

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

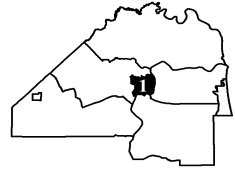
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

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

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

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

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



Meeting Summary Monday, February 4, 2013

Members

Gloria DeVall, Vice Chair	Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile
Louvenia Tippins, Dist. 8 Rep & Charter	Gerre Walker, 12 th Street Loyalty
Michelle Hughes, FreshMinistries	Deloris and John Swain, Grand Blvd.
Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral	Erica Trent, Pathways Academy
Rev. W.C and Victoria Hamilton, St. John's	Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR

Excused – Chair Christina Parrish, Dimitri Demopoulos, Dorothy Merrick, Celia Miller, Ashley Strickland

Guests

Richard Lewis, Plaza Condominiums	Darcel Harris, Mother Midway AME
Josephine Riley, Plaza	Charles Harper, St. John's
Marvin Dunbar, PNG, The Hester Group	Robert Hyde

Staff/Resource

Jim Robinson, Director Public Works	Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Rep.
Kenny Logsdon, HCDD	JSO Zone 1 Lt. Kenny
Bobby Quaintence, Parks	Nelson Beard, Municipal Code
James Green, FDOT	Samantha Paull, Planning
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HCDD	

Call to Order

Vice Chair DeVall 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. Chair Parrish extends her apology for not being at the meeting. She had a family emergency.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Arnold made a Motion to accept the minutes from the January 7, 2013 meeting. A second was made by Member Swain. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries.

Vice Chair DeVall introduced guest speaker Director of Public Works Jim Robinson.

Guest Speaker

City of Jacksonville Director of Public Works Jim Robinson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Works Department. He stated there were 530 employees operating in 5 Divisions.

- Right-of-Way & Grounds Maintenance
 - They maintain over 3,600 miles of roadways & 180 bridges, patch 4,000 Potholes per year, manage the resurfacing of 100 miles of roadways per year, have 1,100 traffic signals and mow 3,900 acres of roadside. They manage the stormwater and drainage with the following: 44,000 catch basins/inlets, 7,500 manholes, 1,000 miles of stormwater pipes, 134 ponds, 2,000 miles of major outfalls (ditches), 4,000 miles of roadside ditches and 8 pump stations
- Solid Waste
 - Collects garbage from 265,000 residential property owners, COJ handles 57K and manages the other 208K thru private haulers, manages the small business downtown collections (124 businesses) and manages the Trail Ridge Landfill
- Real Estate Engineering
 - They manage 118 City leases (tenant or landlord), acquire real estate needs for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), manage the real estate surplus and closure services
- Public Buildings
 - They maintain 636 Buildings/Structures (9 million SF – 2 million SF of this is managed by SMG)
- Engineering
 - Management of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) & drainage projects, roadway projects, park projects, public buildings projects, public safety projects and "Other" projects
 - Support development engineering design reviews
- Officer of the Public Works Director
 - Support event/debris management

- Support EOC during storm events to ensure Drainage System continues to function & roads remain open
- Post storm event – provide all services to collect and dispose of storm debris
- Ensure FEMA coordination for reimbursement
- C-H-A-N-G-E
 - C – Customer Service, H – Help one another, A – “All in”, G – Goal directed action, E – Exciting
- CARE System
 - Help us spot issues, or If you find our employees guilty of doing a good job call 630-CITY or email 630CITY@coj.net

Members had questions/concerns on the following:

- Member Vanderlaan has used the CARE system many times and it is a good system but when it comes to potholes it is a problem. They have trouble determining if it is a cave-in or a pothole. Then where should it be sent: to the City or JEA. Citizens don't know the difference between a cave-in or a pothole. Therefore; they have trouble getting them fixed. At 1809 North Liberty there is a hole that has been reported and nothing has been done. [Director Robison explained that this is a difficult issue that they are working on. They do have to first determine if it is a pothole or a cave-in. Is the surface base stable or is the road depressed? Can it be fixed by his in-house team or does it have to be sent to a contractor? The contractor has large equipment to work with larger diameter pipes and deeper trenches. He stated that next time he comes back he hopes to have made improvements with this process. He is convinced he can address this issue.](#)
- On the corner of Walnut and Phelps and Ionia Streets there is a pond built in the early 1990s when the Habitat homes were built. A resident has been mowing this and can no longer manage this. The city right-of-way and the pond has not been maintained by the city. Someone needs to take on this responsibility. [Director Robinson stated that they have just finished the bidding for right-of-way mowing and the new contract that goes into effect on March 1, 2013. Due to the competitive process they will mow 6 times per year instead of the budgeted 4 times.](#)
- Member Swain asked why some neighborhoods have garbage cans and others do not. [The City of Jacksonville has three private contractors and the City has an area that they pick up garbage. Southland Waste went to a new automated system and have a can for garbage and one can for recycling that are picked up with a claw on the truck. There has been an increase in recycling. They have doubled the amount of tonnage. This is going to the recycling center and not the landfill. Each ton that is collected the city gets \\$41. If you need a blue bin you can get them at Superior Street. Each Council District received 300 blue bins and some Council Members had a convenient location to pick one up. Check with your Council Member to see if they have a location.](#)
- Has the rule changed on the time that garbage can be put to the curb? There is trash all over the neighborhood. It was called in and the litter patrol came out. [The time has not been changed. There is also illegally dumped garbage that can be checked with members of the Solid Waste Division investigating this.](#)
- Ms. Harris asked about getting curbs and gutters in the community and how often do you check on trees or other issues in the drains and ditches? [Given the current manpower we are in a reactive mode and a proactive mode in the storm season. We do depend on the citizens to report issues to the CARE system. Roads are designed either with road side ditches or with a curb and sewer pipes underneath. It is a monumental effort to convert from a ditch system to a pipe and curb system. It has to do with the actual slope of the road. If there is a situation that it is physically feasible they could possibly look at it with the understanding that it may fall under a neighborhood assessment. Neighborhoods would have to have 2/3 of the residents agree to an assessment to raise the money. The city can help come up with an agreement and front the money knowing that the citizens will be paying for it. Ms. Harris sees a lot of cracks in the roadway. This may be an indication that a pothole or cave-in may be coming soon. Don't hesitate to report that. We go through the city streets and rate the roads. The type of crack may indicate what is happening with the road. This year because of the funding level they will be addressing the roads that have been rated 60 or below \(in a 100 scale\) they can afford to fix. If the number is higher than 60 you may still see cracks. They are looking at additional techniques to see if they can extend the life of the roads. If you are just seeing cracks starting – it may not be addressed for years away.](#)
- Can you please update us about the cave-in at Liberty Street near the Riverwalk? [There was a painting/weather stripping contractor that Berkman Plaza hired. There was a weight restriction on the road due to the pilings underneath the road surface. The area near the old courthouse and the Hyatt was historically water and it is now on a bridge. The contractor took his crane that was four times the weight limit and the cave-in happened. The City of Jacksonville felt it was the contractor's fault and they should fix it. There was a contest with his insurance company and the city. The insurance company wanted the City to investigate the problem then work out the claim issue. The city hired a demolition company to remove the debris which was a step to take before FDOT divers can determine the extent of the repairs on the bridge below the surface. Then they can get back with the insurance company. With a collapses of this nature they have to determine the extent of the repairs. It was not logical on how the steps that were taken but they were what the attorneys and insurance company decided on. They are still not sure when it will be repaired. Director Robinson can be reached at 255-8707 or \[JRobinson@coj.net\]\(mailto:JRobinson@coj.net\)](#)

Vice Chair DeVall thanked Mr. Robinson for coming and speaking to the Urban Core CPAC members.

Elected Officials Reports – none present

Staff Reports:

JSO Zone 1 – Lt. Kenny reported on the following:

- Lt. Grant had been working with Parks District Manager Mark Hartley to identify locations for the “No Fishing” signs on the Riverwalk. Once the signs are in place they can enforce the no fishing. Currently they are enforcing the litter and safety laws on the Riverwalk.
- Lt. Grant followed up with removing the homeless camp on Pearl Street under the bridge.

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 – The Hester Group’s Marvin Dunbar reported the following:

- The OU 2 Springfield is competed with the Phase 1 remediation. They are awaiting Phase 2.
- The 5th and Cleveland site is still on going.
- They are still getting access agreements.

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

Duval County Public Schools – not present

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

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

- An Open House was held for the Overland Bridge on Atlantic Blvd. FDOT did listen and they will be having a bike lane on Atlantic Blvd as part of the detour. They will be working at night and there will be no lane closures during the day. The project is expected to finish in 2015. A question was asked if there is a web site for this project: www.I95overlandbridge.com
- They will begin painting the Myrtle Avenue Bridge under I-95. It should take 6 months.

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

Parks & Recreation – Bobby Quaintence was in attendance for the excused District Park Manager Mark Hartley.

He sent an e-mail on the on the following:

1. We have identified 8 locations on the north bank and we will be installing no fishing signs at those locations this week. (JSO will now be able to enforce the No Fishing Ordinance).
 2. The repairs to the restrooms at Confederate Park will resume in a couple of weeks. A change order had to be made due to the plumbing issue that was found once the demo started.
 3. JSO has removed the homeless camp from under the bridge at Confederate Park which was a question from last month’s meeting.
- The new Confederate Park will have an opening on Feb. 13th and members stated that it is a marvelous Park and being used a lot already.
 - Another project for Parks is a place downtown for people to fish legally. The suggestion is the deck by the St. Johns Boat Ramp near the River City Brewing Company. It would have to be approved by the Fish Management System but then there is also the potential if the USS Adams comes as a floating museum it would need to move. Another suggestion would be at the Shipyards Property with the beautiful grassy area. Ordinance 28.701 for Downtown would have to be changed to include an area for fishing. It is obvious that people want to fish downtown and we need to find them a location to do so legally.

Members had questions on the following:

- What time do the lights go out at the parks? The Kennedy Center lights go out at midnight and there are no lights lite at A. Philip Randolph Park.
- At the Raymond Davis Park on 21st Street and Spires the sawdust and mulch needs to be replaced. In particular under the swings. There is a drainage issue and the rain washes it away.

Mr. Quaintence will check on this and report back.

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

Planning and Development – Samantha Paull reported the following:

- Currently there are no new applications for the Urban Core.

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

Municipal Code Compliance – Supervisor Nelson Beard reported that there are 1410 active cases in the Urban Core.

Members had the following questions:

- They wanted to know where the active cases were: 29th and Chase, Brooklyn, Downtown, East Jacksonville, Fairfield, Hogan’s Creek, LaVilla, Midwest Side, Moncrief, Phoenix, Springfield and Tallyrand neighborhoods.
- Members wanted to know how long it took to resolve problems. It varies from issue to issue. For example, nuisance issues depend on the time of year i.e. the growing season and how fast a contractor can get out. With board ups vagrants break in more in the winter months. There is no set answer.
- It was mentioned that on East 4th Street in the 700 block it has become a dumping site. Solid Waste handles garbage.
- Member Swain reported 2719 Fairfax (4-plex) for garbage all over. They do not place the garbage in cans and the dogs spread the garbage throughout the neighborhood. Code Enforcement no longer cites for early set-out of trash. It went back to Solid Waste. Supervisor Beard will send out an officer to check the area.

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 items on the attached report. The one item not on the report was a Gumbo Contest on March 9th at the Jacksonville Landing with all the proceeds going to a 501 c 3 Gleaners which distributes food for free to those that need it. The cost to enter the contest is \$25. Members had Certificates of Appreciation with assigned seating to be sure they received their Certificate.

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

Chair's Report

- Vice Chair DeVall stated the Chair Parrish asked for issues to discuss for 2013. Here is what was submitted from members:
 - An update on the vacant courthouse on Bay Street (mentioned a few times)
 - Is there a list of city-owned UC vacant buildings and/lots to discuss and condemned structures: the Laura Street Trio, the old Bank of America Building, Annie Lytle School and the Armory
 - The whole system of code enforcement, particularly as it relates to vacant properties
 - JTA, public transportation in the urban core
 - Parking lots and vacant lots in the urban core
 - The Symphony
 - The Sulzbacher Center
 - The Florida Theatre
 - Maxwell Coffee House

Certificates – Members had assigned seating and received their Certificate of Appreciation from Chair Parrish.

Subcommittee Reports

- Preservation – Chair DeVall would like to have a meeting at 4:30 p.m. before the next regular meeting on Monday, March 4, 2013 in Training Room 110. Members discussed that this committee could expand the scope to include vacant lots and buildings i.e. the Laura Street Trio, the old Bank of America Building, Annie Lytle School and the Armory. Members suggested using the Armory for the Supervisor of Elections Office. They would like to meet first to discuss goals and objectives on what direction to go. Then at the following subcommittee meeting they will invite people to discuss the issue/building and bring back information to the CPAC members.

Unfinished Business

- Members wanted to know how parking fees for events are decided i.e. the circus was \$10. They also wanted to know if the Ordinance on parking that was talked about at the October 2012 meeting was passed. [Yes, it was enacted, Ordinance 2012-674. This was the information that was presented at the October 2012 CPAC meeting from Parking's Jack Shad.](#)

New Business – Council Member Boyer sent info on a Draft Revision for a PUD. Members had the following comments but no action was taken. They went over the revisions. There are going to be two types of a PUD – General and Large and Small and one is Conceptual. The conceptual will tell you what you want to build. It is very specific. They will be asking for a lot of information on what is to be done. They may want to recommend that they don't need that much information on the General PUD. They would like more information on this. The small scale is the existing PUD. The letters and numbers are not correct. Once the new bill is modified that may be the time to get more information and take a position. Or the CPAC can wait until it will be ready to go before Council. Members stated they did not want to make it harder for development or businesses to get up and running. Also they wanted to know what the purpose of the revision was. Members would like to have Council Member Boyer or her ECA come and help answer these questions or they will wait until it goes to committee with the revisions to make a decision on how to proceed. There was no action taken.

Public Comments/Announcements

- Council Member Clark wants to reinstate the Mobility Fee Moratorium for 3 more years. Residential units would be exempt. The CPAC took action previously with a letter from the October 5, 2012 meeting. After reviewing the new Ordinance 2013-0094 the CPAC may want to resend the letter or oppose it. It will be introduced at the next City Council meeting. The CPAC may want to have the Chair or a representative at the City Council meeting to state the Urban Core CPACs position. Members would also like to get a copy of the bill to review it and or look at opposing Council Member Clark's Ordinance 2013-0094.
- The Bostwick Building has been deferred until at least the 20th, per Councilwoman Boyer's office.

Adjournment

Member Radlinski made a Motion to adjourn and was seconded. The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **March 4, 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 – February 2013

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown/Notices

- On Jan. 29th [Mayor Brown Announced a Major Opportunity for Downtown, Jobs](#) – City savings of \$11 million to be reinvested. Mayor Brown has created a plan to inject \$11 million this year into both Downtown revitalization and job creating economic improvements across Jacksonville. He is committed to investing \$9 million in order to leverage private investment that will improve Downtown. An additional \$2 million is slated for economic expansion through-out the city. The investments are subject to City Council approval. The funding came as a result of a successful round of debt refinancing at the direction of the Brown Administration. To learn more about the Mayor's reinvestment plan: <http://www.cqj.net/reinvestment-plan.aspx>
- The Housing and Community Development Division will hold **Public Hearings** concerning the 2013-2014 Jacksonville Consolidated Plan that includes the following Federal Grant Programs:
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)
 - HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)
 - Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA)

Citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan and to attend a hearing to express housing and community development needs to make recommendations for activities to be undertaken during the Oct. 1, 2013 – Sept. 30, 2014 program year. Hearings:

- Tuesday, **February 5**, 2013 at 5 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, Room 825, Jacksonville, FL 32202
- Thursday, **February 7**, 2013 at 5 p.m. in the Emmett Reed Community Center, 1093 W 6th Street, Jacksonville, FL 32208
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Applications will be available starting Monday, Feb. 11, 2013-2014 for the following City of Jacksonville Consolidated Plan federal grant programs: CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA. Projects must meet the CDBG national objective:
 - Benefiting low and moderate income persons or
 - Aiding in the elimination or prevention of slum and blight

All non-profit 501(c) 3 agencies applying for funds are required to attend **ONE MANDATORY**

Technical Assistance Workshop and the One Budget Workshop. The workshops will be:

- Monday, February 11, 2013 at 3 p.m. at FSCJ, 101 W. State St., Auditorium A 1068
- Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Dr.,
- Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the HCDD, Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, Board Room 851, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Budget Workshop: Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 3 p.m., at the HCDD, Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 1st Floor Training Room – lobby, Jacksonville, FL 32202

***No applications will be accepted from agencies that have not attended a mandatory technical assistance and budget workshop. The deadline for the application is Friday, April 5th.**

- The Housing Services Division – Emergency Home Repairs – limited funds received. All the funds have to go through the legislative process which at a minimum takes six weeks to complete. Homeowners are being asked to contact the Housing and Community Development Division at 255-8200 after March 1, 2013. At that time they will be updated on how to proceed through the process.

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. Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – Measuring Change: How Will We Know We Did It?
2. Saturday, April 27, 2013 – Partnerships. Who Makes JAX2025 Real?
3. Saturday, May 18, 2013 – Release Event: Our Vision for Jacksonville in 2025

OED Downtown Development Review Board (DDRB) Meeting – Thursday, **Feb. 7**, 2013 at 2 p.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Lynwood Roberts Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Keep Jacksonville Beautiful 30th Anniversary Event – Thursday, **Feb. 7**, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, Atrium, 1st Floor, 117 West Duval St., Jacksonville, FL 32202. This event educates and raises awareness about Keep Jacksonville Beautiful programs, projects and the environment. It is also a time for celebration and recognition of the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful commissioners, volunteers, partners, sponsors and award recipient for their accomplishments throughout the year.

The Road to Olustee 2013 at Camp Milton Historic Preserve, 175 Halsema Rd. N. **Feb. 9-10**, 2013. This free, annual living-history weekend invites visitors to experience Jacksonville in the year 1864.

U.S. Women's National Soccer Team VS. Scotland – Saturday, **Feb. 9**, 2013 at 5 p.m. at Everbank Field. Tickets start at \$22 and up can be purchased through www.ussoccer.com, by phone at (800) 745-3000 and all Ticketmaster centers. For information: <http://www.coj.net/departments/public-affairs/headlines/even-more-reason-for-jacksonville-soccer-fans-to-c.aspx>

Downtown Investment Authority Meeting – Wednesday, **Feb. 13**, 2013 at 2 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Board Room 851, 214 N. Hogan St., Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Philadelphia Union Major League Soccer Game – Friday, **Feb. 15**, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. Tickets on sale at the Arena box office and on line at www.Tickmaster.com and a free youth clinic at 5:30 p.m.

26.2 with Donna – Saturday, **Feb. 16**, 2013 at Jacksonville Beach, Florida at 7:30 a.m. One hundred percent of raised funds and race proceeds for all 26.2 with Donna events go to breast cancer research and care. Register on line at www.breastcancermarathon.com

TAX ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES – AARP and RealSense Prosperity Campaign will offer free tax preparation. Each tax season, public libraries throughout the community serve as sites for free tax preparation. Last year, more than 4,327 library customers benefited from the service, which was valued at \$2.1 million in terms of money saved from free tax preparation and tax credits received by some customers. Assistance will be offered at select libraries **Feb. 2 through April 13**; schedules vary by location. Visit the [tax help page http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/lib/aarp_taxhelp.html](http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/lib/aarp_taxhelp.html) on the Jacksonville Public Library's website to view a complete schedule, including dates and participating locations.

"Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield" Navy Exercises – **Feb. 19 – Mar. 4**, 2013 at NS Mayport and NAS Jacksonville. These annual anti-terrorism/force protection exercises are designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy security forces for responses to threats against installations and units, and will be conducted on all naval installations. NAS Jacksonville - Although measures have been taken to minimize disruptions to normal base and station operations, there may be times when the exercises cause increased traffic around the base, delays in base access, and facility closures. While the exercise will continue for two full weeks, minimal impacts to traffic flow or delays along U.S. Highway 17 are expected. Even though traffic delays are not expected this year, area residents traveling in the U.S. Highway 17 corridor near the air station may want to factor in additional time for getting through the base gates. Vehicle drivers and passengers should carry proper identification with them at all times. NS Mayport - Aside from a few hours on several different days during the two week exercise, base operations will continue as normal. Additionally, ongoing construction at the NS Mayport's intersection of Moale Avenue and Baltimore Street may incur a slight delay during times of elevated security conditions associated with the exercise. Personnel should carry proper identification with them at all times. For more information about the NAS Jacksonville Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield exercise, please contact the Public Affairs Office at (904) 542-5588, (904) 542-2415 or via email at JAXS_NAS_PAO@navy.mil. For more information about the Naval Station Mayport Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield exercise, please contact the Public Affairs Office at (904) 270-5226 ext. 1013/1011 or via email at William.townsend1@navy.mil.

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/>

Mayor's Commission Seeks Nominees for Women's History Month - The Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women is accepting nominations to recognize women who have made lasting contributions to the Jacksonville community. Four local women will be selected as poster honorees celebrating Women's History Month in March and recognized at a reception at the University of North Florida's Thomas G. Carpenter Library. This year's theme is: Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM). One honoree from each of the four STEM categories will be selected by the Commission on the Status of Women based on these criteria: Contribution of lasting value within the Jacksonville community, Residency in Jacksonville or adjacent county, Varying life experiences, occupations, etc. and Role model for others, especially young women. If you know of a deserving woman who has made a difference in the community, please complete and submit a nomination. Nomination forms are on the Commission's website: <http://www.coj.net/departments/boards-and-commissions/commission-on-the-status-of-women/women-s-history-month.aspx> A nomination form can also be requested via email at alicec@coj.net or by calling Alice Checorski, staff liaison for the Women's Commission, at (904) 255-7239. Only nominations submitted on the approved forms will be accepted. The nomination deadline is **5 p.m. on Friday, February 1**.

The Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission's Annual Historic Preservation Awards Program – Call for Nominations. The deadline is Friday, **March 1**, 2013. Visit <http://www.coj.net/departments/planning-and-development/community-planning-division/default/preservation-awards-program.aspx> for an application. For information call Lisa Shepherd at 255-7843 or Sheppard@coj.net

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 **no later than Friday, March 29**. 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.

2013 Urban Core CPAC Meeting Dates:

Monday, Mar. 4, April 1, May 6, 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.