

GREATER ARLINGTON CIVIC COUNCIL, INC.

Thursday March 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**

ZONING EXCEPTION E-18-04 ; Proposal to allow a liquor store in Gazebo Shopping Center was Denied by Planning Commission. They have 30 days to appeal, I think. Discussion.

JEA SALE; Discussion.

ARLINGTON CRA ZONING OVERLAY; No change. 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 25th anniversary of OAI and the 40th anniversary of GACC provide great milestones for us to work together to strengthen our community. Ramsey Salem discussed the ABCPAC. There is a new litter clean up plan. The first Saturday of each month residents are encouraged to get out and pick up litter. The Neighborhoods Department will furnish blue bags, forms, vests and gloves. The gloves and vest need to be returned. The city would like to keep track of this work by having forms filled out with workers, hours worked. The City then calculates the dollar value provided to the city by residents. The city would like also to collect the filled bags possibly placed at any city park. All of this coordination will not be easy. In the mean time just pick up litter that you see.

JOYCE MORGAN'S TOWN HALL MEETING: The meeting was well attended and focused on school safety issues. Cheryl Grimes and others spoke and answered many questions. Joyce made a special pitch on litter and promoted the first Saturday clean up concept. Her new assistant Katrine is doing a good job. John Roberts, Maceo and Lad were at the meeting. Discussion.

CRAIG FIELD; A notice was recently published in the Daily Record stating that Notice Zones around Airport Environs have been adopted onto the City Zoning Atlas. Under Ord 656.1015-Public Awareness such a notice must be published at least three times a year. CPAC no longer meets at Craig Field. The Landscape plantings and No Mow areas are slowly maturing.

PARKS: John Roberts has prepared a list of Arlington parks and their deficiencies. Girvin Road Landfill park site discussion. A list of potential new park acquisition sites along inland waterways has been published and there are several sites in Arlington. Fort Caroline Cove site was listed in AB Visioning and has made the list. The Waterways Commission and the NEFR Council are the agencies working on this. Potential Funding will be through FIND, Fla Inland Navigation District.

TREE COMMISSION: A seven-member tree Commission has been formed. John Crescimbeni is the Chair and council representative. John Pappas is not on the board but will attend and represent Public Works. Other members are Curtis Hart, Real Estate, Jeremy Cooper, Forester, Rhodes Robinson, Environmental consultant at ESI, Aaron Glick, Urban Planner. Chris Flagg, Landscape Architect. The commission has had two meetings. Lad attended the second meeting and will work with Tracey Arpen and Alicia Grant on preparing recommendations for possible landscape ordinance changes. This Commission will make recommendations to City Council on tree matters and work on plans to spend the 20 million dollars that is currently sitting in our two tree funds. Check out JAXDIGSTREES.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: No change. 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 the area east 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

GACC 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION; FALL 2018- Planning begins. Maceo is working with GACC on addressing 2018 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. Arlington Strong!

Lad Hawkins, President