Closures are: June 19, 2025 – Juneteenth Holiday and July 4, 2025 – Independence Day Holiday.

**Devon Holland** - [DHolland@coj.net](mailto:DHolland@coj.net)

- **MCCD** - Robert Bautochka reported the following:
  - In the past 30 days, 104 litter signs were removed and a total of 1,210 inspections were completed.
  - Mr. Bautochka urged the CPAC to continue calling in complaints to 630-CITY or MyJAX.

- Additionally, Mr. Bautochka reported that 275 litter citations were delivered to the owner of the “We Buy Junk Cars” litter signs. The citations totaled \$20,745. Hopefully there will be no more signs posted.

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

## 6. Subcommittee / Liaison Reports:

- **LUZ**, Chaired by Micke Corcoran – Six applications were reviewed, and no actions taken.
- **Beautification/Parks**, Larry Beige indicated no report.
- **Environment**, Lad Hawkins reported that the St. Johns Water Management District will now manage the Pablo Creek Reserves. It is roughly 600 acres and is located south of JTB in the Hodges area by Pablo Creek. It is currently being developed for nature trails, etc. It will be a great addition for public access.
- **Membership**, vacant.

## Ad Hoc Committees:

- **T.R.U.E. (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission**, Alex Hoffman commented that T.R.U.E. had a parking discussion with DIA regarding JFRD and JSO vehicles parking near the courthouse. It is allowed, as long as they are on official duty. Mr. Keeley would like a report from T.R.U.E. on what it is that the Commission is charged with doing.
- **North Florida TPO**, Scott Cowitt indicated no report.
- **Parks Safety Council**, Donnie Oulton stated that they will meet at the end of the month. He urged the CPAC to encourage others to utilize the Blue Cypress Pool, as it is a stunning facility. Council member Amaro stated that it is one of the crowned jewels among the Arlington Parks.

## 7. Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski stated that the Neighborhood Awards Program was held this May and Mr. Keeley received an award. She also thanked Eddi Parsons for attending.

Rosemary announced that in April 2025, she celebrated 20 years on the job and has since filed for retirement and that this will be her last CPAC meeting. She introduced Lisa Ransom, as the NSO Manager (and her supervisor) and Edwina Henry, a fellow Neighborhood Coordinator. One of the two ladies, she indicated, will be taking over until such time that a replacement can be hired.

Several CPAC Members congratulated Rosemary on her retirement and Mr. Keeley and Ms. Parsons wanted to be sure that Rosemary would attend the annual July dinner with the CPAC.

Cheryl Brantley announced that her community won one of the NSO Neighborhood Awards, for creating neighborhood pride. Ms. Brantley also thanked Rosemary for her guidance and leadership.

**8. Chair's Report:**

- Mr. Keeley reminded the membership that volunteers will be needed to serve on the nominations subcommittee, to help select candidates for 2026 CPAC Chair and Vice Chair, as he and Eddi Parsons have served for three years in their respective roles. The Committee will need to meet prior to the October CPAC Meeting.
- He also asked members to consider standing for election as CPAC Chair or Vice Chair. Elections are held in November.
- Rosemary Wesolowski volunteered to make the dinner reservations for the July annual CPAC dinner at Matt's Restaurant.
- Mr. Keeley commented on the Chair Awards presented at last month's Neighborhood Awards Program. He stated that it was quite a night out and that he was proud that Jacksonville supported the international neighborhood's conference.
- He said that Mayor Deegan did a great job representing the City during the conference and was well received.
- Lastly, Chair Keeley thanked Eddi Parsons for being a great vice chair and her support and many years of effort.

**9. Unfinished Business:** None.

**10. New Business:** None.

**11. Public Comments / Announcements** (three-minute time limit)

- A member stated that Andy Johnson, a former State Representative and a strong supporter of the Arlington community, passed away at the age of 82, on June 1, 2025. He was also the host of the radio talk show, "Down to Business with Andy Johnson." While serving in the State Legislature, two of his achievements were securing funding for the Dames Point Bridge and the implementation of mandatory seat belt laws.
- Another member announced the presence of Apple Snails in local waters. She indicated that Apple snails are considered highly invasive and pose significant threats to ecosystems. The St. Johns River Water Management District does not have any guidelines on the invasive species and that she is waiting to hear from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

**12. The Meeting was adjourned.** The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Ed Austin Regional Park, PAL Building, 3450 Monument Road, 32225.