

# 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](mailto:ceparrish.CPAC@yahoo.com)

**Vice Chair:** Gloria DeVall 449-4340 [gloria.devall2010@comcast.net](mailto:gloria.devall2010@comcast.net)

**Mayor's Representative:** Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 [cshehe@coj.net](mailto:cshehe@coj.net)

**Neighborhood Coordinator:** Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 [mfharmer@coj.net](mailto:mfharmer@coj.net)



## Meeting Summary Monday, August 5, 2013

### Members

Gloria DeVall, Vice Chair

Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts

Michelle Hughes, FreshMinistries

John Swain, Grand Blvd.

Erica Trent, Pathways Academy

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR

Ruth Arnold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile

Louvenia Tippins, Charter Member, Dist. 8 Rep.

Delores Swain, Grand Blvd.

Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral

Dorothy Merrick, Plaza Condominiums

William Hamilton, St. John's

Excused – Chair Christina Parrish

### Guests

Richard Lewis, Plaza Condominiums

Robert Hyde

Dr. Kelli Wells, FL Dept. of Health Duval

Charles Griggs, FL Dept. of Health Duval

Aaron Glick, Transform Jax

Lani Ruffolo, Gateway to Gods Blessings

Michelle Tappouni, SAMBA/SPAR

Hallie Williams-Bey, VFW 4761

Jocelyn Turner, FL Dept. of Health Duval

Tracey Arpen, Scenic Advocates of Jax.

Brandi Williamson, Community Rehab Center

### Staff/Resource

Mayor's Liaison Carolyn Shehee Williams

JSO Zone 1 Lt. Kenny

Nelson Beard, Municipal Code

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HCDD

Michelle Barth, Mayor's Office

Samantha Paull, Planning

James Green, FDOT

### 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.

### Approval of the Minutes

*Member Arnold made a Motion to accept the minutes as presented from the June 3, 2013 meeting.*

*A second was made by Member Vanderlaan. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries.*

### Guest Speaker

**Dr. Kelli Wells, Florida Department of Health in Duval County** introduced herself. She said she started her position on May 15, 2013. Dr. Wells said she is very happy to be back in Jacksonville. She is working on stability, infrastructure and learning what's in place in the community. She is looking at growing relationships and collaborating partnerships to meet the needs of the environment. The Public Health care cost has not changed and there is the challenge with programs that are sustainable like dental care.

Members had questions/concerns on the following:

- Are you on top of TB in the homeless population? Dr. Wells is working on having a good relationship with the agencies and shelters. Since the Department's goal is to eradicate TB they were on top of this before the media broke the story.
- Are there programs for drug treatment and dental services for low-income residents in the Urban Core? There is funding for these services for HIV. This is the same issue that has continued since Dr. Wells left 8-years ago. The community perspective and where to go for resources is needed. The idea of having dentists do pro-bono work is needed. So far they have no takers. There is a lot of work to do. Dental health is important because people can die from lack of treatment. Dr. Wells has looked at the impact of a healthy work force and how it affects businesses with the loss of time at work.

Vice Chair DeVall thanked Dr. Wells for coming.

Elected Officials Reports – none present

### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO Zone 1** – Lt. Kenny had no official report but stated the fishing signs are not put back up on the Riverwalk. Officers have been asking people that are fishing on the Riverwalk to please leave. They cannot enforce this law without a sign. Members had questions about increased robberies and vandalism to autos (car tires being slashed) at the Plaza Condo garage. The manager has all the details. Lt. Kenny stated she would have the bike patrol to be more visible. She also said to please lock your cars and don't leave anything visible.

Parks Supervisor Mark Hartley said that the original signs were vandalized and removed from the sign post. They are working on getting new signs (the sign personnel just retired) from a vendor. The ones they have looked at that are reflective and will also be graffiti proof. They also have to look at ways to install the posts so that they cannot be removed so easily. They hope to have the new signs up by the end of the month.

**For more information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or [JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org](mailto: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](mailto:CSHEHEE@coj.net)**

**Duval County Public Schools** – not present

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

- The MLK Interchange should be done by the end of the year.
- The Overland Bridge is underway and will be going on for 3 or more years.
- The landscaping on I-10/I-95 looks nice and is finished. There is now a 5-year warranty and maintenance agreement on the landscaping.
- The Myrtle Avenue Bridge is being painted and should be finished in a month or so.
- I-10 West of the interchange is almost complete with the road being smooth.

Members had questions/concerns on the following:

- There needs to be signs on the north side of Main Street Bridge to warn for pedestrians/bikes. They are on the south side of the Bridge.
- On West 12<sup>th</sup> Street there are very large trees in the City right-of-way that JEA needs to remove. They were working on the water lines and some have been damaged and limbs have fallen.
- At 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Hubbard a traffic light is needed. There is a stop sign.

**Mr. Green can be reached at 360-5684 or [James.green@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:James.green@dot.state.fl.us)**

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

- Applications from a couple of months ago have come up:
  - The rezoning of Brooklyn
  - Multi-family complex at 122 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street that Operation New Hope is working on For an exception and administrative deviation – with no final COA
  - The Historic Preservation meeting will be at the end of the month

Members had questions/concerns on the following:

- Member Radlinski asked about Ordinance 2013-0415 having hens in a residential neighborhood. He had sent a copy of the Ordinance to Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer to send out to members on June 27, 2013. He made a Motion that the Urban Core CPAC reject amending the code to provide for fowl in residential areas in Ordinance 2013-0415. Member Merrick made a second. There was great discussion on this topic pro and con. The Vote: 5 for and 5 against. With the tie members would like to have a panel with people on both sides of this issue at the next Urban Core CPAC meeting.

**Ms. Paull can be reached at 255-7852 or [spaul@coj.net](mailto:spaul@coj.net)**

**Project New Ground** – not present

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

**Parks & Recreation** – Mr. Hartley reported on the following:

- Along with the "No fishing" signs on the Riverwalk, they are also working on the "Do Not Feed the Ducks" for Confederate Park. They both should be done sometime this month.
- The restrooms at Confederate Park are 95% complete and should be open in a couple of weeks.
- There will be a new play set at A.P. Randolph Park installed in September. It has totally new materials that are very modern and interactive.
- At J.P. Smalls Baseball Park the grounds have new sod. It is a gem and has great historical significance for the African American Community. EWC will play their home games at J.P. Smalls.
- At the Kennedy Center the roof is almost complete. The atrium is being redone as well. They have rain barrels That will collect rain water which will be used to water a raised garden. The Garden Club is working with the Center And the community and it will be a welcome addition.
- The landscaping contractor has gotten a boat to get the dead palm tree out and a crane will be installing a new one. The palm trees were paid for by the Tree Mitigation Fund.

- The Parks Department now has the 5 City of Jacksonville cemeteries under them instead of Public Works. They are looking for a certified vendor that knows how to work on cemeteries. These cemeteries are on the official landmark list.
- The Mitchell Center has a new volunteer that will be working with seniors to help mentor the youth. They will be there on Tuesday and Thursdays for two hours. There will also be 4 computers and games available.
- Metro Park Subcommittee has meet and come up with ideas on how to improve the sound and air concerns. The Parks staff has been doing an informal survey of the sound with the past few events and how loud the it gets especially from the base tone.
- The Parks Department had 5 UNF interns this summer that worked on a new JaxParks website which will list All the amenities at each park.

Members had questions on the following:

- Who will open and close the bathrooms – Mr. Hartley said the guard would open and close them.
- The Park at Davis and Grunthal has a major drainage problem that has caused a metal pony to break. They are also still awaiting mulch – Mr. Hartley stated that the contract for mulch for the entire city Was \$425,000 which had to get special approval. That caused a back log. The contractor has just started Putting the mulch down in all the parks. Mr. Hartley will check on the park.
- Members were concerned with the budget and if there were going to be more cuts to the Parks Department Including the 14% that every department had to cut. Mr. Hartley said that currently what was submitted did Not have cuts to maintenance for the parks but pools and community centers would be closed. Members were concerned with the budget and the services that would be cut.

**Mr. Hartley can be reached at 472-2865 or [mhartley@coj.net](mailto:mhartley@coj.net)**

**Jacksonville Public Library** – not present

**Public Works** – not present

**Neighborhoods – Code Compliance** – Supervisor Nelson Beard reported that there are 1610 active cases in the Urban Core. A systematic inspection was done in the 29<sup>th</sup> and Chase neighborhood producing 117 new active cases.

There was a question about trees that need to be removed on 12<sup>th</sup> Street in the 1200 Block between Payne and Myrtle Avenue. JEA was working on lines. It was suggested to call JEA at 665-6000.

**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](mailto:Mfharmer@coj.net)**

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#### **Chair's Report**

- Vice Chair DeVall asked the following members for Chair Parrish to be a member of the 2014 Nominating Subcommittee: Members Radlinski, Hamilton and Vanderlaan. Member Radlinski said he would be out of town for the September meeting. Member Merrick volunteered. Acting Chair DeVall asked members that were interested in the position of Chair and Vice Chair to please let a committee member know now. If not, please contact Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer who will pass your name on to the nominating subcommittee.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- **Preservation** – Chair DeVall reported on the following:
  - She stated that the Durkeeville property on West 6<sup>th</sup> Street was deferred. Joel McEachin is looking into the folk art details of the home with the State and Folk Art Preservation. This should be heard at the end of August.
  - The Claude Nolan building will be going before the City Council for Landmark Status.
  - The LaVilla "Shotgun Houses" will be coming before the LUZ subcommittee tomorrow. Chair DeVall read the minutes from the last Historic Preservation Commission meeting on these homes that was presented by UNF Professor Alan Bliss. *Member Vanderlaan made a Motion for the Urban Core CPAC to support granting landmark status to the three remaining "Shotgun" Victoria folk residential structures in LaVilla. Member Arnold made the second. There was some discussion on funding, location and historic value. The Vote: 9 in favor and 1 opposed. The Motion Carries.*
- **Transportation** – not present
- **Parks** – no report
- **TRUE Commission** – no report

**Unfinished Business** – none

### **New Business**

Member Vanderlaan made a Motion for the Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) to oppose Ordinance 2013-493 which will increase the number of unsightly billboards in the City of Jacksonville. Member Hamilton made the second. There was discussion on this. An Amended Motion of adding to ask for this to be deferred to give adequate time to hear from all the CPACs was added and seconded. The Vote on the amended Motion: All in favor with none opposed. The Vote on the following Motion: The Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) voted unanimously to oppose Ordinance 2013-493 which will increase the number of unsightly billboards in the City of Jacksonville. We ask you to defer this to give adequate time to hear from all the CPACs. The Vote: All in Favor, none opposed. The motion carries unanimously.

### **Public Comments/Announcements**

- Tracey Arpen spoke against the billboards Ordinance 2013-493 and gave numerous reasons why.
- Member Merrick invited members to attend the Jax 2025 Distinctive Neighborhoods meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at noon at WJCT community room.

### **Adjournment**

*Member Merrick made a Motion to adjourn and was seconded. The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.*

Due to Labor Day – Change of Date and Location  
The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on **Thursday, September 5, 2013** at 5:30 p.m.,  
**8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board room 851** of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator  
255-8236 or [Mfharmer@coj.net](mailto:Mfharmer@coj.net)

**NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT**  
**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**



**UC CPAC Reminders August 2013**

**Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown/Notices**

The Jacksonville Day Resource Center is now operational, thanks to a wide-ranging community partnership that worked closely with the City of Jacksonville to bring the long-discussed idea into reality. "This is a very exciting day for Jacksonville and I applaud everyone for coming together to work as a team on this important resource," said Mayor Alvin Brown. "The Jacksonville Day Resource Center speaks to the heart and soul of this community. It speaks to our economic priorities, our drive to be proactive about Downtown improvement and our will to do what we can to help place the less fortunate on a path to self-sufficiency." The Day Center will begin as a one-year pilot project to measure the center's effectiveness in improving the coordination and delivery of services to homeless people, and in improving relationships between the indigent, Downtown businesses, their customers, and residents and visitors in the Downtown area. "This pilot project will allow service providers the opportunity to connect with persons who historically have been difficult to engage," said Dawn Gilman, CEO, Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition of Jacksonville, Inc. "We believe the Day Center will improve outcomes for those who come." The location will serve as a safe, hospitable day resource center for the Downtown homeless population, where those in need can access a wide array of providers and services. The center will provide resources including showers, food, laundry facilities, and computer/phone access, as well as single point of contact for other services provided by inter-agency stakeholders within the community. It will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and it is located at 234 West State Street behind the City Rescue Mission. "We are so thrilled and grateful that after years of trying, we will finally have a place where the hundreds of people who live on the street can come for their daily needs and for connection to long term help," said Cindy Funkhouser, CEO, Sulzbacher Center. ACON Construction provided \$130,000 worth of in-kind labor and materials and VRL Architects performed design work as an in-kind contribution. Wells Fargo contributed \$70,000 and the City of Jacksonville committed \$120,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to move the project forward. The city's Neighborhoods Department has taken an active role, along with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department. The Jacksonville Day Resource Center materialized through the efforts of many. The City of Jacksonville, Wells Fargo and City Rescue Mission are joined in this effort by Clara White Mission, Mental Health Resource Center, The Salvation Army, The Sulzbacher Center, Trinity Rescue Mission, River Region Human Services and The Veterans Administration.

**City Council Finance Committee Budget Hearings:** City Hall, City Council Chambers, 117 West Duval St., 32202

- Thursday, August 8, 2013, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Thursday, August 15, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 28, 2013 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday, August 10, 2013 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Friday, August 16, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday, August 23, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> dates if needed

Additional Budget information: [www.myjaxbudget.com](http://www.myjaxbudget.com)

<http://www.coj.net/city-council/standing-committees/finance/2013-budget-information.aspx>

**Downtown Council Annual Painting of the Paw Prints (2013)** – Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Location: Bay Street at the base of the Main Street Bridge to Everbank Field. For information contact Bonnie Arnold at 346-3300 or [bonnie@bonniefloraldesigns.com](mailto:bonnie@bonniefloraldesigns.com)

**Community First Saturdays** – Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Coastline Drive East of Market Street.

**SAVE the Date:**

- **Jacksonville's 2013 National Night Out:** Tuesday, **October 1, 2013**
- **Free Homeowners/Condo/Townhome Association Training** – Tuesday, **September 17, 2013** from 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, room 851. Seating is limited please contact a neighborhood coordinator at 255-8200 to register.

**Project New Ground** is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY (2489) or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

**Jacksonville Art Walk** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month – [www.iloveartwalk.com](http://www.iloveartwalk.com) - Theme: A Taste of the Arts. Produced by Downtown Vision, Inc. and held each month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. rain or shine. It spans more than 15 blocks that includes more than 40 galleries, museums, cultural venues, restaurants, bars and businesses plus dozens of artists in Hemming Plaza, street performers and live music.

**Eat Up Downtown** – August 12-25, 2013 – It's nearly time to Eat Up Downtown! Eat up when Downtown's finest restaurants collaborate to bring patrons special three-course menus for \$15, \$25 or \$35. This dining promotion will have you trying new restaurants or visiting old favorites at unbeatable prices. From casual cafes to fine-dining establishments, this yearly event will offer something for every palate. New this year, enjoy dinner and a cruise aboard the Foxy Lady Cruises for \$45.

**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/>

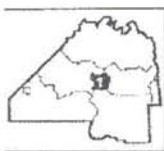
**Phone Numbers** - City Link **630-CITY** (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.

- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 West 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](http://www.duvalschools.org)
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St, Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org)
- 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](http://www.coj.net) (Search Extension Office)
- 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](http://www.employflorida.com)

**2013 Urban Core CPAC Meeting Dates** - No meeting in December – [www.coj.net/cpacs](http://www.coj.net/cpacs)

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013 (Date change due to Labor Day and Room Change - 8<sup>th</sup> Floor – Board Room 851) Monday, Oct. 7, 2013, Monday, Nov. 4, 2013





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### URBAN CORE CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UC CPAC)

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August 6, 2013

Land Use and Zoning Members: Lori Boyer, Chair  
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Jim Love  
Robin Lumb  
Warren Jones  
Don Redman

Dear Councilmembers:

Last night, the Urban Core Citizen's Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) voted to support granting landmark status to the three remaining "shotgun" Victorian folk residential structures in LaVilla.

This matter comes before you today as LM 13-03.

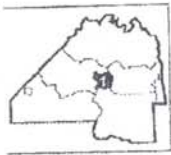
These three humble structures are all that remain of a the one-story "shot gun houses" valuable for their own sakes as architectural examples of working class American homes of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. They are also critically important as reminders of a once-vibrant community of more than 1000 residential structures. These homes remind us of a time when although – encapsulated by societal limitations—Jacksonville's native sons and daughters gave the world a culture rich, the "Harlem of the South", that will last forever.

I urge you to support landmarking the three shotgun houses of LaVilla.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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