

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

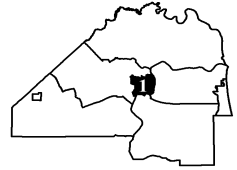
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

Chair: Christina Parrish 434-0959 ceparrish.CPAC@yahoo.com

Vice Chair: Gloria DeVall 449-4340 gloria.devall2010@comcast.net

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Meeting Summary Monday, May 6, 2013

Members

Gloria DeVall, Vice Chair	Catherine Morton, 12 th Street Loyalty
Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts	Louvenia Tippins, Charter Member/Dist. 8
Bobby Lee, FreshMinistries	Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.
Levoyus Partlow, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.	Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral
Erica Trent, Pathways Academy	Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR
Rev. William Hamilton, St. John's Church	Rev. Victoria Hamilton, St. John's Church

Excused – Chair Parrish, Michelle Hughes, Dorothy Merrick, Darcel Harris, Ashley Strickland, Ruth Arnold

Guests

Richard Lewis, Plaza Condominiums	Michelle Tappouni, SAMBA
Bill Holman, PNG, The Hester Group	Travis Brown, Volunteers of America
Aaron Glick	

Staff/Resource

Mayor's Liaison Carolyn Shehee Williams	JSO Zone 1 Sgt. J. D. Carpenter
Samantha Paull, Planning	Amy Ver Beek Brown, Parks
Nelson Beard, Municipal Code	James Green, FDOT
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HCDD	

Call to Order

Vice Chair DeVall called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., established that a quorum was present and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Radlinski made a Motion to accept the minutes with the following corrections from the April 1, 2013 meeting: Under the Subcommittee reports: Member Radlinski discussed, in general terms, issues being discussed at TRUE Commission meetings, and state that none required UC CPAC action at present. A second was made by Member Vanderlaan. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries.

Guest Speaker

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti – gave an overview of what has been happening in the last 5 months since he was hired. He stated that there is an urgency to get things right for children. He is child centered and will make decisions about children. He believes that DCPS is a good system with pockets of great teachers, principals and schools. He wants DCPS to be uniform and consistent for all children to be exposed to excellence. Teachers do need more support. The Strategic Plan will focus on four areas (not in any order):

1. **Employ the Best Teachers and Principals** - develop great educators/leaders in general. This is the core of reform and the teacher and the child are at the epicenter to what happens in the classroom.
2. **Increase Academic Achievement for All Students** – With the budget process and cuts the District needs to remove resources from the district to go directly to the classroom i.e. laptops, new hands on curriculum that is inquiry based. No more workbooks. The changes will be implemented this fall. The children need to have hands on to apply what they are learning. Teachers and administrators need to have more training. He is negotiating with the Unions. He wants teachers to create lesson plans together and build capacity. Currently teachers are isolated. There needs to be more planning time to work collectively. He wants the money to follow the children.
3. **Engage Family and Community Support** – He has been engaging the community 7-days a week. That is why he attends so many events. He wants the community to know who he is. He is the model and the principals need to reach out at least two days a week. They will build a Parent Academy. Parents care about their child's education and want them to do better. The Academy's will be spread throughout the county and focus on the following:
 - a. Help parents navigate the system on who to call, how to read a transcript etc.
 - b. Empowering them to help their child advance and what they need to grow. How to reach them and fill out FASFA etc.

4. **Deliver High Quality Support for Schools:** All elementary schools will have full time art, music and P.E. They will fund the before school, after school and Saturday tutoring. Students will not be pulled out of resources if they are below in reading. The resources may be the inspiration for reading or self-esteem. Schools need to develop the whole child. They also need to be good citizens. Have effective and equitable use of resources – each school will have the same number of administrators by the number of students which will also generate the number of teachers each school has. With the reduction of dollars from the district the money can be used for reducing class size with more teachers.

Members had questions and concerns on the following:

- Congratulations on Andrew Jackson and Ribault improving their school grades from an F to a B and an A. Dr. Vitti stated that he can't take credit for that but thank you. He did say that there has been some confusion in the community on how the State grades the schools in particular with college readiness.
- Did the legislation change the types of high school diplomas that can be offered? Yes, with the changes there will be one high school diploma with three different pathways that will allow a student to go to a two or four year university with distinctions:
 1. The Standard Diploma – requires a student to pass basic skills reading exam in 10th grade, pass algebra in 9th grade, take geometry, biology and U.S. history and the test at the end of the year will be worth 30%
 2. The Distinguished Diploma requires a student take all the previous classes in the Standard Diploma and take an additional a science class (4) instead of three, another math class, have to pass a state exams for algebra II, geometry, biology and U.S. history. With all this will be a higher level diploma.
 3. Merit Diploma - requires all the above on the Standard Diploma and take career technical standard classes.
- What are DCPS schools doing for the Merit Diploma with technical classes? Dr. Vitti lobbied Tallahassee to have the Merit Diploma since the current diploma was a one track for college but in reality not all children learn alike. The previous diploma was being focused on book smart students and there are very smart people that can't pass a test. DCPS is revamping all high schools with career academies with all having an IT classes. They are building nursing programs, JROTC with different branches of the military academies and also creating welding classes, carpentry and plumbing classes. It will not be a vocational diploma. The Merit Diploma will allow you to go to college. Currently, if you are below grade level in high school the student does not get any electives. Next year he will be changing the schedule to have two more classes for electives.
- North Shore Elementary has gone through changes and they are doing much better without the middle school. There were four failing schools last year and this year there are only two that remain: Northwestern Middle School and Ramona Elementary. At North Shore he plans to build more early childhood programs for three and four year olds. They are going to compete for the Head Start grant. If we can engage kids at an earlier level we can have early achievement. At birth there is no achievement gap and it widens as the years go on.
- What about the issue of truancy? It used to be very high. Can you speak on this and expulsion? Since November there have not been any students expelled but there is a hearing coming up. There is a truancy officer and after 15-days of being absent they are sent to the home as well as social workers. Next year there will be a very systematic and strategic approach. Once a student is absent on day one an automated call home, on day two someone calls the parent, on day three the parent will have to come into the school for a parent/teacher conference, on the fourth absence someone goes to the home. Those are the systems he has built in the past. He has just learned that one of his partnerships will offer students flu vaccinations at 10 elementary schools. We have to show parents that every day a student is absent there is a response. This may be happening in pockets but it will be system wide.
- We need more groups like the PTA and community groups being represented in the process. Dr. Vitti stated that in looking at restorative justice he will start community accountability boards. This will be a board for children to go to when they make mistakes and the board will decide on the repercussions. They will also be building a parent academy to give classes to parents to learn how the system works.
- Members wanted to know if he would send a representative to each CPAC meeting. Please send him a reminder e-mail for this to happen.
- There are other systems like in Detroit that have historic buildings that they are saving with student interns. Can this happen in DCPS. He hasn't thought of this but if there is a partner to have students intern he will look at this.
- How do you think the partnership with the Mayor's office and Dr. Horner is going? Some people think that the question is not correct. When it comes to kids it's all our jobs. Sometimes we get caught up with titles. He is privileged to work with the Mayor to work on public education. This makes his job not easier but having a partner in education can bring people together.
- Have you had an opportunity to look at the Charter High Schools in the City? Not yet. Charter schools are not doing better than DCPS. If you put all the numbers together the data speaks for itself. Charters look like a private school at the end of the day but traditional public education schools are doing better. The charters are better at marketing, discipline, uniforms and culture. We can do a better job at that. Public schools are better and on average since we have poor students coming to school at a lower grade level, have students that speak a second language and have IEPs for special education students. His four children go to public schools. This demonstrates that he believes in public schools.
- If you don't know yet Dr. Vitti is only an e-mail away. He will connect you with the area you would like to make a difference in. If you have an idea e-mail or call him at 305-877-0870 or NikolaiVitti@duvalschools.net and www.duvalschools.org

Elected Officials Reports – none present

Staff Reports:

JSO Zone 1 – Sgt. Carpenter had no report but asked members if they had questions or concerns:

- There are 98 apartments at Franklin Arms Apartments at 888 Franklin Street/Jessie Street. At the ShAdCo meetings residents have been reporting crimes and what a problem this complex is on the Eastside. It was asked if they could get the crime stats for Franklin Arms. It will be prepared for the June meeting.

For more information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Mayor's Representative – Ms. Shehee Williams stated she did not have a response from the May meeting yet.
Ms. Shehee Williams can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Project New Ground – The Hester Group's Bill Holman reported the following:

- OU2 – Springfield has been completed.
- The contractor for Phase 3 should start at the end of June.

Members had questions on the following:

- What is area is Phase 3? OU2 – Forest Street Park and OU2 Springfield with Forest Street Park.
- Is there a completion date for Phase 3? Not yet.
- Has OU1 the original site been completed? At the 5th and Cleveland Street site it took two years to complete Phase 1 due to contractor disputes. When will Phase 2 begin? Right now.

Members wanted to know how much money has been spent to date on the cleanup for Project New Ground.

Project New Ground can be contacted at 630-CITY (2489) or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green reported on the following:

- They will continue to have lane closings on the Overland Bridge on I-95.
- The Matthews Bridge will be closed for routine maintenance as well as State and Union Streets.

Follow Up – There was one yield to bikes sign on the Main Street Bridge. There used to be four and the three will be replaced.

Members had a question on the following:

- When will the Matthews Bridge be finished? They have until a year from now but are way ahead of schedule and should be done early fall. They are down to the final painting and they are doing structural work too.

Mr. Green can be reached at 360-5684 or James.green@dot.state.fl.us

Parks & Recreation – The Parks representative was not there when the question about using parks came up. Member Vanderlaan stated that the American Cancer Relay for Life's Annual Springfield's event could not afford to do the event with the new liability waiver. He also spoke with Park's Director Kelley Boree. He also spoke with Risk Manager Twane Duckworth that stated that the rules were not new but had not been enforced. Risk Management did not realize that events were not taking place due to the rules. Discussion ensued and Member Vanderlaan would like more information on this. He did not take any action at this point but will leave it up to Chair Parrish to decide if someone from Parks or Risk Management or both should be invited to a future meeting to discuss this. This topic has been deferred. The info is on line at www.jaxparks.com under Resources – Reserve a Park

Mr. Hartley can be reached at 472-2865 or mhartley@coj.net

Planning and Development – Planner Samantha Paull stated that there were no new applications but did say that the DDRB (Downtown Development Review Board) met on May 2nd and deferred a hearing till June 6th for a request for a drive through pharmacy in Brooklyn.

Ms. Paull can be reached at 255-7852 or spaull@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Supervisor Nelson Beard reported that there are 1350 active cases in the Urban Core.

Following up from last month there were 272 unsafe condemned structures. There may be more if there were multiple buildings on the same property.

Members had a question on the following:

- Members had concerns with CARE issues that have been closed and the issue may not have been completed I.e. Special Masters cases. Supervisor Nelson went through the process of how a CARE issue works and how long it can take.
- With systematic inspections are businesses included? Yes. On Myrtle Avenue/5th /6th Street there is a problem with a business complying. They do not maintain their façade and the grounds are an overall blight for the neighborhood.

Supervisor Beard can be reached at 255-7041. Municipal Code can be reached at 255-7000.

Neighborhoods - Housing and Community Development Division

Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported that Vice Chair Gloria DeVall was honored at the 2013 Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony in the Preservation Service Category for maintaining and monitoring Historic Springfield's forgotten and neglected homes. Her monthly report is attached.

Ms. Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Chair's Report – excused

Subcommittee Reports

- **Preservation** – Chair DeVall stated that no-one came to the meeting. There will be another meeting on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. before the regularly scheduled meeting. She did state that this is a dynamic time for preservation. The historic district is doing OK but they need to look at other areas like Durkeeville. The Claude Nolan building ended up with landmark status. They will look at all endangered buildings.
- **Transportation** – Chair Miller reported that the TPO presented the annual report. It is available on their website at: <http://www.northfloridatpo.com/news/> There was great emphasis on the design for the outer beltway which will be a toll road.
- **Parks** – Chair Radlinski had no report for parks.

- **TRUE Commission** – Representative Radlinski stated that the TRUE Commission was looking at 2013-226 – repealing part 2 of the Entertainment District on noise control. The TRUE Commission voted and he voted to not approve the ordinance and for it to remain the entertainment zone. Rep. Radlinski stated that the timing of the TRUE Commission and the Urban Core CPAC do not coordinate with timing to present the information to members first and then have the vote.

Unfinished Business

- Member Demopoulos asked about the Lime Manufacturing Plant at 1915 Wigmore Street. At the presentation in March they stated that they were waiting on an air permit. If all went well it would be approved by August.
- Member Partlow asked about the Chicken/Hen Ordinance. It was stated that legislation was coming up. It would be affiliated with Ordinance Section 656.401 (a) (3).

New Business – none

Public Comments/Announcements

- Member Radlinski reported that there will be a Downtown Vision meeting on homelessness on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the Ed Ball Building, training room 110.
- Member Radlinski also reported that Council Member Lee's Ad Hoc Hemming Plaza Committee has led to the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) asking for an RFI (Request for Information) for Hemming Plaza to be managed by an outside agency.
- Travis Brown, the Regional Director of Community Development for Volunteers of America introduced himself. He stated he wants to get more involved. The Elks Lodge will be having BINGO at the end of June. He will get the details for the next meeting.
- Member Miller stated that NW Behavioral Agency will be hosting their 31st Annual Mental Health Conference May 15 – 18, 2013. It will begin on May 15th at the Legends Center at 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-7793.

Adjournment

Member Vanderlaan made a Motion to adjourn and was seconded. The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **June 3, 2013** at 5:30 p.m. in
Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator
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NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Urban Core CPAC Reminders – May 2013

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown/Notices

Learn How to Pay for College! 2nd Annual FAFSA Workshops*

- ***Sponsored by Mayor Alvin Brown, Duval County Public Schools and the Indo-US Chamber of Commerce** - Students and parents are encouraged to attend Federal Student Aid Application (FAFSA) workshops to get assistance in completing the free application.
 - o **May 11, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – Noon - Mandarin High School, 4931 Greenland Road**
 - o **May 11, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – Noon - Terry Parker High School, 7301 Parker School Road**Representatives from local college and university financial aid offices will be present to help you complete the FAFSA form!
- Wells Fargo and Mayor Alvin Brown announced progress toward the opening of the Jacksonville Day Resource Center (JDRC) for homeless people with the company's \$70,000 contribution toward the pilot project.

Save the Date: Monday, June 10, 2013 for Mayor Brown and the City of Jacksonville City-Wide Job Fair at the Prime Osborn Convention Center.

Jacksonville Jazz Festival - May 23, 2013 - May 26, 2013 - Downtown Jacksonville

The annual Jacksonville Jazz Festival will take place May 23 - 26 in Downtown Jacksonville. Learn about the performers, venues, show times and more at www.JaxJazzFest.com

Jax2025 – the upcoming Jax2025 Visioning will ask what kind of community we want to be in the year 2025. Please take the time to fill out a quick survey at www.JAX2025.org by December 1st. There will be five meetings at the Prime Osborn on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.:

1. Saturday, April 27, 2013 – Partnerships. Who Makes JAX2025 Real?
2. Saturday, May 18, 2013 – Release Event: Our Vision for Jacksonville in 2025

Downtown Investment Authority Meeting – Wednesday, **May 15, 2013** (Next month June 19, 2013) at 2 p.m., City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., First Floor, Don Davis Room.

City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Metropolitan Park – Thursday, **May 9, 2013** at 11 a.m., City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Suite 425, Conference Room A. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss sound issues at Metropolitan Park and other urban parks and future uses for these facilities.

City Council Special Committee on Solid Waste – Thursday, May 9, 2012 at 4 p.m., City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Lynwood Roberts Room. Discussions for the meeting will include Committee Goals and Recommendations

2013 Memorial Day Observance – Monday, **May 27, 2013** – Pre-Ceremony music at 8:30 a.m., ceremony at 9 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Wall, West Parking Lots of EverBank Field, 1 Gator Bowl Blvd., 32202. The City of Jacksonville and the Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services Department will honor those who served our great nation at the Veterans Memorial Wall.

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

Jacksonville Landing Market – Fridays at The Landing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Info: 353-1188

The Riverside Arts Market (RAM) is open Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and located under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/>

Parks and Recreation: JaxParks Summer Camps are diverse and offered throughout Duval County. Fees are based on activities. Important 2013 Summer Camp dates: Voucher distribution: May 4 - **Online registration opens: May 14:** Session I: June 24 - July 5 - Session II: July 8 – 19 - Session III: July 22 - Aug. 2. Times and locations posted by March 30. Program descriptions and schedules will be posted soon. Camp hours and fees will vary based on camp activities. On line registration information will be posted on April 1, 2013. All camps are on a first-come, first-served basis.

KEEP JACKSONVILLE BEAUTIFUL ACCEPTING AWARDS NOMINATIONS - The City of Jacksonville and the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission will accept nominations for the 6th Annual Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Awards through the end of March. The awards recognize individuals, businesses, organizations and schools for making strides to keep the city clean. Applicants should demonstrate that the nominee has made outstanding and ongoing efforts in beautification, litter prevention or litter cleanup in Duval County. Nominees must complete an application, attach a summary of their achievements and any supporting documentation. Hard copies of the application can be mailed to Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Awards, Attention: Dan Durbec, 1321 Eastport Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218. Applications can also be emailed to ddurbec@coj.net **Deadline extended to Friday, May 17th.** The applications can be downloaded online. [https://www.coj.net/getattachment/Departments/Neighborhoods/Environmental-Quality/Clean-It-Up,-Green-It-Up/Keep-Jacksonville-Beautiful-\(KJB\)/2013-KJB--Awards-Biz-Indiv-form--1-7-13.pdf.aspx](https://www.coj.net/getattachment/Departments/Neighborhoods/Environmental-Quality/Clean-It-Up,-Green-It-Up/Keep-Jacksonville-Beautiful-(KJB)/2013-KJB--Awards-Biz-Indiv-form--1-7-13.pdf.aspx) - [Click here](#) for organization, business and individual nominations. [https://www.coj.net/getattachment/Departments/Neighborhoods/Environmental-Quality/Clean-It-Up,-Green-It-Up/Keep-Jacksonville-Beautiful-\(KJB\)/2013-KJB--Award-School-form--1-7-13.pdf.aspx](https://www.coj.net/getattachment/Departments/Neighborhoods/Environmental-Quality/Clean-It-Up,-Green-It-Up/Keep-Jacksonville-Beautiful-(KJB)/2013-KJB--Award-School-form--1-7-13.pdf.aspx) [Click here](#) for educator and school nominations.

The Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission presented the 2013 Preservation Awards to:

- Publication Cohen Brothers: The Big Store
- “Fifty Years Ago This Week” in Financial News and Daily Record
- Historic Riverside Avondale: Jacksonville's Hidden Gem (Airport Art Exhibit)
- Jacksonville by Design: AIA Celebrates 100 Years of Architecture Exhibit (MOSH)
- An Architectural Masterpiece: The St. James Building, 100 Year Celebration and Exhibit
- Jax Pop Up History by the Jacksonville Historical Society
- Front Porch Stories (Mandarin)
- James Weldon Johnson Heritage Tour
- *San Marco by Design : A Smart Growth Plan for North San Marco*
- Historic Springfield Main Street Cruise
- Greenleaf and Crosby Clock Restoration (Downtown)
- **Gloria DeVall for maintaining and monitoring Springfield's forgotten homes**
- Mobile Web Application for Historic Springfield by Johannes Ullrich
- Michael Lawson for his documentation and preservation of cemeteries
- Residential rehabilitation of 1619 Challen Avenue (Riverside-Avondale)
- Residential rehabilitation of 3012 Oak Street (Riverside-Avondale)
- Residential rehabilitation of 3665 Pine Street (Riverside-Avondale)
- Commercial rehabilitation of 1060–1068 Park St. (Derby on Park in Riverside Avondale)
- Commercial rehabilitation of 2111 N. Liberty St. (Paul Davis Restoration in Springfield)
- Commercial rehabilitation of 1342 North Laura Street (Springfield)
- The architecturally compatible new construction at 3710 Richmond Street
- Relocation and rehabilitation of Historic St. Paul's-By-The-Sea Episcopal/Beaches Chapel

2013 Urban Core CPAC Meeting Dates:

Monday, June 3, no meeting in July, **Aug. 5, Thursday, Sept. 5,** (Date change due to Labor Day and Room Change - 8th Floor ~ Board Room 851) **Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 2013** and no meeting in December.