

**Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc.  
General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 22, 2011**

GJA met on the above date at the Jacksonville Elementary School. President Doug Oakley called meeting to order at 7:40 pm. In attendance were approximately 25 persons. Mr. Oakley introduced the board members who were present.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted. Treasurer Glen Thomas reported a balance of \$14,595.45 as of October 31, 2011.

Lieutenant McGraw of BCPD Precinct 7 reported on crime in the area – a car fire and daytime burglaries in the Northern District that had resulted in an arrest.

Delegate Wade Kach spoke about the Congressional redistricting that now puts most of the Jacksonville catchment area in the 7<sup>th</sup> district of Congressman Elijah Cummings. He noted one area problem is that the quality of our reservoirs is deteriorating. He stated that in his opinion wind farms were not a good answer to energy issues and would be costly to consumers.

Representatives from the State Highway Administration presented the plan to update the Four Corners intersection, essentially the same as presented in 2005 and put on hold because of the Exxon leak. It is now a failed intersection and improvements - another through lane westbound on Sweet Air, a longer right turn lane northbound on Jarrettsville Pike, etc. - will result in a D rating instead of an F (failed) rating. The project, in the less than \$20M category, is not yet funded. The full plan can be accessed on the GJA on the website.

The bylaws amendments, as posted on the website – mostly housekeeping to allow for email, etc. - were approved unanimously.

The Nominating Committee – Lisa Connolly-Bailey, Mark Ellerkmann, and Chairman Glen Thomas- submitted the following slate for GJA officers and board members for 2012:

President, Doug Oakley; Vice President, Glen Thomas; Secretary, Betsy Lehmann; Treasurer, Jack Armstrong; Board members: Susan Anthony, Bill Ensor, Jr., David Palmer, Marc Peters, and Wil Sauerbrey. One vacancy remains.

There were no nominations from the floor, and the proposed slate was unanimously elected.

Mr. Oakley provided an update on zoning issues. GJA board members have met with the operator of Anytime Fitness, who is planning a 24-hour fitness center at the old Blockbuster site on Sweet Air Road and has applied for variances, mostly about parking, for the site. Mr. Thomas attended the Special Exception hearing and noted some concerns about the 24-hour operation. However, that issue was not in question at the hearing.

Another zoning issue is the a proposed zoning change submitted for the 2012 CZMP by Gaylord Brooks on behalf of the owners of the residential property at 14335 Jarrettsville Pike to change 1.52 acres from RC5 to RO CR to allow a small office building on the site.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm. The next meeting will be on January 17, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Lehmann, Secretary