

**GREATER ARLINGTON CIVIC COUNCIL, INC.**

**Thursday February 1, 2018 ; 6:30 p.m.**

**Regency Square Branch Library**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. President's Report - Lad Hawkins**
- 3. Vice President's Report - Maceo George**
- 4. Treasurer's Report - John Roberts**

**ARLINGTON CRA ZONING OVERLAY;** The JPDD is in the process of preparing the overlay plan. The completed plan will be presented to the community this spring. Then they will work with the City, the CRA Board and the community to initiate implementation of the plan this year.

**OLD ARLINGTON INC:** OAI and GACC plan to work more closely in 2018 to strengthen the Arlington community. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OAI and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GACC provide great milestones for us to work together to strengthen our community. John Crescimbeni, Chair of the Tree Commission spoke on the Tree Commission and explained the results of the mediated settlement agreement.

**JOYCE MORGAN'S TOWN HALL MEETING:** The meeting was held inside Regency Square. The meeting was well attended. A lot of issues were discussed. Joyce made a special pitch on the litter problem. She had read the very good JCCI study recommendations on litter and was fired up to address this matter.

**LITTER /BLIGHT;** GACC plans on working on enforcement and education. Snipe signs glued to telephone poles and traffic control boxes is a problem. Discussion.

**PARKS:** Anna Broche , Council President, wants to concentrate on our parks. Anna will be at ABCPAC meeting on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and will discuss parks in our area. John Roberts is CPAC Sub Committee Chair of Parks. Relay any park related items to John prior to the CPAC meeting.

**TREES;** Scenic Jax, City Beautiful Jax, ABCPAC, have taken positions opposing SB 574 and HB 521 that would take away home rule for all local tree protection ordinances in Florida. Our City Council has also passed a resolution opposing this legislation.

**TREE COMMISSION:** A seven-member tree Commission is currently being formed. John Crescimbeni will be the council representative. John Pappas will represent Public Works. Other members will be Curtis Hart, Real Estate, Jeremy Cooper, Forester, Rhodes Robinson, Environmental consultant at ESI, Aaron Glick, Urban Planner. Chris Flagg, Landscape Architect.

The commission will make recommendations to council on tree matters and work on plans to spend the 20 million dollars that is in our two tree funds on tree planting projects throughout Duval County. Check out JAXDIGSTREES and GreenScape.

**ARLINGTON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL:** Closed! Discussion.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY:** GACC has been in discussion with City Traffic personnel regarding traffic safety issues on Monument Road between Trednick and I-295 East. Also discussion is ongoing on missing sidewalks on the north side of Monument in this area eastward to Lee Rd..

**JACKSONVILLE ARBORETUM;** The Arboretum is open 8am until 5 pm all days. Become a member and support your Arboretum. Work days are the second Saturday of each month. Web site is: [Jacksonvillearboretum.org](http://Jacksonvillearboretum.org)

**GACC 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION;** FALL 2018- Planning begins. Maceo will work with GACC on addressing membership. GACC plans on creating a map of the GACC area with neighborhoods identified. We also plan on working with OAI to strengthen the Arlington Community and plan for our respective anniversary celebrations.

**Lad Hawkins, President**