Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

May 6, 2019 Meeting Summary

Ed Ball Building, 214 W. Adams St.



Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members
Chair: Michelle Tappouni
Vice Chair: Kim Pryor

2nd Mile Ministries: Becca Dingler Churchwell Lofts: Dimitri Demopoulos

Eastside Community Coalition: Tia Keitt Fresh Ministries: Brenda Boydston Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.: Celia Miller

Grand Boulevard Crime Watch: Delores Swain Grand Boulevard Crime Watch: Johnny Swain

Parks at the Cathedral: Greg Radlinski Parks at the Cathedral: Cathy Reed

Planet Watch Neighborhood: Juanita Senior Planet Watch Neighborhood: Terry Canty

The Plaza: Glen VanVorst

Excused - JASMYN: Cindy Watson

Staff and Elected Officials

City Council Member District 5: Lori Boyer Downtown Investment Authority: Guy Parola Duval County Public School: Dana Kriznar

JSO: Lt. Rickie Valentine

Municipal Code Compliance: Gary Roberts Planning and Development: Connor Corrigan Neighborhoods Department: Brian Mosier Jacksonville Public Library: Marshell Berry

JTA: Cheryl Riddick
JTA: Jeanette Burk

Neighborhoods: Shaun Rycroft

Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman

JEA: Renee Goode

Visitors

Richard Lewis: The Plaza Diane Brentmoser
Larry H. Gwyn: Maceo Elks Lodge John Shermentoro: SPAR

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1.Call to Order/Verify Quorum: CPAC Vice-Chair Kim Pryor called the meeting to order at 5:32 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, Dimitri Demopoulos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **3. Public Comment:** CPAC guest Richard Lewis requested that Council Member Jim Love speak to the CPAC about Ordinance 2019-238 that seeks to regulate vacation rentals.
- 4.Presentation: Council Member Lori Boyer shared a presentation on three Ordinances before City Council that address a Downtown Zoning Overlay update. Ordinance 2019-195 is a text amendment to the zoning code in order to change parking standards within the overlay district. Ordinance 2019-196 amends Ordinance Code Chapter 656 of the Zoning Code to revise the Downtown Overlay Zone and the downtown district regulations. Ordinance 2019-197 seeks to rezone the Downtown Overlay District. All historic structures within the Overlay District are exempt from design standards. The bills support the necessary zoning for the Emerald Necklace Pathway that has been proposed by Groundwork Jacksonville.

5. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair Tia Keitt reviewed the following items from the subcommittee meeting:
 - o 2019-229 seeks to rezone approximately 7.35 acres of land from Commercial residential Office (CRO) and Industrial Light (IL) to PUD at 648 Union St. E. The rezoning to PUD is being sought for a mixed use development with a maximum of 473 multi-family residential units, and a maximum of 750,000 square feet of commercial retail uses and service establishments. Greg Radlinski made a motion for the CPAC approval of 2019-229. Glen VanVorst seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - o WLD 19-13 seeks a waiver of liquor distance at 4250 Moncrief Rd. from 500 feet to 400 feet. CPAC member Celia Miller motioned that the CPAC recommend denial of the application, based on the prevalence of liquor stores currently in the area. Dimitri Demopoulos seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed with eight for and three opposed.
 - o **2019-196** seeks to revise the Downtown Overlay Zone and downtown district regulations and companion Ordinances 2019-195 and 2019-197. Dimitri Demopoulos made a motion to generate a letter of support for these Ordinances. Glen VanVorst seconded and the motion unanimously passed.
- Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) representative Celia Miller reported that at the North Florida TOP serves Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns counties. Maintenance of the underpasses along I-95 is an ongoing issue in the Urban Core. The razing of the Hart Bridge Expressway through the entertainment district is another major transportation issue in the Urban

Core area. Celia Miller will keep us informed of these issues as they are discussed at the Citizens Advisory Committee with the TPO.

6.Staff Reports

- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office: Lt. Rickie Valentine, Patrol and Enforcement Zone 1 (Rickie.Valentine@jaxsheriff.org), reported that violent crime levels have not changed in the previous 30 days in Zone 1. Property crime has decreased over 10 percent in the previous 30 days. Kim Pryor asked about the shower trailer that is parking in Springfield. Lt. Valentine reported that the organization is permitted through the city to pass out food and to park on the street. Both the municipal code compliance and the Sheriff's Office are aware of the issue and will continue to cite them if they are out of compliance.
- Municipal Code Compliance: Gary Roberts, Code Compliance Supervisor (GDRoberts@coj.net), reported that in April 2019 the Urban Core reported 2,489 code compliance cases. Over 70 percent of those were nuisance property cases. There were 240 unsafe structures cited in the Urban Core last month.
- **JEA**: Renee Goode, Government Relations Coordinator (goodr@jea.com), reported that JEA will move to 325 W. Adams St. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2020 and will take approximately 18 months to complete. Please call 665-6000 if you have any concerns about JEA utilities in your neighborhood. You can also call to request a JEA ambassador to give a presentation about JEA and energy savings to your community organization.
- Jacksonville Public Library: Marshelle Berry, North Region Public Library Manager (MBerry@coj.net), reported that there are four libraries within the Urban Core; Eastside Brown, Dallas Graham, Brentwood Branch and the Main Library. Art work by students from Andrew Jackson High School will be on display at the Brentwood Branch Library in May. The Eastside Brown Branch Library had an unplanned closing today due to construction fumes. The Dallas Graham Library is scheduled to have a new air conditioning unit installed in August pending board approval. The library will be closed during installation. All libraries are gearing up for summer learning programs and summer lunch programs. Please check jaxpubliclibrary.org for additional information.
- Neighborhood Services Office Department: Amy Holliman (aholliman@coj.net: 255-8260), announced that attendance policy will be enforced and organizations with three consecutive unexcused absences will be removed from the CPAC. Please call or email Amy Holliman if you are unable to attend to avoid an unexcused absence.
- JTA: Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com: 632-5522), announced that the Transit Development Plan Phase II update will be presented by Jeanette Burk. The purpose of the update is to assess and improve efficiency with public input. Public input is the first phase, second is data analysis, and third is site visits to the transit hubs. Jeanette Burk reviewed the data collection and analysis. The final report expected in fall 2019.
- Neighborhoods: Shaun Rycroft, Housing Property Analyst (srycroft@coj.net: 255-8272) announced that the 2019 Neighborhood Matching Grant cycle will begin in August with applications due by December. Now is the time to begin planning neighborhood projects and raising matching funds. The City of Jacksonville's Matching Grant Program is designed to give up to \$5,000 in financial assistance to registered neighborhood organizations that are interested in reducing blight within the neighborhood and enhancing the community.
- 7. Public Comments: CPAC Member Celia Miller stated that her neighborhood organization, Good Neighbor MANIA has not received LUZ notices even though there have been zoning changes in here area. Staff confirmed that the organization is property registered. Planning Department, Planner I, Conner Corrigan will look into this.
- 8. Duval County Public Schools: Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent (kriznard@duvalschools.org), reported that a request for a referendum to increase the city's retail sales tax by one half cent to assist with the funding of for school facility updates will be voted on by the School Board tomorrow, May, 7, 2019. The state of Florida has created a website for anonymous reporting of safety issues. Any threats should be reported to qetfortifyfl.com.
- 9. Adjourn: Chair Michelle Tappouni adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Next CPAC Meeting: Monday, July 1, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building's First Floor Training Room, 214 N. Hogan St. 32202