

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

January 7, 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
Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.: Celia Miller
Parks at the Cathedral: Greg Radlinski
Planet Watch Neighborhood: Juanita Senior
The Plaza: Glen VanVorst
Grand Boulevard Crime Watch: Delores Swain
Grand Boulevard Crime Watch: Johnny Swain
TRUE Commission Chair: Niki Brunson

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council at Large Group 5: Samuel Newby
Duval County Public School Board: Warren Jones
Public Works: Steve Long
JEA: Renee Good
Code Compliance: Timothy Myers
Jacksonville Public Library: Tim Rogers
Jacksonville Public Library: Sara Roberts
JTA: Cheryl Riddick
Downtown Investment Authority: Jim Klement
Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman

Visitors:

Richard Lewis: The Plaza
Cindy Watson: JASMYN
Evie Welch: Sheriff's Watch Zone 1-Sector A
Brenda Boydston: Fresh Ministries
Laura Eldredge: Fresh Ministries
Adrienne Lathrop: Plan Design Construct

Kenneth Walker: Plan Design Construct
Janet Walker: Plan Design Construct
Deborah Wright: Harvest Ministries
Shanell Davis-Bryant: Groundwork Jacksonville
Cathy Reed

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** CPAC Chair Michelle Tappouni called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. After members introduced themselves, staff confirmed a quorum.
 - 2. Public Official Report:** Samuel Newby, At Large District 5 Council Member (snewby@coj.net; 630-1387), reported that the Task Force on Crime Reduction selected several subcommittees during its first meeting: including, Work Force Training, Community Engagement, Leadership Programs, Business Partnerships, Education and Youth Development, Neighborhoods, Mental Health and Substance Abuse. The Urban Rest Stop opening is Thursday, February 14, 2019, in the Sulzbacher Center at 611 E. Adams St. At the soft opening in late January, 250 individuals came to shower, do laundry, eat a meal and shave. The Urban Rest Stop anticipates it will serve 450 people a day.
 - 3. Chair Report:** Michelle Tappouni shared the mission of the CPAC as outlined in Executive Order E-2014-03 Section 4A. The Chair requested that CPAC members to review the 2008 Urban Core Vision Plan for projects that need advocacy. Greg Radlinski expressed an interest in strengthening Guiding Principle Two from the Urban Core Vision Plan, "Promote Mixed-Use/Mixed-Income Redevelopment and Infill." to encourage homeownership in lieu of rentals downtown. The Chair encouraged CPAC members to read over the Urban Core Vision Plan and to find long-term programs or projects to will benefit the Urban Core that they would like to discuss in future meetings. She also requested that CPAC members and visitors complete the yellow "Request for Service" cards to report 630-CITY issues. They can be given directly to the staff person responsible at the meeting, or Amy Holliman will enter them into 630-CITY.
 - 4. TRUE Commission Report:** Niki Brunson, (nikibrunson@outlook.com), reported that the Taxation Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission has a special subcommittee on Parks and Maintenance. The TRUE Commission has in planning inspections on 20 parks, five of which are in the Urban Core. The TRUE Commission will compare their inspection results to the reports on file with Parks, Recreation and Community Services. Niki Brunson will provide a list of the parks inspected by the Commission.
 - 5. Public Official Report:** Warren Jones, Duval County Public School Board Member District 5 (jonesw2@duvalschools.org; 390-2372), reported that Duval Public Schools has not had a significant enough increase from the State of Florida to accommodate the influx of new residents. Duval County Public Schools is currently conducting a series of meetings throughout Jacksonville to discuss how to proceed with maintaining the district's aging school buildings. The meeting for the Urban Core area schools is Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 6 p.m. in Andrew Jackson High School, 3816 Main St. N.

6. **Presentation:** Adrienne Lathrop with Plan Design Construct (PDC) Management Group shared a brief presentation of the company's potential project at 4323 Bessie Cr. E. She has requested a letter of recommendation for the project from the CPAC. Several members said they did not have enough information to make a decision whether or not to support the project. They asked that she return with additional information.
7. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** Kim Pryor motioned to approve the January 7, 2019 CPAC meeting summary. Glen VanVorst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. **Staff Reports**
 - **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** Lt. James Ricks, Patrol and Enforcement Zone 1, (James.Ricks@jaxsheriff.org), reported that a program called Downtown Incentive includes the Sheriff's Office working with Downtown Vision Inc. to identify locations with the greatest number of issues within the Urban Core. Lt. Ricks has assigned officers to monitor those locations to build relationships with the individuals living and working in those areas.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance:** Timothy Myers, Code Compliance Supervisor (TMyers@coj.net: 255-7037), reported that since the last CPAC meeting, 1,590 inspections were performed in Urban Core District and 9,750 inspections citywide. Four new MCCD Officers were hired last month. The Mid-Westside neighborhood inspection that was scheduled for last month was cancelled. Tim Myers will look into when that inspection will take place.
 - **JEA:** Renee Goode, Government Relations (goodrr@jea.com: 665-5348), reported that a special JEA Board meeting is scheduled February 5, 2019 on the 9th floor of the JEA Building to discuss the relocation selection. The meeting will be in the JEA Board Room at 11 a.m. This is available at https://www.jea.com/About/Board_and_Management/Board_Meetings/. An archived video of the meeting. JEA also has an informative and funny Public Service Announcement on social media: https://youtu.be/VDmBma_ITKI.
 - **Public Works:** Steve Long, Chief of Right of Way and Storm Water Maintenance (SLong@coj.net: 255-4283) explained that street sweeping is done to protect storm water systems, not to make the streets look clean. Springfield Preservation and Revitalization (SPAR) worked with Public Works to create a test case in Springfield to schedule street sweeping every two months. The streets are swept every six to eight weeks throughout the city, depending on the weather.
 - **Jacksonville Public Library:** Sara Roberts, Library Services (SaraR@coj.net), reported that the February calendar of Library events is available. Goosebumps author R.L. Stein will be the featured guest on February 22, 2019 at the Main Library. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., with story time afterwards beginning at 6:45 p.m. On Saturday February 16, 2019, at 1 p.m. the special program "Strange Fruit in Florida" will begin with a discussion of Florida's painful history of racial violence. On Wednesday, February 6, 2019 the exhibit of North Florida Folk Art, Blurred Lines, Florida's First Coast opens and will be in the gallery through May. Friends of the Library accepts book donations. Donations will not be placed in the collection; however they will be sold to benefit the library. Library Director, Tim Rogers reported that the Library is currently researching the options to upgrade Urban Core libraries to bring them technologically up to date.
9. **Old Business:** Darcel Harris has agreed to present a report on the Crime Task Force activities at the March, 14, 2019 CPAC meeting.
10. **Adjourn:** Greg Radlinski motioned to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 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, February 4, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
in the Ed Ball Building's First Floor Training Room, 214 N. Hogan St. 32202**