

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

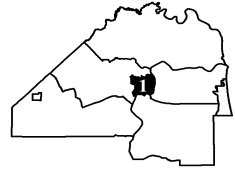
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

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, June 3, 2013

Members

Christina Parrish, Chair	Gloria DeVall, Vice Chair
Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile	Catherine Morton, 12 th Street Loyalty
Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts	Delores Swain, Grand Blvd.
John Swain, Grand Blvd.	Darcel Harris, Mother Midway
Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral	Erica Trent, Pathways Academy
Dorothy Merrick, Plaza Condominiums	Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR

Excused – Louvenia Tippins, Michelle Hughes, William and Victoria Hamilton, Mark Hartley

Guests

Donna Barrow, ECA At-Large Group 5	Richard Lewis, Plaza Condominiums
Michelle Tappouni, SAMBA/SPAR	Robert Hyde
Travis Brown, VOA	Bill Holman, PNG, The Hester Group
Evanda Christoph, 2 nd Mile	Blake Gille, 2 nd Mile
Evie Welch, Zone 1 ShAdCo A	Travis Brown, Volunteers of America

Staff/Resource

Mayor's Liaison Carolyn Shehee Williams	JSO Zone 1 Sgt. J. D. Carpenter
JSO CFMFH Officer Lee	Samantha Paull, Planning
Nelson Beard, Municipal Code	James Green, FDOT
Anthony Williams, JPL	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, 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 Demopoulos made a Motion to accept the minutes as presented from the May 6, 2013 meeting. A second was made by Member DeVall. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries.

Guest Speaker

JSO Crime Free Multi Family Housing Officer Joe Lee

JSO Officer Lee stated that the Crime Free Multi Family Housing program was started in Mesa Arizona in 1997. Jacksonville started the program in 2007. There are three phases to the program: Phase 1 – Managers/staff/maintenance have training on the program. Phase 2 – A CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) is completed and the apartment community has standards to complete. Phase 3 – Residents have a meeting where they are notified and the required lease addendum is explained. The City of Jacksonville has 105 certified complexes and in Zone 1 there are 20 certified complexes. Members had questions/concerns on the following:

- What are the results of the program? Since 2007 the calls for service in the complexes are down 50%.
- The former Flagship/BMLRW Properties were purchased by Global Ministries (GMF Jacksonville Pool LLC, 65 Germantown Ct., Ste. 409, Cordova, TN 38018) and the apartments in Springfield are as bad as they were years ago. Also the Franklin Arms Apartments at 888 Franklin St. Can they be part of the program? Officer Lee will confirm.
- Members also wanted to know if they interact with ShAdCo. They do not.
- Member Radlinski suggested signing up for CyberWatch at <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/crime-statistics-information-acceptance.aspx>
- A resident from Cathedral Terrace stated that CFMFH has not begun to work and wanted to know where the break down is. They would like a visit from Officer Lee. He will get with the Manager to set up an appointment.
- Is the eviction process quicker with the lease addendum? It is about the same time for the process.
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Elected Officials Reports – Council Member Robin Lumb’s ECA Donna Barrow reported that the Councilman is working on legislation that will help deal with rolling fines in Springfield. Other organizations have been working on this too. Member DeVall stated that the Councilman stated that there were 277 structures with \$45 million dollars of fines and they have only recovered one fine.

Chair Parrish thanked and appreciated Ms. Barrow’s and Council Member Lumb’s efforts.

Staff Reports:

JSO Zone 1 – Sgt. Carpenter had just stepped out when called by the Chair.

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

Duval County Public Schools – not present

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

- The North Florida TPO is having a meeting tonight on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) fiscal years 2013/2014 – 2017/2018 which is the five year transportation improvement projects which are funded from various agencies. He passed out the Draft Urban Core plan and presented some of the following projects:
 - Resurfacing of 8th Street from Francis Street to East of Boulevard St. will begin this summer (2013/2014).
 - Downtown resurfacing State and Union Streets from the Post Office to the Matthews Bridge and will include one block of Main Street between State and Union and one block two-way. (2014/2015)
 - Resurfacing Golfair Blvd. from I-95 to Main Street (2015/2016)
 - Resurfacing I-95 from the Myrtle Avenue Bridge to Lem Turner (2014/2015) \$7 million
 - Resurfacing Kings Road from Cleveland Rd. to Division Street (2017/2018) \$2 million
 - Resurfacing Cleveland to MLK Parkway (2014/2015) \$3.5 million
 - MLK Parkway resurfacing will not be closing any ramps and will begin this summer.
 - The Bridge across Hogan’s Creek at Newnan Street changes name on Hubbard Street and will work with the City Park to improve the walkway and work on the historic nature of the bridge. (2015/2016)
 - Resurfacing Norwood from I-95 to Golfair (2015/2016)

Members had questions on the following:

- What will happen with the Trout River Bridge where it ends for bikes? Mr. Green will advise at the next meeting.

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

Planning and Development – Planner Samantha Paull reported on the following application:

- Rezoning from PBF-1 to a PUD for Shands parking lot M, west of Shands and North of Walgreens between Dr. Roy Baker and Davis Street N is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on June 13, 2013. Paul Davis is the Planner for this project.
- DDRB is reviewing a drive through for a Pharmacy at the Brooklyn project.

Members had questions/concerns on the following:

- The Urban Core CPAC is concerned with neighborhood input on naming parks, streets and historical markers. An example given was a park in Springfield was named after an activist that lived in Riverside. The person deserved the honor but not in Springfield.
- Member Vanderlaan provided information on a proposed sign honoring a deceased Springfield resident, and was concerned that the type of sign would not be appropriate in the historic district. Ordinance 2013-358 is proceeding as an honorary street designation by Ordinance Code Waiver. Contact Historical Planner Joel McEachin at 255-7835 or MCEACHIN@coj.net for more information.

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

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

- Follow up from the last meeting: He did not have the amount of money that has been spent to date. He hopes to have it for the August meeting. He did say that they have used 6,000 tons of dirt.
- In OU2 Springfield Phase 1 is finished and Phase 2 will begin in mid-July.
- Phase 2 is completed in OU1 Cleveland and Forest Park. 122 parcels were finished last Friday. They will start back up in August.
- They continue to knock on doors to ask for access agreements to test soil and respond to complaints.

Members had questions/concerns on the following:

- It was stated that the City of Jacksonville had floated a bond for the cleanup for \$100 million. Is there a need to raise more money to finish the project? Members asked if the Feds were doing the cleanup. No, this is a City of Jacksonville project with EPA oversight and done to the EPA Standard.

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

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Hartley asked to be excused.

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

Jacksonville Public Library – Tony Williams reported on the following:

- The Library has kicked off its Summer Reading Program: *Dig Into Reading* for children 11-years old and younger. To sign up on line go to: <http://jplcalendar.coj.net/evanced/sr/homepage.asp?ProgramID=6> For teens 12-18-years old sign up for *Beneath the Surface*: <http://jplcalendar.coj.net/evanced/sr/homepage.asp?ProgramID=7> There will also be prizes for children that read 10 books a week while supplies last.
- At the Eastside Branch there will be a number of programs: Urban Gardening on June 27 at 3 p.m., Balloon Twisting Art on July 18 at 3 p.m. and at the Main Library the Jacksonville Zoo on August 1.

Members had questions/concerns on the following:

- What is the administration's position on the Friends of the Library President Harry Reagan's proposal to create a special tax district to support the library and the petition to get this on the 2014 November ballot? Deputy Director Shehee-Williams stated that JCCI had done a study saying that funding for the future of the Library System would need to have a special tax district which became a petition drive to seek interest from the public. The petition needs 26,000 signatures to get on the ballot. The Administration has not taken a position on this. The library advocates are the ones spearheading the petition drive.

Mr. Williams can be reached at 630-5466 or anthonyw@coj.net.

Public Works – not present

Neighborhoods – Code Compliance – Supervisor Nelson Beard reported that there are 1460 active cases in the Urban Core. A systematic inspection was done in the East Jacksonville two weeks ago with 273 homes cited mostly for overgrown grass, trash and junk vehicles. This is impacting the number of systematic inspections that can be done. Supervisor Nelson will pass the information from Member Swain on issues on 27th Street (Brentwood) to Supervisor Bruce Chauncey since the issue is in his zone.

Members asked: How can you get a systematic inspection? Supervisor Nelson stated that Zone 1 used to have 6 or 7 Officers but now has 4 and one is in training. This is impacting the number of systematic inspections that can be done

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

Neighborhoods – Housing and Community Development Division – Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer's monthly report is attached.

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

Chair's Report –

- Chair Parrish asked Member Radlinski if he was willing to continue to serve as the Urban Core CPAC TRUE Commission Representative. Member Radlinski stated he was the Vice Chair of the TRUE Commission. He was willing to serve again. *Chair Parrish re-appointed Member Radlinski to serve another term on the TRUE Commission on behalf of the Urban Core CPAC.*

Subcommittee Reports

- **Transportation** – not present
- **Parks** – Chair Radlinski had no report for parks. Chair Parrish stated that Supervisor Mark Hartley has been extremely responsive and is doing a great job. Tune into JaxParks TV show which has had a number of Urban Core parks showcased.
- **TRUE Commission** – Representative Radlinski stated that the TRUE Commission was looking at pension reform. The biggest obstacle for putting the city on firm financial footing is that you can't touch current retirees. You can impact those that are currently employed but not very much. It appears that new hires will not be part of the current pension fund. They are also looking to see who the city should speak to regarding pension reform with the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department. T
- **Preservation** – Chair DeVall stated that the Historic Preservation Commission will be looking at a house at 1481 West 6th Street for landmark status in Durkeeville and is slated for demolition. She explained the history of the property stating that there were two sisters that both owned properties in Durkeeville. One house was demolished; the other has hand carved molding that her grandfather did when he built the home in the 1930s but is in disrepair. *There was a Motion by Member Swain to write a letter to ask for landmark status for the house located at 1481 West 6th Street. Member Arnold seconded the Motion. There was a very lengthy discussion on this property. Members wanted to know what the neighborhood wanted to do with this property and how were the owners going to repair and or mothball the property. The Vote: 9 in favor; 3 opposed. The Motion Carries.*

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

Public Comments/Announcements

- ShAdCo A Chair Evie Welch stated she attended the Downtown Vision meeting on the Downtown Day Center. They talked about the approach they are taking on homelessness which was very enlightening. They want to work horizontally with all resources instead of competitively. The homeless issue is emotional and difficult to solve.
- Member Harris stated that she held an event in the Eastside at the Flossie Brunson Park at PAL on May 18th to pay tribute to civic leaders like Flossie Brunson. They had vendors and Member Vanderlaan was there from ShAdCo B. She plans to hold more events to help youth. Member Vanderlaan stated it was an enjoyable day and Flossie Brunson was at every Urban Core CPAC meeting from the beginning until she became ill.

Adjournment

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

No Meeting in July.

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

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

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Upcoming

Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown/Notices

- Mayor Brown and Congresswoman Corrine Brown invite all job seekers to the 2013 Job and Resource Fair at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., on Monday, **June 10**, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- The City to use **social media to foster dialogue** – to continue the civic discussion following the JAX2025 community visioning initiative, Mayor Alvin Brown announced the More of This, Less of That campaign. Residents are asked to share photos and ideas on what Jacksonville does well, and where we can improve. The program provides an easy way for residents to communicate with their city and share ideas to improve their community in an interesting and visual way. Residents can post photos to Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #MoreofThis for things they want to see more of. They can use #LessofThat for subjects that they want improved. Photos can also be posted to the City of Jacksonville's Facebook page or emailed to More@coj.net or Less@coj.net. Following submission, selected photos will be posted to boards on the City of Jacksonville's Pinterest page and shared on the city's social media accounts. "We designed More of This, Less of That to be user-friendly opportunity that empowers people to more effectively share their opinions on what works – and what doesn't – in Jacksonville," said Mayor Brown. "We are excited that this will be a great, 21st Century-minded tool to initiated important discussions and engage residents." For more of the More of This, Less of That campaign goes to: <http://www.coj.net/departments/public-affairs/more-of-this-less-of-that.aspx>. Follow the City of Jacksonville on Twitter and Instagram with the username @CityofJax. Connect with the city on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofJacksonville. See the city's Pinterest boards at www.pinterest.com/CityofJax.
- Mayor, Red Cross Urge Public to **Prepare for Emergencies**. Hurricane Season starts Saturday, June 1, but residents can plan now for all hazards. Proper planning can help people have the right plan in place to respond and recover from emergencies – not just storms, but fires, floods and other hazards. Mayor Brown and leaders of the American Red Cross of Northeast Florida and Duval County Emergency Management are providing resources to assist residents and business owners with precautions in 2013.
- This week, the City of Jacksonville's Procurement Division brought the city's **surplus auctions online** to a nationwide audience through a partnership with internet auctioning company GovDeals. "GovDeals represents a new era for city auctioneering that's driven by efficiency and customer service," said Mayor Alvin Brown. "This is a great example of our continued work to apply 21st Century thinking to age-old city government processes." The move online leverages technology to create more efficiency in the surplus asset reallocation process. Previously, physical auctions were held once or twice per year. The partnership with GovDeals allows for a more real-time auctioning process that allows for a quicker turnover of surplus items and helps reduce the Procurement Division's footprint in the surplus yard. The City of Jacksonville's online auctions can be accessed at www.govdeals.com/JAX. The move saves taxpayer dollars with a reduced commission fee from the previous auctioneer, providing more revenue for surplus assets. The City of Tampa started their online auction pilot program in July 2007 to save money and reduce costs. Tampa has gained \$1.3 million in revenue from more than 300 items that generated over 11,000 bids.
About GovDeals - GovDeals was incorporated on December 20, 1999, and held its first online auction in April, 2001. The company was developed by government purchasing professionals specifically for the purpose of assisting governments with their requirement to reallocate surplus assets. GovDeals has assisted over 4,000 government entities in 47 states with more than 442,000 auctions and gross sales in excess of \$500 million over the past 12 years.

City Council - Officer Installation Ceremony – Friday, **June 28**, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor Council Chamber. The ceremony is held to install the Honorable William I. Gulliford, Jr., as the 2013-2014 Council President, and the Honorable Clay Yarborough, as the 2013-2014 Council Vice President. In accordance with Council Rules the positions will become effective July 1, 2013. (Invited attendees will include the Jacksonville City Council Members, Constitutional officers, Judges, Duval Delegation, and Congressional Representatives, appointed Board and Commission members of the City of Jacksonville as well as the public at large.) Invitations are not required to attend this event.

Discover the amazing world of exploration with **4-H Sun-sational Science FunShops!**
Time: 1:00 - 4:00pm at the Extension Office, 1010 N. McDuff Ave., Cost: \$5/youth/FunShop
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Zap! Magic of Electricity	Register by: June 26	Date: July 1
Bubbles, Bubbles, Soap!	Register by: July 10	Date: July 15
For the Love of Nature	Register by: July 24	Date: July 29
Diggin' it Archaeology	Register by: August 7	Date: August 12

UF/IFAS Extension Duval County 4-H : 1010 N McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32254, (904)255-7450, smsachs@coj.net

Downtown Investment Authority Meeting – Wednesday, **June 19**, 2013 at 2 p.m., City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Flr., Don Davis Room.

Jacksonville **Waterways Commission** Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, **June 12**, 2013 at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., at 9:30 a.m.

Gun Buyback Event - Saturday, **June 29**, 2013 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Maceo Elks Lodge #8, 712 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

July 5th Beaches Cleanup – Friday, **July 5**, 2013 from 7 - 9 a.m. at Atlantic Beach at the ocean, Beach Blvd. at the ocean and 16th Avenue South at the ocean Keep Jacksonville Beautiful is partnering with Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol to keep our beaches clean.

Community First Saturdays (July 2013) – Saturday, July 6, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Coastline Drive east of Market Street will be closed for this event.

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City at: 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/>

2013 Urban Core CPAC Meeting Dates: No meeting in July

Monday, Aug. 5, 2013

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013 (Date change due to Labor Day and Room Change - 8th Floor – Board Room 851)

Monday, Oct. 7, 2013

Monday, Nov. 4, 2013

No meeting in December



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July 10, 2013

Douglas Evans, Manager, Groundwork USA Initiative
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program
National Park Service
15 State Street
Boston, Ma 02109

Dear Mr. Evans,

The UC CPAC supports Jacksonville's application to become a Groundwork Trust. Springfield and Eastside are neighborhoods represented by our CPAC, and like other urban core neighborhoods they face significant environmental and economic challenges. A focused effort by a nonprofit such as a Groundwork Trust is needed in order to improve the quality of life in these historic urban neighborhoods.

The UC CPAC will provide the Groundwork Trust with a forum for discussions with residents and State and City personnel. We will assist the Trust by providing information to our members, at our monthly meetings and via email blasts, about the Trust's educational forums and events. The Trust will also be eligible to become a member of the CPAC.

Thank you for consideration of Jacksonville's application.

Sincerely yours,

Christina E. Parrish, Chair
Urban Core CPAC

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