

# Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## April 1, 2019 Meeting Summary

Ed Ball Building, 214 W. Adams St.



### Meeting Attendance

#### CPAC Members

Chair: Michelle Tappouni  
Vice Chair: Kim Pryor  
Churchwell Lofts: Dimitri Demopoulos  
Eastside Community Coalition: Tia Keitt  
JASMYN: Cindy Watson  
Parks at the Cathedral: Greg Radlinski  
The Plaza: Glen VanVorst

#### Excused CPAC Members

Planet Watch Neighborhood: Juanita Senior

#### Staff and Elected Officials

City Council Member: Samuel Newby  
Duval County Public School: Dana Kriznar  
JSO: Lt. James Ricks  
Municipal Code Compliance: Gary Roberts  
Neighborhoods Department: Brian Mosier  
Jacksonville Public Library: Chiquita Powell  
Planning and Development: Connor Corrigan  
Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman

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#### Visitors

Richard Lewis: The Plaza  
Aisha Alami: The Plaza  
Brianna Buggs  
Paul Garner

Brenda Boydston: Fresh Ministries  
Cathy Reed: Parks at the Cathedral  
Michael Troutman: S.I.A.A.  
John Shermantoro: SPAR

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** CPAC Chair Michelle Tappouni called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. After members introduced themselves, staff confirmed a quorum.
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** Glen VanVorst motioned to approve the March 4, 2019 CPAC meeting summary. Greg Radlinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with one change to the summary.
- 3. Presentation:** Duval County Public School: Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent ([kriznard@duvalschools.org](mailto:kriznard@duvalschools.org)), reported on the facilities recommendations as a result of the study on Jacksonville's aging school buildings. The suggestions have not considered important community and neighborhood issues, such as determining the historic significance of some structures that are recommended for demolition. The next step in the process is determining which structures should be preserved and which should be sold or demolished and rebuilt. These changes do not currently have funding. However, this is research and data collection is intended to assist with creating a plan. Neither the Duval County School Board nor the superintendent has submitted a final plan for Duval County's aging school buildings.
- 4. Public Official Report:** Samuel Newby, At Large District 5 Council Member ([snewby@coj.net](mailto:snewby@coj.net): 630-1387), reported that he submitted bill 2019-169 to have a van that was scheduled for surplus by the Health Department to be reassigned to the Healthy Start Coalition. The vehicle will provide transportation for women to their pre-natal doctor visits. Council Member Newby reiterated that if you have input on legislation, attending the committee meetings is the best way to be heard. He suggested not waiting for the scheduled City Council meetings since members may have heard enough previous information and their decisions are made by that time.
- 5. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports**
  - Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair Tia Keitt reviewed the following items from the subcommittee meeting:
    - Chair Tia Keitt motioned that the Urban Core CPAC send a letter to Mayor Curry requesting that JEA revitalize its existing building in lieu of a building one at a new location. Kim Pryor seconded the motion and the motion passed with one dissenting and six in support. Update – on April 2, the day after the meeting, JEA announced the selection for the new headquarters at 325 West Adams St. The chair did not send this letter since the decision had been announced.
    - **2019-196** - The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 656 – Zoning Code –The purpose of the bill is to have the Zoning Code reflect the redevelopment goals and objectives of the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) plans for the Northbank and Southbank of downtown. Downtown Overlay Zone and Downtown District Regulations specifically address the following CRA redevelopment goals: 1) Increase rental and owner occupied housing. 2) Simplify the approval process for downtown development and improve departmental and

agency coordination. 3) Improve walkability/bikeability and connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods and the St. Johns River. 4) Establish a waterfront design framework. 5) Use planning and economic development policies to promote design for healthy living. The subcommittee would like additional information on this bill.

## 6. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** Lt. James Ricks, Patrol and Enforcement Zone 1 ([James.Ricks@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:James.Ricks@jaxsheriff.org)), reported that in Zone 1 – Sector B violent crime is down 29.17 percent and property crime is down 17.37 percent since this time last year. JSO arrested suspects who entering occupied Springfield homes at night. This will be Lt. Ricks last CPAC meeting. Lt. Rickie Valentine will be the JSO representative for the Urban Core.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Gary Roberts, Code Compliance Supervisor (255-7057: [GDRoberts@coj.net](mailto:GDRoberts@coj.net)), reported that year-to-date (September 1, 2018 to current) the Urban Core has had 12,476 code compliance cases. The Mid-Westside systematic inspection was completed last month resulting in 1,054 cases with 1,938 violations. The majority were nuisance cases and junk vehicles.
- **Neighborhoods Department:** Brian Mosier, Operations Director for Neighborhoods Department ([BMosier@coj.net](mailto:BMosier@coj.net): 255-7005), shared details of the Fine and Lien Amnesty Program. He said about 7,000 applications have been submitted. Once the application is approved, a letter is sent detailing the fine amount that must be paid to have liens removed. Settlement agreements on administrative fines are also being considered, with an extension to ensure remedial work can be completed. Brian Mosier reported that Animal Care and Control has partnered with JFRD on a social media campaign to heighten awareness of animals available for adoption. Please "like" and share these stories on your social media pages. Brian Mosier also noted that mosquito season is upon us. The mosquito control motto "tip and toss" refers to tipping things over so they don't retain water and tossing water out of items that retain water.
- **Jacksonville Public Library:** Chiquita Powell, Library Services ([@coj.net](mailto:@coj.net)), reported that the Main Library will host an event on Saturday April 6, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. called B is for Baby. This event is for new and expectant mothers to be introduced to the many services and options available to them in Jacksonville. Several vendors will be presents and health care professionals will be available to answer questions. Comic Con is scheduled for May 4, 2019, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Main Library. Additional program information and hours of operation for each location can be found at [jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://jaxpubliclibrary.org).
- **Neighborhood Services Office Department:** Amy Holliman ([aholliman@coj.net](mailto:aholliman@coj.net): 255-8260), announced that the downtown Earth Day Cleanup is Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 8-10 a.m. Please meet at the Jacksonville Landing to pick up gloves, bags and location assignments.

**7. Unfinished Business:** CIP Recommendations are due May 15. There will be a final discussion at the next meeting. Drainage, bike share program, beautification on A. Philip Randolph Boulevard were on the 2018 request list. Dimitri Demopolis recommended that downtown sewerage infrastructure update should be added.

**8. Adjourn:** Chair Michelle Tappouni adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

A copy of the audio recording of this Urban Core CPAC meeting is available through a Public Information Request by calling 630-CITY. Details about Public Records can be found on the City's Website: [Public Records](#).

**Next CPAC Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019, 5:30 p.m.  
in the Ed Ball Building's First Floor Training Room, 214 N. Hogan St. 32202**