

Greater Arlington Beaches Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 11, 2024, Meeting Summary

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

Meeting Attendance:

CPAC Members: Amita Agnihotri, Osprey Pointe HOA; Marion Anglin, Charter Point Community Association; Robert Beckham, Pelican Bay HOA; Larry Belge, River Woods – St. Johns Landing HOA; Pamela Brown, Osprey Pointe HOA; 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.; Alexander Hoffman, Ashley Green HOA; Tim Keeley, Chair, Kensington Association; Sheila Litwhiler, Beachwood Civic Association; Joe Mantione, The Woods Community; Donnie Oulton, Glynlea Park Neighborhood Association; Eddi Parsons, Monument Oaks HOA; Jerry Petoskey, Old Mill Cove Community Organization; Nina Pougliouklidis, Ibis Point Owners Association; Debra Wagner, Hawkins Cove Owners Association, Inc.

Excused: Lad Hawkins, Communities of East Arlington; Justine Wadyko, Waterleaf HOA

Visitors: Arnita Baskin; Larry Clark; Pete Starling; Andrea Lepianka; Terry Wanbaugh; Justin Smith; Chanta Beshar; 904-631-6401; Mary Castor

Staff: The Honorable Ken Amaro, District 1; Scott Adams, JPL; Sargent Patrick, JSO; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development Department; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Chip Harper, Military and Veterans Affairs; Lieutenant Jamar Smith, JFRD; Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Services Office

Call to Order/Verify Quorum: Chair Keeley called the March 2024 GAB CPAC meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present. Chair Keeley reminded the CPAC members about the Zoom Meeting Decorum guidelines.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary – Approval of the February 2024 meeting summary was completed.

Presentation(s): Marci Larson, Public Affairs Manager, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) and Wiley Page, Senior Transportation Planner, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO).

Ms. Larson provided an overview of the function of the NFTPO. The NFTPO is an independent regional transportation planning agency for Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. John's Counties. They are tasked with leading this region's efforts in planning, funding, and mobilizing resources to develop and maintain our transportation systems. This encompasses over 3,000 square miles of roads and a population of nearly 1.4 million. The NFTPO also partners with the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, the Jacksonville Port Authority and the Ocean Highway and Port Authority (St. John's County).

Mr. Page shared information about the NFTPO Long Range Transportation Plan. Every five years, NFTPO updates the region's Twenty-year Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); this is also known as the 2025 LRTP. The purpose of the updates is to address road, transit, freight, bike, and

pedestrian needs. All transportation projects must be included in the LRTP to receive federal funding. So far, nearly 500 projects have been identified for the 2025 LRTP. Mr. Page reviewed the handout provided to the meeting attendees prior to the presentation that listed numerous projects that were adopted in the 2019 Long Range Transportation Plan for our area.

For more information about the NFTP and/or the 2025 LRTP, please visit

www.pathforward2045.com

Elected Officials Report:

The Honorable Ken Amaro stated he did not have a report but was interested in hearing the comments and feedback pertaining to the LUZ applications that were reviewed during the LUZ Subcommittee.

Staff Reports:

JSO – Sargent Patrick presented the following JSO report for Zone 2:

- District wide, violent crimes decreased by 4% and property crimes decreased by 6%.
- The crime statistics were broken down by the various JSO subsectors in the GAB (Zone 2) District.
- There was a reminder to participate in the 9:00 pm Routine; make sure all your vehicles are locked and the valuables (especially firearms) are removed from the vehicle.
- Spring break and summer vacation are upcoming. During this time, there tends to be an uptick in all types of burglaries. Please make sure to lock all your valuables and firearms.

Assistant Chief Alicea – 904-630-8166

JFRD – Lieutenant Jarmar Smith shared the following recommendations:

- Electrical cord safety was reviewed, the safety tips include: do not overload an electrical outlet or extension cord, do not close doors or windows on cords, discard any electrical cord if your pet has chewed on it and make sure the cords are not a trip hazard.
- JFRD can install a new smoke detector or change the batteries in an existing smoke detector by calling 630-CITY to submit your request.

Lieutenant Smith – JarmarS@coj.net

FDOT – Derek Dixon provided the following updates:

- The eastbound lanes of the Mathews Bridge will be closed this upcoming weekend (March 15, 16, and 17, 2024).
- Work continues at J. Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB or SR 202) at the Kernan Boulevard exit ramps.
- Work began last week on the J. Turner Butler Boulevard Bridge over the intercoastal waterway. No work or road closures will take place during the week of The Players Championship March 11 through 17, 2024.
- Work on the Wonderwood Expressway will be completed in the summer 2024, depending on weather and any unforeseen circumstances.
- FDOT is planning a landscaping project along the Arlington Expressway to take place in late 2025.
- There have been several questions about a new signal on Atlantic Boulevard, near Sutton Lakes, pertaining to the proposed Amazon warehouse facility. This project will be

a modified by permit project. You can find the permit information at www.NFLroads.com; the visual and written description of the project are online.

- FDOT has studied the I-295 corridor near Merrill Road/I-295. A capacity improvement project has been developed. Once funding has been identified, the design build process will begin. To learn more, visit NFLroads.com/295.
- Mr. Dixon confirmed that Kernan Boulevard is a City of Jacksonville Road. Any roadway upgrades or traffic signal changes/upgrades will be completed by the City of Jacksonville, not FDOT.

Derek Dixon – Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us

Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) – Scott Adams, introduced himself and shared the following information:

- The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held March 14, 15, and 16, 2024 at the University Park Branch Library. For more information call 904-255-BOOK.
- The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and JPL have partnered again to bring free tax preparations to the community. It was noted that appointments are mandatory. Visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org for more details.
- Tenikka's Books for Kids book drive is underway and will end on March 16, 2024. There are three ways to donate books:
 - Drop off a new or like new book for children ages 0-18 to any local library branch.
 - Buy in local store or online at San Marco Books or The Bookmark at Neptune Beach.
 - Buy online at Tenikka's wish list on Amazon.

Scott Adams – Sadams@coj.net

Military Affairs and Veterans (MAV) – Chip Harper provided the following information:

- The Military Affairs and Veterans Department also provides tax preparation to veterans and enlisted men alike. Call 904-255-5550 for more information.
- The Players Championship Military Job Fair was held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the Patriots' Outpost, TPC Sawgrass, 110 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. 32082
- A Memorial Day Observance will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 8:30 am at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, 1145 East Adams Street (between TIAA Bank Field and the 121 Baseball Grounds).
- The 7th Annual Military Spouses Night Out will be held on June 20, 2024, 5 to 8 pm at the Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena. Pre-registration is required. Please register at www.Jacksonville.Gov/MSN

Chip Harper – 904-255-5537

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

- In the past 30 days, 992 inspections were completed, and 196 snipe/litter signs were removed.
- A proactive inspection will be conducted tomorrow (March 12, 2024) off Atlantic Boulevard (just west of University Boulevard).
- It was stated MCCD has limited ability enforcing commercial vehicles violations. The types of commercial vehicles that MCCD can enforce in residential areas include semi-trucks, flatbed trucks, box trucks, and dump trucks to name a few. Pickup trucks and

vans (with signage on them) are not considered commercial vehicles or a violation to parking in a residential area.

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

Subcommittee Reports (3-minute time limit):

LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – Michael Corcoran informed the CPAC that the subcommittee reviewed four applications and presented two motions to the full CPAC. The motions are:

- Denial of 2024-0145 at 12636 Ivylena (RE# 162213-0000 and 162213-0010) a PUD for 65-unit townhome development for the following reasons:
 - The surrounding communities are vehemently opposed to this change from a low density residential to a medium density residential due to the foreseeable increase of approximately 120 additional vehicles in an already heavily traveled roadway. The only access point for the development and the existing communities is a small two-lane road.
 - The site plan calls for the development of a play area for resident children, but none is visible on the drawings, nor does there appear to be any space available for such an area.
 - This area is teeming with wildlife, some of which are endangered and will be completely displaced by this action.
 - The area is severely affected by heavy rains as is and the preliminary earth moving is already affecting how the water moves through the area.

The motion carries.

- Denial of 2024-0153 at 10786 Craig Boulevard (RE# 162105-0000) a PUD to permit the development of an Amazon Warehouse for the following reasons:
 - The ingress and egress for the proposed development will significantly affect the community directly south of the proposed intersection by restricting access to westbound Atlantic Boulevard and by adding two additional traffic lights within 50 yards of the current intersection. This addition of signals will have a devastating effect on the traffic to and from a well-established community.
 - The addition of hundreds of semi-tractor trailer traffic, plus a fleet of smaller delivery trucks and vans to the already heavy traffic load of Atlantic Boulevard will have a devastating effect on all the communities along the Atlantic Boulevard

corridor from I-295 to the intercoastal waterway. The development of at least twelve car dealerships along this portion of the north side of Atlantic Boulevard has already adversely impacted local traffic, the access to and from local communities and the serenity of these quiet communities.

The motion carries.

Beautification/Parks – Larry Belge – no report.

Environment – Lad Hawkins – not present.

Membership – vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) – Scott Cowitt – provided some additional updates pertaining to the NFTPO.

- There is a proposed plan to replace the Mathews Bridge in the time frame of 2036-2045; it was mentioned that this project has been on the long-range plan repeatedly.
- Improvements to the Arlington Expressway interchanges may occur in the 2031-2035 timeframe.
- There is a list of proposed plans for intersection improvements during the 2026-2030 time-period for the following intersections: Atlantic Boulevard at Hodges Boulevard; Atlantic Boulevard at Withrow Drive (Hawkins Cove Community); Atlantic Boulevard at Girvin Road; and Atlantic Boulevard at San Pablo Road.

Park Safety Council - vacant

TRUE Commission- Chair Keeley informed the CPAC that Alexander Hoffman, representing Ashley Green HOA has agreed to represent the GAB CPAC on the TRUE Commission. A motion was made and seconded; the GAB CPAC voted unanimously for Mr. Hoffman to serve on the TRUE Commission representing the GAB CPAC.

Neighborhood Services Office Report – Rosemary Wesolowski thanked everyone for attending the meeting and she expressed her appreciation for their patience with the sound quality of the meeting in the gymnasium. The April 2024 GAB CPAC meeting will return to the PAL cafeteria.

It was announced that JTA will be the presenters at the July 08, 2024, GAB CPAC meeting to discuss the San Pablo Road construction project. This topic was announced because at the January 2024 GAB CPAC meeting, it was discussed/decided to skip a presenter at the July 2024 meeting so the meeting could end a little earlier and the CPAC members gather for dinner at a local restaurant. The question was posed, would the CPAC members like to move the dinner outing to another month or just wait until the December meeting? After some discussion, it was decided to not have a speaker at the June 10, 2024, GAB CPAC meeting with dinner out after the meeting.

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

Chairs Report – Chair Keeley no report.

Old Business – none

New Business – Member Eddi Parson announced Scenic Jacksonville is spotlighting the Arlington area and they are holding three different events in Arlington. The three Arlington events are: on March 23, 2024, there will be a guided river taxi tour, on April 20, 2024, there will be a guided trolley tour and on May 29, 2024, there will be a panel discussion to discuss the future of Arlington. For more information visit www.ScenicJax.org

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, April 8, 2024, - 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.