

Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 21, 2011

GJA met on the above date in the Jacksonville Elementary School parking lot. President Doug Oakley called meeting to order at 7:40 pm. In attendance were approximately 22 persons. Mr. Oakley introduced the board members who were present.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted. Treasurer Glen Thomas reported a balance of \$15,041.88 as of April 30. According to Baltimore County police representative, there was no activity of note to report.

There was no new information on the Exxon spill or on the illegal carport issue.

Mr. Oakley reported that the board was working on revising the bylaws, mainly to reflect more modern communication to include email, etc. The proposed changes will be posted on the web site for members' consideration prior to voting on them, probably in September.

Mr. Peters reported that he had added new, pertinent content to the web site. Members are encouraged to check for frequent updates. Information on the upcoming Comprehensive Zoning Map Plan (CZMP) will be posted. Community associations have until September 1 to submit any proposed changes for this zoning cycle. The GJA board will review the Jacksonville Community Plan, updating statistics, etc. in preparation for the CZMP.

Guest speaker Todd Huff, new Third District County Councilman was introduced. He commented on the following issues:

- Deer thinning will commence in parks this fall, the county working with DNR in Oregon Ridge and Cromwell Valley parks. Snipers will be used from 10 pm to 3 am to thin the herds and deer meat will be donated to Baltimore County food banks.
- New legislation was enacted as of March 24 to limit panhandlers. Only 501(c) (3) charities will be allowed by permit to ask for donations on the street.
- The Planned Urban Development (PUD) issue on Pot Spring was discussed. Thirteen single-family homes will be built as allowed by law, not a PUD. PUD can override current zoning but would be disallowed outside the URDL.
- DPW is working on the Hess Road bridge issue. A minimum 21-foot width is required to receive federal money.
- Traffic calming will be used on a trial basis on Sunnybrook Road.
- He will work on obtaining use of the new Rec Center for community meetings
- Mr. Huff is pleased with proposed county redistricting plans.

Mr. Huff then took questions. He was asked about the need for safety barriers along the Rec. Center walking trail close to Sweet Air Road. Another area of concern is the absence of adequate background checks for recreation council volunteer coaches. He promised to look into these community concerns. Improvements to the Four Corners intersection were discussed. Members expressed concern that SHA was not adequately addressing community needs.

Board member Jack Armstrong reported that the survey that he and fellow board member Susan Anthony had developed for area businesses was ready for distribution.

Mr. Oakley asked for feedback on the GJA Community Plan. The next GJA membership meeting will be September 20. Legislators have been invited to speak at fall meetings. There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Lehmann, Secretary