

# District #1 - Urban Core

## Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

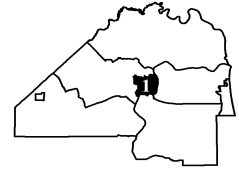
Meeting Location: Main Library – Conference Room G 4 – 303 N. Laura St.

**Chair:** Rex Williams 401-8138 [rexwilliams2006@hotmail.com](mailto:rexwilliams2006@hotmail.com)

**Vice Chair:** Louvenia Tippins 355-8841

**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)



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## Meeting Summary Monday, October 6, 2008

### Members

Rex Williams, Chairman

Geraldine Walker, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Loyalty

Lula Brown, Eastside Resource Center

Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Washington

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

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

Dr. Janetta Norman, Charter Member

Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Floree Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch

### Excused

Louvenia Tippins, Celia Miller, Michael Hartman, Yvonne Lane

### Guests

Cheryl Boykins, East 21<sup>st</sup> Street Assn.

Jackie Lattimore, East 21<sup>st</sup> Street Assn.

### Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

Milton Locklear, FDOT

Quinn Bledsoe, DRCS

Joceyn Turner, DOH

Fred Forbes, AC&C

John Delores, AC&C

C.L. Currier, JPL

Thelma Jackson, Victim Services

Emery Nauden, Planning

Devron Cody, Municipal Code

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND – CDD

Chris Pearson, Solid Waste

Nichelle Stone, DCPS

### Call to Order

Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer welcomed everyone in the absence of Chairman Williams who was going to be late and Vice Chair Tippins excused due to a death in her family. A nomination from members was asked for a Chairperson to run the meeting until Chairman Williams arrived. Member Dr. Janetta Norman was nominated with a second. All were in favor and none opposed. Temporary Chair Norman asked the new people at the meeting to introduce themselves. Cheryl Boykins, newly elected President for the East 21<sup>st</sup> Street Neighborhood Association was glad to be in attendance. Quinn Bledsoe will be representing the Recreation and Community Services Department, for Shorty Robbins who was ill. Membership Chairman Vanderlaan hopes that Ms. Boykins and the East 21<sup>st</sup> Street Neighborhood Association will join the UC CPAC. Marilyn will assist with the paperwork. Acting Chair Norman asked for a moment of silence to begin the meeting.

### Approval of the Minutes

Member Walker made a Motion to accept the minutes from the September 4, 2008 meeting with the following corrections: Under the Mayor's Office report Member Miller wanted to be sure that a store front on Myrtle Avenue was considered and under the Planning Department's report that Member Miller was asked to attend the Planning Commission meeting to hear all information on the "exception". She did not oppose it but deferred to the Planning Department's recommendation to deny it. A second was made by Member Johnson-McPherson. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

## **Guest Speakers**

**Animal Care & Control** Acting Chief Fred Forbes gave an overview of what is occurring:

- They are in the process of hiring a new Veterinarian and Vet Techs that will put the animals under better medical care.
- The construction of the new Animal Care & Control facility is under way at Margaret and Forest Street. The building will be 41,000 square foot at a cost of \$9 million dollars. It will be more cost effective since the current facility is very old and spending lots on maintenance.
- They are in the process of looking for someone to be the Chief at Animal Care & Control. They are also having an Outreach Coordinator go into schools to teach students about animals.
- From the CARE issues they are working on areas that have numerous complaints on dogs running at large and doing sweeps to track the animals. Members asked if they still could report it on line themselves. If it is not to please let them know.
- Members asked if it was a law to have all cats and dogs on a leash and tagged. Yes. The tags are used to monitor for rabies and if the animal gets lost.
- Remember to call 630-CITY if there is a problem.

Fred Forbes can be reached at 630-2242 or [fforbes@coj.net](mailto:fforbes@coj.net)

**Solid Waste** Division Chief Chris Pearson reported on the following:

- The Solid Waste Division provides garbage, recycling and the landfills. Challenges come in with a messy collection and illegal dumping. Garbage men pick up cans about 1100 times a day.
- Homeowners need to know how to containerize the garbage and when they can set it out. It must be in a bag or a can that can not weight more than 40 pounds and cannot be set out until the day before pickup at 5 p.m. and after collection remove containers before 6 a.m. the next day.
- With yard waste the trees can not be longer than 5 feet and 6 inches in diameter.
- Currently there is a shortage of blue bins (6000) and as soon as they are in will be delivered.
- The Landfill contract has been in the news but hopes it can save the city money. The City Council will make the decision.
- The placement of the garbage cans is within 5 feet of the curb, not out in the street. They will be hiring 2 Code Officers and they will police the proper set outs for Solid Waste.
- Regular TV sets will be picked up at the normal garbage pickup. If you have a very large set call it into 630-CITY for a special pick up.
- Appliances and up to 4 tires need to be called in for special pick up also.
- With recycling be sure there is a 1 or 2 on the plastic to be recycled with no food residue. Break down card board boxes for recycling too.
- Illegal dumping on the city right-of-way needs to be called into 630-CITY and a Code Officer will respond.
- The city does have litter crews that do 13,000 miles a year and it is typically not inside a neighborhood.
- Members commented that the garbage men continue to throw the cans in the street and some garbage in Springfield is not picked up. There is also the problem of garbage on vacant lots. If there is a problem call 630-CITY (2489).
- Members suggested being nice to your garbage men and they will do a good job.

Chief Pearson can be reached at 387-8922 or [chrisp@coj.net](mailto:chrisp@coj.net)

**Victim Services Center**, Thelma Jackson started her PowerPoint presentation by asking the following questions "How many of you have been impacted by crime?" Most people have. The Victim Services Center was created in 1984 by ordinance and the office building was built in 1986 at 403 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street to match the design of the neighborhood. It is designed to make you feel at home. All Services are free and confidential. The mission is to supplement

services of crime victims. Every morning the staff goes to JSO and gets the police reports to help the victims by sending an outreach letter to them. They shred the reports once completed. The intake services help with crisis intervention and stabilization. If you have been a victim and have a police report they may be able to help provide food cards, medication or rent. They also work with Shands Hospital with free medical exams and support groups for rape victims. October is domestic Violence Awareness Month. Handouts and first responder cards were passed out. The main number for the Victim Services Center is 630-6300 and the rape center is 244-7273. A question from a member on if the Center could have helped replace a window that a drug dealer broke. If a police report was filed than it may have been possible. Thelma Jackson can be reached at 630-6309 or [tjackson@coj.net](mailto:tjackson@coj.net)

### **Staff Reports**

**Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Not present. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or [JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org)

**Mayor's Representative** – Carolyn Shehee-Williams had no report. Carolyn Shehee-Williams can be reached at 630-1994 or [CSHEHEE@coj.net](mailto:CSHEHEE@coj.net).

**Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – *Milton Locklear had no report but would stay to take concerns or questions after the meeting.* Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or [Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us](mailto:Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us)

**Municipal Code Compliance** – Zone 1 Senior Code Officer Devron Cody reported on the following:

- There are 2200 active cases in the UC District. A few structures are on the list for demo. They are waiting for funds to be released to demolish the structures. There have been working on systematic inspections in the Fairfax, Phoenix Avenue and Mid-Westside. If you have an issue call 630- CITY (2489).
- Members had questions on the number of days someone has once they have been cited. It varies on the issue, an example would be a nuisance of high grass which usually takes 15 days but it also depends on if the property is occupied or unoccupied. It may then have to go to abatement or the Municipal Code Board with the Special Master which could take 30 to 45 days. If a property is unsafe it could be declared an emergency and be put on the demolish list. It could also be fined with as much as a \$250 a day lien on the property. If you have a property that has been condemned for years call the office to check on the status.
- Members had concerns with junk vehicles that are able to sit in yards and attract rodents. Fred Forbes suggested that the Department of Health could address the rodent issue.

The Municipal Code Enforcement Division can be reached at 391-3600 or [psafety@coj.net](mailto:psafety@coj.net)

**Department of Health** – Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health Promotion, reported on the following:

- She asked to be kept informed on the childhood obesity committee. There will be a meeting at Nemours on Friday, Oct. 10, 2008 on the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor on this topic. If you would like to get on the e-mail distribution list call Rose White at 253-2520.
- The Environmental Health Unit can come and do lead testing and screening if you call 253 1000 ask for Tiffany Turner.

Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or [Jocelyn.Turner@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Jocelyn.Turner@doh.state.fl.us)

**Planning and Development** – Emery Nauden reported on the following:

- A Daycare by Gwen Green at 4343 Spring Gove Ave and the hearing will be on Oct 30 2008.
- HabiJax is building 3 homes at 839 Bridiere Street, 1142 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 1537 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street. The Administrative Deviation Hearing will be on Oct. 24, 2008 on the lot size.

Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or [enauden@coj.net](mailto:enauden@coj.net)

**Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Nichelle Stone talked about the following:

- o The Duval County Public Schools (DCPS), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) and the Quality Assurance Review Team (QART) are visiting Duval County this week. The District *Accreditation started today with the visit. They have been preparing for the visit for 6 months to a year to be an Accredited District. Previously the accreditation was done school by school and this is the first time for a District Accreditation. On Wednesday there will be a special School Board meeting 3 p.m. for the SACs CASI report.* If the team approves the plan they will not have another one for 5 years and the review will not have to be done on a school by school basis. The question as to whose idea it was for the District accreditation came up and it was the District's. Members asked if it had anything to do with school grades. No. Members asked what schools the teams would visit:  
DCPS schools visited by SACS/CASI Accreditation Team:  
Group 1: Fletcher HS/Mayport MS  
Group 2: Wolfson HS/DuPont MS  
Group 3: Central Riverside EI/Bayview ES  
Group 4: St. Clair Evans EI/GW Carver ES  
Group 5: Mayport EI/Neptune Beach ES  
Group 6: W Riverside EL/John E. Ford K-8  
Group 7: Ribault MS/Northwestern MS  
Group 8: Lee HS/JEB Stuart MS  
Group 9: Jackson HS/ A. Robinson ES  
Group 10: Crystal Springs ES/Gregory Dr ES  
Group 11: Stanton and Douglas Anderson  
Group 12: Southside Estates ES/San Jose ES  
Group 13: Crown Point/Mandarin MS  
Group 14: Englewood ES/Holiday Hill ES  
Group 15: Brewer ES/Chet's Creek ES
- o Members asked numerous questions but in particular about the letter that was written to Superintendent Pratt-Dannals on Childhood Obesity that did not get a response. Ms. Stone would have to check but can ask Cathy Bowles to come to a future quarterly meeting.

**Recreation and Community Services** – Quinn Bledsoe reported that there is a quarterly activity guide for the entire city and copies were passed out. Shorty Robbins was excused but can be reached at 630-3570 or [shortyr@coj.net](mailto:shortyr@coj.net) or Kelley Boree can be reached at 630-0142 or [kboree@coj.net](mailto:kboree@coj.net)

**HAND – Community Development** Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following: The Housing and Neighborhoods Department – Community Development Division will host the following:

- **2009/2010 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)** process begins with your input on what you would like to see happen at one (1) PUBLIC Hearing:  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2008 - 6 p.m. – Beaver Street Enterprise Center – Event Hall**  
1225 West Beaver Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204  
**Thursday, October 23, 2008 – 6 p.m. – Small Business Center**  
5000-3 Norwood Ave. (Gateway Mall), Jacksonville, FL 32208  
If you would like to apply for a 2009/2010 CDBG Grant you must attend one Technical Assistance Workshop:  
**Tuesday, October 28, 2008 – 6 p.m. – Community Rehabilitation Center (CRC)**  
623 Beechwood Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206  
**Tuesday November 6, 2008 – 2 p.m. – Beaver Street Enterprise Center – Event Hall**  
1225 West Beaver Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204  
**Thursday, November 13, 2008 – 6 p.m. – Housing and Neighborhoods Dept.**  
214 N. Hogan St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 851, Jacksonville, FL 32202  
If you are a new agency applying for a CDBG you must attend a Budget Workshop:  
**Monday, December 8, 2008 – 3 p.m. – Small Business Center**  
5000-3 Norwood Ave. (Gateway Mall), Jacksonville, FL 32208
- **The Housing Services Division is sponsoring classes on: Facing Foreclosure?** Call 630-CITY for information.
- JaxParks presents Art in the Park - Saturday, October 18, 2008 10am - 4pm - Northbank Riverwalk behind the Times Union Center - Interactive art, crafts, entertainment, storytelling,

contests, painting, and more. Calling all artists if you would like to showcase your pieces at this year's Art in the Park e-mail Mercedes Parker at [mercedes@coj.net](mailto:mercedes@coj.net) for an application or call 630-4100 or 630-3541 or visit [www.JaxParks.com](http://www.JaxParks.com)

- Study Circles are a dialogue program on racial and ethnic relations. The next group of classes begins the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> and end the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit [www.coj.net/Departments/Human+Rights+Commission/Study+Circles/Study+Circle+Meeting+Schedules.htm](http://www.coj.net/Departments/Human+Rights+Commission/Study+Circles/Study+Circle+Meeting+Schedules.htm) Or contact Lisa Stafslie at [lisas@coj.net](mailto:lisas@coj.net) or 630-4620
- Downtown Calendar can be viewed at [www.makeascenedowntown.com](http://www.makeascenedowntown.com)
- Not Just for Baby Boomers Film Series: **Free showings of Baby Boomers' favorite films**, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 5:45 p.m., Main Library, Hicks Auditorium. For a complete list of movies visit <http://jpl.coj.net/progs/main/notjustforboomers.html> - about classes/events at the library visit <http://jpl.coj.net/>

### **City Council Meetings**

- **City Council District 9** - Town Hall Meeting – Council Member Warren A. Jones will hold a Town Hall meeting Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Schell Sweet Resource Center (EWC), 1697 Kings Road, 1st Floor. For information call 630-1395
- **City Council District 4** – Neighborhood Meeting Council Member Don Redman will hold a Neighborhood meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Southside Middle School, 2948 East Knights Lane. For information call 630-1394
- **City Council District 9** - Town Hall Meeting – Council Member Warren A. Jones will hold a Town Hall meeting Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at LaVilla School of the Arts, 501 N. Davis St. For information call 630-1395

### **SAVE the DATE:**

- Georgia vs. Florida Football Classic, October 27-November 1, 2008 at the Sports Complex.
- Adult Services:  
**Brain Bowl** - Oct. 8, 2008 - 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mayo Clinic - Cannaday Building. Be a part of this inaugural event. RSVP required. This event is sponsored by the City of Jacksonville and Mayo Clinic. For info 630-7392.  
**MOB Quarterly Meeting** - Oct. 21, 2008 - 10:30 a.m. - Metropolitan Park. - Quarterly meeting with the Mayor to discuss issues pertinent to seniors. For information call 630-7392.  
**Mayor's Senior Holiday Festival** - December 6, 2008 at 2-5 p.m. - Prime Osborn Convention Center - For information call 630-7392 for cost and tickets. Dancing, dining and entertainment at the Mayor's Festival allows seniors to celebrate the holidays in style.

### **Saturday, October 11 - Monday, October 13 Downtown Riverfront**

*The City of Jacksonville and the Mayport and Jacksonville Councils of the Naval League celebrate the 233rd anniversary of the U.S. Navy and the 20th anniversary of the Jacksonville Navy Memorial.*

**Friday, October 10** - USS Stephen W. Groves arrives 10:30 a.m. The ship arrives from Naval Station Mayport and docks in front of the Hyatt Regency Hotel (Northbank) **Northbank Landside Activities** - Live entertainment at The Jacksonville Landing, admission is free. Kort McCumber 5-9 p.m. and Freeze Frame 9:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.

**Saturday, October 11** - USS Stephen W. Groves Ship Tours from 8-11 a.m. and 1- 4 p.m. Free admission. Bags are subject to search before coming aboard. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No strollers allowed aboard. USS Stephen W. Groves is not ADA accessible. **Northbank Landside Activities** - *Booths and interactive displays near the ship* 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with the Navy League, USS Charles F Adams Museum Association, Navy Recruiting, Naval Order and the USO **Live entertainment at The Jacksonville Landing** - Navy Band Southeast Pride followed by [Dennis DeYoung](http://www.dennisdeyoung.com) and the music of Styx at 8 p.m. Interactive displays, children's inflatables. Free admission

**City of Jacksonville Fireworks** - 10:30 p.m. Downtown Riverfront - one barge in front of The Jacksonville Landing

**Sunday, October 12** - USS Stephen W. Groves Ship Tours from 8-11 a.m. and 1- 4 p.m. Free admission. Bags are subject to search before coming aboard. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No strollers allowed aboard. USS Stephen W. Groves is not ADA accessible.

**Live entertainment at The Jacksonville Landing** - Admission is free - -Deejay, Noon-4 p.m. Brian and Riptide, 9:30 p.m. - 2 a.m. -Interactive displays and children's inflatables

**Monday, October 13** - Navy Memorial 20th Anniversary Rededication Ceremony 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Navy Memorial Statue on the Southbank Riverfront - General public is encouraged to attend. Calling all boaters! Boaters with decorated vessels are encouraged to anchor near the ceremony. *Sponsored by the City of Jax. and the Mayport and Jacksonville Councils of the U.S. Navy League*

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### **More Weekend Activities**

#### **Jacksonville Maritime Museum**

Hours of operation: October 10 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

October 11-12, 1-5 p.m.

October 13 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Located at the foot of the Main Street Bridge on the Southbank Riverwalk Set sail into the maritime history of Jacksonville and explore collections of artifacts!

Info: (904) 398-9011 [www.jaxmaritimemuseum.org](http://www.jaxmaritimemuseum.org)

#### **Barbershop Harmony Society Competitions**

Quartet Semi-finals: October 10 7 p.m.

Chorus Contest: October 11 11 a.m.

District Quartet Finals & Parade of Champions: October 11, 7 p.m.

Times-Union Center, Terry Theatre Tickets: \$20 adults, \$7 students. Free admission for active-duty military in uniform. Purchase tickets at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts or the Omni Jacksonville Hotel.



**Eric, a Faun & a Genius**

October 10 11 a.m. & 8 p.m.

Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets and info: (904) 354-5547

[www.jaxsymphony.org](http://www.jaxsymphony.org)

**Dogtoberfest**

October 11 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Metropolitan Park - Tickets and info:

[www.dogtoberfest.org](http://www.dogtoberfest.org)

**Music of Elton John by The Jacksonville****Symphony Orchestra**

October 11, 8 p.m. Times-Union Center

for the Performing Arts - Tickets and info: (904) 354-5547

[www.jaxsymphony.org](http://www.jaxsymphony.org)

**Bank of America Family Free Day**

October 11 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)

Free Admission Info: (904) 366-9611

[www.mocajacksonville.org](http://www.mocajacksonville.org)

**Transportation** - Take a convenient Water Taxi along the riverfront to enjoy your day on sea or land during the U.S. Navy Birthday Celebration. **Hours:**

Saturday, Oct. 11 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. - Sunday, Oct. 12 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Monday, Oct. 13 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**Northbank Stops** - The Jacksonville Landing, Berkman Plaza, and Metropolitan Park

**Southbank Stops** - Friendship Fountain, Crowne Plaza Jacksonville, and Wyndham Jacksonville Riverfront

**One-way fares** - Metropolitan Park \$4 and other stops \$3

- o She also talked about the DCPS ACE process and no watering between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 255-8236 or [Mfharmer@coj.net](mailto:Mfharmer@coj.net)

**Chairperson's Report**

- Chairman Williams apologized for being late.
- He asked members to please read the minutes and the monthly report that Marilyn prepares and bring it back to each neighborhood to share with the neighbors.

**2009 Elections - Nominating Committee**

- 2009 Nominating Committee Chairperson Walker presented the Slate of Officers with committee Members Norman and Johnny Swain to be:
  - o Chairman Rex Williams and Vice Chair Louvenia Tippins

Voting takes place next month.

**Subcommittee Reports** - No reports.

**Announcements**

- At Ribault High a JALA Foreclosure office is able to assist with no charge if you qualify.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please get checked. It can also happen to men. If you know someone that can't afford a mammogram call 253-1000.
- It is also Mental Health Awareness Month. If you know someone that is depressed and can't get help call 253-1022 to ask about a depression screening.
- The Durkeeville Historical Museum on Myrtle Ave. has lots of interesting things to view.
- Members read in the newspaper that part of Laura Street will be restructured to make it conducive for walking with restaurants and shops.
- ART Walk occurs Downtown the first Wednesday of each month starting at 5 p.m.
- The Report on Environmental Health can be requested from the Department of Health at 253-1000.
- The Community Arts in the Park will be open to the public and has moved to the North bank downtown behind the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Oct. 18 beginning at 10 a.m.
- Early voting starts on Monday, Oct. 20 at 13 libraries. The next UC meeting will be the day before the election. Monday, Oct. 6, 2008 is the last day to register to vote.

**Public Comments**

- Jackie Lattimore introduced herself from the newly formed East 21 Street Neighborhood Association along with President Boykins.

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.*

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on **Monday, Nov. 3, 2008**  
at 5 p.m. in the Main Library, Conference Room G-4, 303 N. Laura St.

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