

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: Gerre Walker 355-9757

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 cshehe@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 mfharmer@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, October 1, 2012

Members

Christina Parrish, Chair
Catherine Morton, 12th Street Loyalty
Michelle Hughes, FreshMinistries
Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral
Gloria DeVall, Preservation SOS
Rev. Hamilton, St. John's Luthern Church

Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile Ministries
Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts
Delores and John Swain, Grand Blvd.
Dorothy Merrick, Plaza Condominiums
Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR

Excused – Erica Trent, Derrick Johnson, Celia Miller, Samantha Paull

Elected Officials – Donna Barrow, ECA to At-Large Council Member Lumb

Guests

Debra Tinsley
Bill Hodges, Communities In Schools
Doug Skiles, SMPs
Michelle Tappouni, SAMBA
Laura Lane, JCCI

Richard Lewis, Plaza Condominiums
Jack Shad, COJ Parking Officer
Robert Hayden
Leo Dennis
Michelle Kahil, Kahil for Judge

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Rep.
Jonathan Bishop, DCPS
Marvin Echols, Planning

Nelson Beard, Municipal Code
James Green, FDOT
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhoods, HCDD

Call to Order

Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 from the September 10, 2012 meeting. A second was made by Member DeVall. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports:

JSO – Zone 1 – not present

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

Mayor's Representative – Ms. Shehee Williams had no report.

Ms. Shehee Williams can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Project New Ground – not present

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

Duval County Public Schools – Jonathon Bishop reported that:

- On September 25, 2012 the School Board offered the position of Superintendent to Dr. Nikolai Vitti and he accepted. They will begin salary negotiations.
- Superintendent Pratt-Dannals will give the State of Schools 5-year plan on Tuesday, October 3, 2012 at the School Board Building in the Cline Auditorium at 6 p.m..
- The National College Fair will be Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 9 a.m. to noon with free parking. There will be approximately 170 schools in attendance. There will be a workshop for middle school age students and families on how to plan for college.

Mr. Bishop can be reached at 390-2511 or bishopj1@duvalschools.org

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

- The Tallyrand interchange is on schedule for completion in 2013
- Main Street at the Trout River – lights are underway and should be complete in late 2013
- The landscaping project on I-10/I-95, part of the new statewide “Big and Bold Major Gateways” project, will begin in the New Year. Landscaping contractors will not only plant but will care for plants for 5 years.
- The Matthews Bridge painting project continues.
- A \$2.5 million painting project for the I-95/Myrtle Ave. Bridge will begin soon.

Public Meetings:

FDOT invites you to attend a public workshop to discuss:

- Proposed plans for noise barriers for the SR 23 (Branan-Field/Chaffee Rd) project. The workshop will be held Thursday, October 11, 201 at the Bishop Snyder High School Cafetorium, 5001 Samaritan Way, Jacksonville, FL 32210.
- The Newnan/Hubbard St. Bridge Reconstruction over Hogan’s Creek on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the FDOT Urban Training Facility, 2198 Edison Ave. The proposed reconstruction includes two new travel lanes, bike lanes, curb & gutter and sidewalks. The existing roadway approaches will also be rebuilt to facilitate the bridge reconstruction. The existing architectural walls will remain in place. A detour route will be provided along Orange, Market and Phelps Streets during construction.
- Proposed plans for the SR 115 (MLK Jr. Parkway) from Hart Expressway to Boulevard Street on Monday, October 29, 2012 at Grace Baptist Church of East Springfield, 1553 E. 21st Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206. The proposed transportation improvements include roadway concrete rehabilitation, milling and resurfacing of asphalt pavement on all on/off ramps within the project limits. Also included is the removal of on/off ramps at Pearl Street and Liberty Street to improve safety.
- The I-95 Overland Bridge Replacement project on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Florida Department of Transportation Training Facility, 2198 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32204. The project begins 2300 feet south of San Diego Road and ends at the St. Johns River. The project will replace the Overland Bridge, which carries both north- and south- bound traffic on I-95 and spans Hendricks Avenue, Kings Avenue, and Montana Avenue. The bridge is being replaced due to structural deterioration which is causing the need for frequent repairs. A Design/Build team has proposed minor adjustments to the highway geometry and maintenance of traffic during construction. The Department would like to receive input on these modifications.

Members had concerns with the MLK Interchange Project and the effect of closing exit and entrance ramps on traffic related to Swisher International (459 E. 16th Street, 32206). Members requested additional trees and tree trimming on MLK and asked about cameras at Myrtle, Fairfax and MLK. Mr. Green advised that FDOT only has cameras on I-95.

Members commented on signage on I-95 that promotes Monroe street (which now dead ends into the new courthouse) as a major entranceway into downtown Jacksonville.

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

Municipal Code Compliance – Supervisor Nelson Beard reported that there are 1720 active cases in the Urban Core. MCC is currently in the process of moving its offices to the first floor of the Ed Ball Building.

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

Parks & Recreation – Pam Roman reported:

- The Parks Department is restructuring, with four new regional managers including Mark Hartley who will represent the urban core and will attend future CPAC meetings. Maintenance for parks will again be handled within the department rather than by Public Works.
- Requested duck / bird signage will be revisited once Mr. Hartley is in place.
- The S-line is a 4 ½ mile linear park. Two trail heads should be completed by December.
- A new Community First Saturday Event sponsored by Community First Credit will begin Saturday, October 6 on the North bank Riverwalk from the Landing to CSX. There will be food vendors at the old courthouse parking lot, entertainment and lots of fun. See www.communityfirstsaturday.com for more information.
- Saturday, October 6, 2012 is also Philippines Day. There will be lots of activity downtown.
- JaxParks will have a new cable TV show on Comcast channel 99. One proposed episode would feature the Urban Core CPAC Parks Subcommittee’s review of Urban Core Parks.

Members asked how they could get new mulch at various parks and were advised to report it to CARE – 630-CITY (2489)

Ms. Roman can be reached at 255-7902 or pwilson@coj.net

Planning and Development – Marvin Echols reported the following for the excused Samantha Paull:

- A rezoning application for a PUD for the Mary A. Eaves Senior Living Facility, located at 1259 West 16th Street (Myrtle Avenue N. and Wilcox Street) proposes 80-units in a 4-story building. The owner is the Northwest Jacksonville CDC. They have requested closure of Wilcox Street; there is an issue with CSX railroad tracks beside the property. For more information on this project call Bruce Lewis at 255-7820.

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

Neighborhoods - Housing and Community Development Division

Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported items on the attached report.

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

Guest Speakers

- Doug Skiles gave a PowerPoint Presentation on “A Vision for Jacksonville - The Mobility Plan Takes Us There”. He stated we need the Mobility Plan for safer streets and healthier neighborhoods. It fixes the broken concurrency system and connects land use with transportation by encouraging quality growth and redevelopment. He showed a data table with a comparison of past Fair Share projects to current Mobility Fee which shows a 64% average decrease. Mr. Skiles also said that there was no correlation between fees and building permits or jobs. Currently there is a moratorium on the Mobility fee and it is set to expire on October 19, 2012. Members had questions about concurrency and the mobility fee. Currently developers have to pay fees based on the number of trips to maintain the road capacity and the number of trips they will generate. The City Council may call for an emergency vote to maintain the moratorium on the mobility fee.
- Community in Schools - Bill Hodges provided information about the local arm of this national non-profit. They have been partners with Duval County Public Schools for the past 20 years. They have four divisions: mentoring, literacy tutoring, after-school enrichment, and case management and work with approximately 7000 students in 30 to 35 schools. For more information visit: <http://www.cisjax.org/>
- City of Jacksonville Parking Officer Jack Shad talked about changes that may take place with parking downtown. He passed out a draft of a proposed Ordinance. Parking has been blamed for slow downtown revitalization but based on the number of jobs downtown there are enough parking spaces. He is working to change the perception of parking availability and value among Jacksonville residents, downtown stakeholders, and potential employers with four primary objectives: to ensure that adequate on street parking is available for short term users and visitors;; to make visitors to downtown more comfortable about using meters and avoiding citations to give downtown merchants tools to help their customers find a place to park; and to respond to market demands for affordable long term parking for downtown employees. Current City Ordinances do not provided the flexibility to set rates, respond to market demands and offer discounts. All city rates are set by the City Council and have not been changed in five years. Members expressed several concerns: Parking prices in garages have gone up. Private lots are not maintained and do not have clear signage. Mr. Shad advised that his focus is on city lots and services. He provided information about a relatively new ordinance imposing higher standards on private lots, including paving and landscaping, beginning in 2013. Members asked about the number of city parking facilities and learned that there are three garages (Ed Ball, Water Street and Yates) with daily and monthly services, as well as three surface lots (Coastline Drive, Main & Forsyth and Bay & Ocean). Main and Bay are monthly only. If City lots are open at night and the gate is up, residents may park there for free. Members asked about the hours for metered parking, which are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. , and suggested that the meters be changed to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members asked Mr. Shad to send the Ordinance once it is introduced to all members via Neighborhood Coordinator. Contact Mr. Shad at 630-4990 or jshad@coj.net

Chair Parrish thanked all the guest speakers.

Chair's Report

Chair Parrish announced that LISC rolled out the East Jacksonville/Springfield and Northwest EPIC vision plans this past weekend. They were both well attended. Congresswoman Corrine Brown was in attendance. Future meetings for the Eastside/Springfield will be held at the Westside Church of Christ (8th and Main Street) from 6 to 8 p.m. on the following dates: Tuesday, October 9, October 23 and November 13. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Elected Officials Reports

ECA Donna Barrow from At-large Council Member Lumb's Office brought greetings from the Councilman. She had no official report but had applications for various vacant board positions.

Council Member Lumb or Ms. Barrow can be reached at 630-1387 or RLumb@coj.net

Subcommittee Reports

- 2013 Nominating Subcommittee – Chair Vanderlaan reported that the Slate of Officers for 2013 will be:
 - Chair: Christina Parrish and Vice Chair: Gloria DeVall
- **LUZ** (Land Use and Zoning) – no report
- **Parks** – Chair Radlinski reported on the following:
 - The Parks Subcommittee has finished the Urban Core Parks review.
 - Hemming Plaza – no significant change; waiting for a report regarding management of activities.
 - Members suggested that the Parks Department website provide a map and locations of all the bike paths along with the S-line and Rails-to-Trails. Ms. Roman stated that they are working on this.
- **Environmental** – Chair Vanderlaan – no report

- **Preservation** – Chair DeVall apologized for missing the last meeting but stated that the Urban Core CPAC had a big impact at the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). She appreciated that members voted and sent a letter to the Commission supporting preservation of the Bostwick Building. The HPC is investigating landmark status for the building and City Council will be considering this at an upcoming meeting. Member Radlinski sent a link for members to see pictures of the inside of the building.
- **TRUE Commission** – CPAC Representative Radlinski reported that the TRUE Commission does not consider items specific to the Urban Core. They just completed the budget and are about to look at the city pension and police and fire pension. They will also look at various operations and this Thursday they will take up the City Council Auditor's Report from the Property Appraiser's Office. He will send the draft minutes to the Neighborhood Coordinator for distribution to CPAC members.

Unfinished Business : none

New Business

- Members brought up the topic of the mobility fee moratorium.
A Motion was made by Member Vanderlaan to write a letter to the City Council advising that:
"The Urban Core CPAC believes that the 2030 Mobility Plan provides valuable encouragement towards economic and residential redevelopment in the Urban Core. We therefore recommend that the moratorium on mobility fees be allowed to expire."
Member Merrick made the second. Discussion ensued. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries.
- Member Merrick would like to see the Urban Core CPAC reach out to the following groups:
 - Downtown Vision
 - Jacksonville Civic Council
 - Jacksonville Chamber – Division of Downtown engagement
 - Downtown Investment Authority
 - JCCI
 - Impact Jacksonville

Chair Parrish stated that she spoke about this at the September meeting and will make a concerted effort to reach out. She has invited the DIA interim Director Paul Crawford to speak at the November meeting.
- Member Radlinski stated that the next UC CPAC meeting is on November 5th at 5:30 p.m. and daylight savings will be over. He asked if there was an interest in moving the time up to 5 p.m. Members discussed their preferences. The majority supported 5:30 due to work schedules. Chair Parrish confirmed that the meeting will remain at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments/Announcements

- Member Arnold invited everyone to come to the Brentwood Park near the YET Center for the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. They are working with the Boys and Girls Club and Brentwood residents.
- Laura Lane of JCCI talked about the upcoming Jax2025 Visioning project. She asked members to complete a quick survey at www.JAX2025.org. 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, January 19, 2013 – It's Your City! What Will We Be Like in 2025?
 2. Saturday, February 2, 2013 – A Vision for Jacksonville
 3. Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – Measuring Change: How Will We Know We Did It?
 4. Saturday, April 27, 2013 – Partnerships. Who Makes JAX2025 Real?
 5. Saturday, May 18, 2013 – Release Event: Our Vision for Jacksonville in 2025
- Michelle Kahil introduced herself as a Candidate for Judge in the upcoming election.
- Marvin Echols announced an event on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 at Shands for Men 40 or older – Know Your Stats on Prostate Cancer - from 9 a.m. to noon at the UF Proton Therapy Institute, 2015 N. Jefferson St., 32206. There will be refreshments, trivia and prizes. To register call 244-1045 or www.knowyourstats.org

Adjournment

Member Merrick made a Motion to adjourn and was seconded. The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **November 5, 2012** at 5:30 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

Submitted by:
 Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator
 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Urban Core CPAC Reminders – October 2012

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown/Notices

- **Mayor Brown's Open House** – during Hispanic Art Walk, Wednesday, **October 3**, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 117 West Duval St., Jacksonville, FL 32202. www.coj.net/EsMiVida
- Mayor Alvin Brown and the City of Jacksonville, in partnership with the Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition (JMVC) **Jobs for Vets initiative**, will offer career counseling, resume help, interview preparation to military veterans and service members planning their transition back to civilian life. This free service will be offered at City Hall, 117 West Duval St., Mezzanine Floor, 32202 on the **third Thursday of each month**, starting Sept. 20 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The following JMVC employment staffing companies are also offering career counseling services via telephone, at no charge to veterans, Monday through Friday:
 - Mondays: Stafftime, 904-215-1313
 - Tuesdays: Incepture, 877-347-7151
 - Wednesdays: I-Tech Personnel, 904-381-1911
 - Thursdays: Apex Systems, 866-594-2739
 - Fridays: Genuent, 904-551-1906
- City Hall "Bienvenidos" – **Mayor Brown's Open House** Wednesday, **October 3**, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval St., 32202. Welcome to City Hall! Take a moment to step inside your city hall during Hispanic Art Walk. Talk with and get information from various city departments and visit the Mayor's office. Sit in Mayor Brown's chair, stand behind the podium where press conferences are held – get to know your city representatives.

Save the Date - Mayor Brown's Special Events for Seniors

- Jacksonville Senior Games – Oct. 1 – 7, 2012
 - Brain Brawl – Friday, Oct. 12, 2012
 - Mayor Brown's Holiday Festival – Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012
 - The 2012 Senior Directory can be picked up at the Mary Singleton Center, 150 East 1st Street
- For more information contact 630-7392

- New Town Success Zone – **Success Park Ribbon Cutting** and Grand Opening – Tuesday, **October 2**, 2012 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the corner of West Third Street and Pearce Street. Residents of the New Town Success Zone will join Mayor Alvin Brown, Edward Waters College President Nathaniel Glover, Councilman Warren Jones, Pam Paul and Bill Butterfield of TD Bank to celebrate the public-private partnership that built a new park for all to enjoy.
- Jacksonville's **2012 National Night Out** – Tuesday, **October 2**, 2012 - Once again, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will participate in National Night Out, continuing the support of the National initiative. The event was moved from August to the first Tuesday in October (10/2/12), so residents at these neighborhood gatherings can enjoy more comfortable weather conditions. For more information please contact JSO's Community Affairs Unit at 630-2160.
- JaxParks 9th Annual Art in the Park – Saturday, **October 6**, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts, 301 S. Hogan Street. Art in the Park, an interactive art event that is part of the Community First Saturdays.

DUVAL COUNTY EARLY VOTING - 2012 General Election Early Voting - October 27 – November 3, 2012

For information contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at 630-1414 or <http://www.duval elections.com/>
General Election – Tuesday, **November 6**, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Veterans

- **Free Computer Training for Veterans and their dependents** – Wednesday, **October 10**, 2012 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Schell-Sweet Community Resource Center, 1697 Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32209 on the EWC Campus. This is a nine-week course on Mondays and Wednesdays which begins on Oct. 15, after the Oct. 10 orientation.
- **City of Jacksonville Veterans Job Fair** – Friday, **November 9**, 2012 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center starting at 8:30 a.m. Free admission. The doors open at 8:30 a.m., with a keynote speaker at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast served. Over 50 Veteran-friendly employers will be present, as well as many career assistance agencies.

Volunteer Opportunities – Contact HandsOn Jacksonville at one of the following: (904)332-6767

E-mail: hojteam@handsonjacksonville.org or http://www.handsonjacksonville.org/HOC_Volunteer_Opportunity_Search_Page?p=vct

- Hanna Park – Thursday, **October 4**, 2012, 500 Wonderwood Drive. Join fellow volunteers for a “painting party.” They need to paint numbers at each of the 200+ campsites at Hanna Park.
- Nathan Krestul Park, 2001 LaVaca Road – Friday, **October 19**, 2012. Help attract colorful butterflies. That’s right. This volunteer project is focused on improving the butterfly garden at the Park.
- Camp Milton Historic Preserve, 1225 Halsema Road N. – Friday, **November 2**, 2012 – This is the perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fall weather while giving back to the community. In this case, we are working on maintenance of a vegetable garden at Camp Milton Historic Preserve.

Animal Care and Protective Services – 2020 Forest Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Both events take place at Animal Care.

- **FL/GA Pet Adoption Event** – Saturday, **October 6**, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Thankful Hearts in Happy Homes Pet Adoption Event** – Saturday, **November 3**, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Parks and Recreation: Learn more about area parks: <http://www.youtube.com/user/friendsofjaxparks>

Sign up for updates on parks: <http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/jaxparksupdates.aspx>

County Extension Office: Free newsletter: <http://www.solutionsforyourlife.com/>

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/>

FDOT – Newnan/Hubbard Street Bridge Reconstruction – Tuesday, **October 23**, 2012 at the FDOT Urban Office Training Facility, 2198 Edison Ave.. Please join the Florida Department of Transportation for a public meeting to discuss the Newnan/Hubbard St. Bridge Reconstruction over Hogan’s Creek in Jacksonville, Florida. The proposed reconstruction of the Newnan/Hubbard St. Bridge will consist of two new travel lanes, bike lanes, curb & gutter and sidewalks. The existing roadway approaches will also be rebuilt to facilitate the bridge reconstruction. The existing architectural walls will remain in place. A detour route will be provided along Orange, Market and Phelps Streets during construction.

Phone Numbers - City Link **630-CITY** (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.

- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information contact 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org
- **Jacksonville Public Library** - 303 N. Laura St, Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or www.jaxpubliclibrary.org
[New schedule as of October 1, 2012.](#)
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500-First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search Extension Office)
June Newsletter - <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/CAjune12.pdf>
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com



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October 5, 2012

Jacksonville City Council Members
City Hall at St. James
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Dear Council Members:

The City of Jacksonville's Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee voted unanimously in support of the following resolution at our meeting earlier this month:

"The Urban Core CPAC believes that the 2030 Mobility Plan provides valuable encouragement towards economic and residential redevelopment in the Urban Core. We therefore recommend that the moratorium on mobility fees be allowed to expire."

We understand that a bill was recently submitted to extend the mobility fee moratorium. Statistics clearly illustrate that the most prosperous cities in this country are those that find a way to invest in improving the quality of life of their citizens. Allowing the moratorium to sunset will place Jacksonville in a position to create additional jobs by investing in itself, while making our streets and mobility options reliable and safe for all. Ending this subsidy will reduce the tax burden the moratorium has placed on Jacksonville residents, many of whom are struggling to survive these difficult times.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Jacksonville's Urban Core.

Sincerely yours,

Christina E. Parrish, Chair
Urban Core CPAC

E-copy: Mayor Alvin Brown
Chief Administrative Officer Karen Bowling
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Cleveland Ferguson III
Representative/Board Liaison Mia Jones
City Council Legislative Services:
Director/Council Secretary Cheryl Brown
Chief Dana Farris and Merriane Lahmeur
Neighborhoods:
Director of Neighborhoods Terrance Ashanta-Barker
Chief of Housing and Community Development Elaine Spencer