

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, November 5, 2012

Members

Christina Parrish, Chair
Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile Ministries
Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.
Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral
Dorothy Merrick, Plaza Condominiums
Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR

Gerre Walker, Vice Chair
Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts
Delores and John Swain, Grand Blvd.
Erica Trent, Pathways Academy
Gloria DeVall, Preservation SOS

Excused – Michelle Hughes, Louvenia Tippins, Victoria and William Hamilton, Jonathon Bishop

Guests

Richard Lewis, Plaza Condominiums
Robert Hyde
Ysryl, Jax. Youth Works
Chris McDermott, UNF

Michelle Tappouni, SAMBA
Jolee Gardner
Arlene Kohn

Staff/Resource

Paul Crawford, OED
Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Rep.
Nelson Beard, Municipal Code
Samantha Paull, Planning
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HCDD

Chief Elaine Spencer, HCDD
Pam Roman, Parks
James Green, FDOT
Jody McDaniel, Planning

Call to Order

Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:34p.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 Merrick made a Motion to accept the minutes from the October 1, 2012 meeting. A second was made by Member Arnold. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries.

Guest Speaker

Acting Executive Director for the Office of Economic Development Council Paul Crawford spoke on the following:

The mission of the Office of Economic Development is to develop and execute policies that result in sustainable job growth, rising personal incomes and a broader tax base throughout Northeast Florida. The Office of Economic Development achieves its mission through five main objectives:

1. Recruit and expand higher wage job opportunities
2. Promote and encourage private capital investment
3. Increase the growth and expansion of small business
4. Promote and leverage investment in economically distressed areas
5. Promote a healthy and vibrant downtown

Ordinance 2012-364 created the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA). It has nine Board members: Chair - Donald Harris, Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel; Vice Chair - Oliver Barakat, CBRE Brokerage Services; Secretary - James "Jim" Bailey, Jr., Bailey Publishing and Communications, Inc.; Antonio "Tony" Allegetti, JAXUSA Partnership/Division of JAX Chamber; Melody S. Bishop, AIA, Akel, Logan, Shafer, PA; Robert Clements, EverBank; Kamaria "Kay" Harper, The Harper Law Firm; Paul Perez, Fidelity National Financial; and Donald "Don" Shea, Jacksonville Civic Council. The DIA's powers and duties are limited until a new redevelopment plan has been presented to City Council. The plan will establish a list of proposed projects, such as what real estate to buy or sell and development incentives. Once the plan has been approved by the City Council the Board will not have to bring a project back to City Council for approval, expediting the process. Currently the DIA is working on updating the plan and setting forth the criteria to select a CEO. The DIA is constrained by negative CRA funding; current obligations will not be satisfied until 2017. One of the first actions of the DIA Board was to make a Motion to save the Bostwick Building.

Members had numerous questions on the CRA (including funding, boundaries and design standards); the impact of the recent IBM Study, and the Laura Street Trio. The next DIA Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 14 in the Ed Ball Building, Room 851 at 2 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. This Board has a three-day meeting notice. The website is www.jaxdevelopment.org. Mr. Crawford can be reached at 630-7063 or paulc@coj.net

Chair Parrish thanked Mr. Crawford for speaking and invited him back to a future meeting.

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 – excused – www.duvalschools.org

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

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green reported that there are no new projects and provided updates:

- There was a public meeting on October 29, 2012 on the MLK project regarding the safety of the exit and entrance ramps. At the meeting there was significant public input and concern about the possible ramp closures. Members wanted to know if there will be another meeting to review any changes to the current proposal. Mr. Green will check and report back. All comments must be postmarked by Thursday, November 8, 2012 to be included in the public record. Send the information to the Project Manager Renee Brinkley, FDOT, 1109 S. Marion Ave., MS 2002, Lake City, FL 32025-5874 (386) 961-7392 or (800) 749-2967 or renee.brinkley@dot.state.fl.us

Upcoming public meetings:

- University Boulevard Bridge Replacement Meeting – Monday, November 19, 2012 starting at 4:30 p.m., public comments starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Arlington Congregational Church, 431 University Blvd. The project will replace the existing 2-lane bridge which carries University Boulevard over the Arlington River. The new bridge will be constructed on the existing alignment except for a slightly straighter alignment at the connection to Cesery Boulevard. The new bridge will provide 2-lanes for traffic and will add bike lanes and a wide sidewalk on each side. The construction sequence requires a temporary bridge to be built on the north side of the existing bridge. Traffic will be switched to the temporary bridge while the old bridge is removed and the new bridge is constructed. For the final phase of construction traffic will be switched to the new bridge and the temporary bridge will be removed. Construction is expected to begin between fall 2013 and early 2014 with approximate construction time of 2 ½ years. For information contact Project Manager Jeff Daugharty at (904) 360-5575 or (800) 207-8236 ext. 5575 or jeff.daugharty@dot.state.fl.us
- US 301 (SR 200)/I-10 Interchange – Public Meeting – Monday, November 26, 2012 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Baldwin Senior Center, 850 N. Center Street, Baldwin. The proposed interchange improvements will include:
 - The construction of a new US 301 northbound to I-10 eastbound on-ramp in the southeast quadrant of the interchange.
 - The reconstruction of the loop ramp in the southwest quadrant of the interchange.
 - The construction of a new two-lane I-10 westbound to US 301 off-ramp in the northeast quadrant of the interchange.For information contact Project Manager Jim Knight at (800) 749-2967 ext. 7707 or james.knight@dot.state.fl.us

Members had concerns with the downtown cobblestones and how dangerous they are for bikers, but were advised that these are not the responsibility of DOT.

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 1830 active cases in the Urban Core. MCC has completed the move into the Ed Ball Building. Members had concerns on long it is taking to mow the grass at the Wood Treatment Plant at 2610 Fairfax. Members had concerns with business owners not maintaining the right-of-way adjacent to their properties.

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

Parks & Recreation – Pam Roman reported:

- The Hogan's Creek Project is no longer under the Parks Department. She has contacted Tom Heal from Public Works on this. They may have to revise the project due to issues with JEA. Mr. Heal can be reached at 255-8749.
- The Summer Night Lights program for 2013 will be at 4 sites, including two locations in the Urban Core (Emmett Reed and the Kennedy Center).
- This past Friday Hemming Plaza had a "Picnic in the Park" with activities for attendees. About 60 people came out and it was a lot of fun. This will happen until the end of the year weather permitting. Please invite people to come out from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Parks visited the J.S. Johnson Center in the Brooklyn Neighborhood with the after school program "Don't Miss A Beat." This program has 27 participants ages 6 – 15 years old and 25 are from the area. A recent project involved 27 graphic designers that partnered with each child who created a character and built a toy based on that character. The finished products will be featured at the December Art Walk.

Members had questions on the following: Will the Davis Park get mulch? A CARE issue has been entered and someone should be calling to follow up. Member Radlinski asked about the "No Fishing" signs that JSO asked to be posted on the Riverwalk. The signs were not posted, based on the department's belief that it is in conflict with Mayor Brown's efforts to provide more water access. Concerns submitted personally or through CPAC will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Director as well as the Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor for review/consideration.

Members wanted to know if the Joe James Center would be available to the community. The Parks Department is currently restructuring. There is a possibility that it may go out to bid. There were problems for the past two years and when it was open it was only averaging 4 kids per day. They do have the summer lunch program at this location. If anyone has any suggestions on what type of programming they would like to see at this park please contact Ms. Roman.

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

Planning and Development – Samantha Paull reported the following:

- A rezoning application 2012- 615 for a PUD from a CRO 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 will be heard by the Planning Commission on 11/15/12. The Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. Association would like to see this deferred until the neighborhood is brought up to-date on the changes for a PUD. Members asked for more information on this PUD. They will have to contact Bruce Lewis at 255-7820 for details on this project. There was a Motion to ask for this to be deferred. There was no second but was going to be discussed under new business. (The meeting went long and when the time came to bring this up again a member called the question for the meeting to be adjourned.)

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

Elected Officials Reports – none present

2013 Elections – Nominating Subcommittee Chair Vanderlaan presented the 2013 Slate of Officers: Chair: Christina Parrish and Vice Chair: Gloria DeVall. He asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair and Vice Chair. There being none; nominations from the floor were closed. The Vote for Chair Parrish and Vice Chair DeVall: 11 in Favor; none opposed. The Motion carries unanimously. Member Vanderlaan thanked Vice Chair Walker for her service this past year. Congratulations to Chair Parrish and newly elected Vice Chair DeVall.

Chair's Report

Chair Parrish thanked members for their support. She asked them for input for programs and projects for 2013 and the following suggestions were made:

- Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) updates
- The Symphony
- The Landing
- Public Works – to attend the monthly meetings
 - Streets and drainage
 - Solid Waste
- JEA - new CEO at the January meeting
 - Chain link fence on Laura Street that has been there for the past two years
 - Hogan's Creek Project
- Pension Reform – the process as it relates financially to the city's budget
 - OGC Deputy of Labor and Employment Derrel Chatmon
 - Director of Finance/CFO Ronnie Belton
- Converting downtown streets to two-way
- Project New Ground – inviting the head of The Hester Group and having a monthly report at each month's meeting.
- Homeless day shelter
- Hemming Plaza

Once the entire list is prepared, it will be sent to members to prioritize for 2013.

- Chair Parrish attended the I-CARE (Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment) meeting with the topic of the Homeless Day Center. Mayor Brown has promised a location by the end of the year. The group did not agree on the type of services that the Day Center should offer or the possible locations. Chair Parrish will record her notes from the meeting and send them out for the members to review.

Subcommittee Reports

- **LUZ** (Land Use and Zoning) – no report
- **Parks** – At the ShAdCo A meeting Member Radlinski asked JSO if they could have bike units patrol the S-line. Currently the bike units are needed downtown more than on the S-line. Member Walker reported seeing a bike unit in the Durkeeville area.
- **Environmental** – Chair Vanderlaan – no report
- **Preservation** – Chair DeVall stated that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is pursuing Landmark status for the Bostwick Building, which will be discussed at the next HPC meeting. Landmark status would give the building certain protections. Meanwhile, the owner is scheduled to appear at City Council to appeal the denial of his request for demolition. As stated earlier the DIA is working to prevent demolition of the Bostwick Building.
- **Transportation** – Chair Miller reported that the TPO had a very good symposium on October 23, 2012. They talked about JAXPORT and Cecil Field. They would like to see the TPO have a bus tour of Cecil Field. The SW CPAC will be hosting a Cecil Field bus tour along with the Westside Business Leaders in the spring. There will be a cost and tickets will be on a first come first serve basis. Member Miller would like to invite all members to come to the TPO meeting. Neighborhood Coordinator Fenton-Harmer will contact the TPO to get the dates and send them to the membership.
- **TRUE Commission** – TRUE Commission Liaison Radlinski reported that they have been looking at pension reform. It is a big issue. The Police and Fire Pension is underfunded. The General Employees Fund is better but still underfunded. If this continues the city could go bankrupt. The policies are also very restrictive as they relate to returns and investments. The Police and Fire Pension union representatives and trustees are not speaking. The City may be required to take them to court. There has been some headway with the General Employees but it is complicated.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business

- Planner Jody McDaniel is working on two City of Jacksonville EPA grants with the Brownfields team. She would like to have the Urban Core CPAC's support. The projects are:
 - An environmental assessment plan for Confederate Park, which would estimate clean up costs.
 - An area wide assessment in LaVilla regarding hazardous contamination.
 - The City of Jacksonville is partnering with the Health Planning Council on a grant related to the S-line.The grant application is due at the end of the month so support letters are needed before November 14, 2012. Member Vanderlaan made a Motion for the Chair to write the letters of support. A second was made by Member Radlinski. The Vote: All in Favor; none opposed.
- Member Vanderlaan stated that the Springfield Holiday Tour is November 30th and December 1st. Discount tickets are available on line at: <http://www.springfieldhometour.org/>
- Member Miller stated that Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. was having trouble with Solid Waste picking up trash from street garbage cans. It has been temporarily resolved with the help of Council Member Lee's office. Ms. Miller asked for the CPAC's support if the neighborhood continues to have problems. It was stated that this has also been an issue for Springfield.

Public Comments/Announcements

Adjournment

Member Vanderlaan made a Motion to adjourn and was seconded with a slight delay when the question was called. The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

There will be no meeting in December.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **January 7, 2013** 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 – November 2012

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown/Notices

- 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
- **Veterans – Week of Valor** - The Week of Valor in November serves as a way to come together as a community and honor those who serve, reflect on their sacrifices and celebrate their lives. The Week of Valor kicks off Monday, Nov. 5, with a military appreciation luncheon sponsored by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. The national spotlight on the city's deep ties to the military and veteran communities will include two major sporting events.
 - Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012 – No Events. Election Day
 - Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012 – Veterans Summit at UNF University Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 – Media Luncheon USS Bataan, Naval Station Mayport
 - Jaguars vs. Colts NFL Thursday night military appreciation game at 8:20 p.m. EverBank Field
 - 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.
 - Mayport Music Concert – 4:30 p.m. Naval Station Mayport
 - Navy-Marine Corps Classic – Florida vs. Georgetown – 9 p.m. Naval Station Mayport
 - Monday, Nov. 12, 2012 – Veterans Recognition Breakfast – 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Times Union Center
 - Monday, Nov. 12, 2012 – Veterans Day Parade – 11:01 a.m. Downtown
- **Jacksonville Light Parade** – Saturday, **November 24**, 2012 at 7 p.m. Downtown, St. Johns River. Mayor Alvin Brown is pleased to announce the Jacksonville Light Parade. The event will be held in partnership with private organizations and local supporters, similar to the 2011 event.
- **Mayor Brown's Holiday Festival for Seniors** – Saturday, **Dec. 1**, 2012. For information contact 630-7392.
- JSO Annual Meeting of the **Sheriff's Advisory Council** – Tuesday, **November 27**, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Police Athletic League, 3450 Monument Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225

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

- Castaway Island Preserve, 2921 San Pablo Road S. – Friday, **November 16**, 2012 from 9 a.m. to noon. Help bring the butterflies back to Castaway Island Preserve. Join fellow volunteers for a fun butterfly garden project. Please sign up through HandsOn Jacksonville at the link above.
- Reddie Point Preserve, 4499 Yachtsman Way, - Friday, **November 30**, 2012 – Help keep Jacksonville's parks beautiful. Join fellow volunteers for a fun landscaping project at the entrance of Reddie Point Preserve.

Grand Opening White Harvest Farms, 4850 Moncrief Rd., Thursday, **November 8**, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Nichole Torres at 354-4162, ext. 114 or ntorres@clarawhitemission.org or visit www.clarawhitemission.org

2012 Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair –from Monday, October 29, 2012 to Sunday, November 11, 2012.

General Election – Tuesday, **November 6**, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For information contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at 630-1414 or <http://www.duval elections.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, 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

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

- A Home for Every Holiday Pet Adoption Event – Saturday, **December 1**, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Effective November 1, **Animal Care and Protective Services** (ACPS) will have modified, **new adoption hours** at its facility located at 2020 Forest Street:
 - Adoption Hours: Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 - Intake Hours (unchanged) - Tuesday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Animal Enforcement Officers will continue to work 7 days a week between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 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/>

4th Annual Right Whale Festival – Saturday, **November 17**, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Beach cleanup begins at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. meet up at the Lifeguard Station at Jacksonville Beach, 2 Oceanfront North. For more information on the cleanup contact 630-3420. With as few as 350 North Atlantic right whales remaining the goal is to engage the community and heighten public awareness as the whales make their seasonal return to the waters off the coast – the only known North Atlantic right whale calving grounds.

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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Mayor Alvin Brown
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117 W. Duval Street, Suite 400
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Re: FY13 Brownfields Assessment Grant: Site Specific Hazardous Substance and Petroleum Products Assessment Grant for Confederate Park Area

Dear Mayor Brown:

The Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support the City of Jacksonville's efforts to seek an EPA Site Specific Assessment Grant to design a remedial action plan for Confederate Park.

Confederate Park is one of the City's most historic public spaces, but has long been underutilized due to environmental issues which have a significant negative impact on the park and its surrounding neighborhoods. The CPAC has a strong interest in the revitalization of this important urban activity center and has previously partnered with the City to develop an Urban Core Vision Plan and the Hogans Creek Greenway Master Plan, each of which impact Confederate Park. Our Parks Committee regularly visits and makes recommendations regarding improvements to and use of the park.

If this grant is awarded CPAC members will assist the City in a number of areas, such as:

Marketing efforts including but not limited to distribution of information about the grant, assessment, and cleanup efforts;

Participation in brownfields visioning charettes, to provide resident opinions on area redevelopment; and

As a facilitator of meetings with nonprofit organizations, residents, business owners and developers to encourage participation in City planning efforts.

We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely yours,

Christina E. Parrish, Chair
Urban Core CPAC

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Re: FY13 Brownfields Assessment Grant: Community Wide Hazardous Substance and Petroleum Products Assessment Grant for LaVilla Neighborhood

Dear Mayor Brown:

The Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support the City of Jacksonville's efforts to seek an EPA Site Specific Assessment Grant to assess various city properties in the LaVilla area for contamination.

LaVilla is one of the City's most historic neighborhoods, and is located within the CPAC's planning area. The CPAC has a strong interest in the revitalization and redevelopment of this important urban neighborhood and has previously partnered with the City to develop an Urban Core Vision Plan which included proposals for the improvement of LaVilla.

If this grant is awarded CPAC members will provide volunteer hours and resources to assist the City with this project as needed, including but not limited to marketing efforts to distribute information about the grant, assessment, and redevelopment efforts.

We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely yours,

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