# District #1 - Urban Core

## Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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

Chair: Doug Vanderlaan 923-5179 dougcpac@comcast.net

Vice Chair: Louvenia Tippins

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 7, 2011

## **Members**

Doug Vanderlaan, Chair Geraldine Walker, 12th Street Loyalty Janice Love, Eastside Neighborhood Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Washington Kids Erica Trent, Pathways Charter High School Gloria DeVall, Preservation SOS

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair Yvonne Lane, Bride the Gap Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral Betty Chance, Planet Watch Pat LaMountain, Springfield Women's Club

**Excused** - Carolyn Shehee Williams

## Guests

Council Member Dr. Gaffney, District 7 Greg Bruce, The Hester Group Allan Clotworthy Brenda Boydston, SPAR Chris Parrish, SAMBA Michelle Tappouni, SAMBA Dorothy Merrick, Downtown Residents Group Michael Smith, UNF William Hamilton, St. Johns Luthern Church Vicki Hamilton, St. Johns Luthern Church Hailing Zhong, Preservation SOS Larry Leonard, NAMC

Paul Townsel, National Assn. of Minority Contractors

## Staff/Resource

Ron Barton, JEDC JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Yul Nancy Kilgo, JEA Renee Barlow, JEA Jim Green, FDOT Emery Nauden, Planning Shorty Robbins, DRCS Nelson Beard, Municipal Code Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

#### Call to Order

Chairman Vanderlaan called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street and welcomed everyone.

## Approval of the Minutes

Member LaMountain made a made a Motion to accept the minutes from the January 3, 2011 meeting. A second was made by Member Radlinski. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

## **Staff Reports**

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Zone 1 - Sqt Yul had no formal report but would be available for concerns. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361.

#### **Guest Speakers**

**JEDC** (Jacksonville Economic Development Commission) Director Ron Barton gave the following update on Downtown

- Friendship Fountain was built in the 1960s and is currently underway with renovations: one
  with the fountain itself and second with the concrete around the fountain. The concrete
  will be removed and grass will replace it to have a park setting. This should be done by
  May or June with a ribbon cutting.
- Downtown Docks there are very few physical opportunities to dock in the St. Johns
  River. The Riverside Arts Market which is under the Fuller Warren Bridge will open for the
  Spring Market on Saturday, March 5, 2011 with a ribbon cutting for new floating docks for
  boaters just north of the bridge outside the Fidelity Project. They couldn't put them under
  the bridge.
- Southbank Riverwalk is on its last legs with the woods functional life. It is approximately 25 years-old. The renovation will begin in the summer and take approximately a year and a half for the renovations to be complete. The two pavilions on either side of the Main Street Bridge which were built in the 1980s will be removed. This will open up the view of downtown to have a very dynamic visual of the Jacksonville skyline.
- Kids Kampus Park is closed permanently. The entire area was fenced off from
  everything with no water front park. They are renovating the park by removing all the
  fences to have the waterfront accessible to everyone. The picnic pavilions and trees will
  remain in the park. The jungle gym equipment will be recycled to other parks.
- Laura Street the streetscaping project from the Landing to the Main Library is moving block by block. Each block has had unknown things come up. Years ago south of Bay Street they put in fill dirt and created the new land. When they started digging on Bay Street they found the old city wooden bulkheads that had to be removed. As they moved up to Laura Street they found the old city trolley tracks from the start of the century that were not on any survey or document. The tracks had to be removed as well. As they moved up to the Barnett Building they found 3 buildings that did not know they had basements and were not on the city records. In order to work on the sidewalks 6 basements had to be reinforced so the sidewalk would not cave in. They found lots of pavers under the current road surface. The project is still on target and is expected to finish in May.
- In order to transform downtown the puzzle pieces need to be in place so everyone will be proud of downtown.

Members had questions on the following:

- Are the bricks available to the community for other projects? He is not sure but send him a note if you are interested.
- What is happening with the Agricultural Fair? Conversations about moving the Fair have been talked about for 10 to 15 yeas. Any conversation starts with the Fair Board but the Fair Board is undecided but the Fair Grounds own and lease their land. Members asked where they would possibly move to. The Fair could possibly relocate to Cecil Recreation area on the Northside of Normandy Blvd. near the Recreation Center. There is lots of land. There are different thoughts on the Fair. It is an Agricultural Fair and the land would be complimentary but this is in the exploratory stages with no decisions yet.
- Members read in the Times Union that there were plans to close Monroe Street around the new Courthouse and it would be a under the Parks Department. Mr. Barton stated that the Courthouse is a big building on Adams Street from Pearl to Broad Street. The original concept was for the building to be vertical but it changed to a flat building which would stand on Monroe Street. Currently the traffic would have to curve around the building and there would only be 40-feet from Adams Street. This would take away the Downtown Grid System. The Courthouse is a massive building and is expected to have 3000 people in and out of it every day. If they were to implement a public plaza and interface the project would make more sense to help transition people in and out of the building. The Plaza is an adjunct and would function to the building and either Parks or Public Works could be responsible for it. Members were concerned that the Public Plaza would become another Hemming Plaza where the homeless are every day.

- Is it too late to address the USS Adams to move to the shipyards property? No, it is not too late. Members also asked if an aquarium could be added to this project.
- Members wanted to know what happened to the coins that went into Friendship Fountain. Mr. Barton was not sure.
- What happened with the pavers and problems at the Landing round-a-bout? They have been addressing this with the engineers. The subsurface materials that were used tended to spread and sink the cobblestones which made the road uneven and very rough. As they move up Laura Street they now have the correct subsurface materials. Please give this some time to get addressed.
- Is there anything in the works for Main Street to become a 2-way roadway? Main Street is an FDOT road and the CPAC would have to contact them. FSCJ and Springfield feel isolated from downtown with the one-way streets.
- With the Laura Street project going to Monroe Street and being complete in May what is next? Will the next Mayor budget for projects to clean up Hogan and Adams Street as well as Forsyth Street to the Florida Theater? Downtown needs an upgrade for the downtown experience to bring people to.

JEDC Director Ron Barton can be reached at 630-7115 or <a href="mailto:barton@coi.net">barton@coi.net</a>

**Council Member Dr. Gaffney, District 7** – discussed things that are going on in District 7. He encouraged members to contact him and other Council Members for their concerns. They can only be as good as the information they get. He wants to hear both sides of an issue to make the quality of life in District 7 better. Council Member Gaffney gave the following updates:

- The Jefferson Street Pool will have a \$2 million dollar renovation.
- On Franklin Street Ability Housing will be renovating the apartments for a \$7-8 million dollar investment.
- On Feb. 24, 2011 at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Phoenix Avenue at 10:30 a.m. there will be a Ground Breaking Ceremony for Emporium Plaza. The area from Phoenix on 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 21<sup>st</sup> street is getting ready for the road to be resurfaced
- Park View Inn on Main Street and Union Street will be coming up for stages of demolition.
- A resolution recognizing and commending Maxwell House Coffee Company for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of its plant in Jacksonville will take place.
- Ordinance 2010-926 will be for the Jessie Ball DuPont Fund for matching dollars to JEA to assist insulating attics and energy conservation.

There are a lot of good things going on in District 7 and some things that need work like the Franklin Arms Apartments. They are investigating the apartments that residents have said there are no windows and doors, the elevator hasn't worked for years and rats are running around. There were concerns by members on how apartment complexes with horrible conditions can stay that way for so long and get worse over time. It was stated that sometimes the residents are intimidated not to report the problem to the complex manager or they will be kicked out. Council Member Gaffney also spoke about neighbors working together to make it a better community for everyone.

Members had questions and concerns on the following:

- If your constituents support the Jacksonville Agricultural Fair moving to a rural area at Cecil Field next to the Equestrian Center that would not cost millions of dollars to move it and not raising taxes how strong is the support? Council Member Gaffney stated that 100s of Eastside residents make a living and that community wants it there.
- There was a misconnect last year on the Internet Cafes. The Urban Core CPAC made a
  motion to shut them all down and sent it to you and the entire City Council. Council
  Member Gaffney said he looks at all sides of an issue and tries to make the best decision

- possible. He suggested that the CPAC meet with the owners and employees that saved them from unemployment.
- Members thanked Council Member Gaffney for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Harrison drainage problem that was solved.

Chair Vanderlaan thanked Council Member Gaffney for attending the meeting and to please come back soon. The CPAC will do their homework and continue to let him know the CPACs thoughts on issues and concerns. Member Gaffney thanked Chair Vanderlaan and members for doing a great job and keeping him informed. He does return phone calls within 48 hours. Council Member Gaffney can be reached at 630-1384 or <a href="mailto:Gaffney@coj.net">Gaffney@coj.net</a>

**JEA - Nancy Kilgo**, Director, Government Relations, talked about the following topics: chlorine in the water levels, the fence on 1st and Laura Street and high electric bills.

- Chlorine in the water levels JEA was doing some construction off Fairfax and MLK and Pierce Street. The monitoring service on the monitors on the chlorine tank just happened to have a wiring issue and the alarm did not go off. That is when customers starting calling and that is when they found out there was a problem. They flushed the pipes to a normal level and the alarm did not go over. They have 5 plants out of 30 that they are looking at this for alarms that did not to work. They do monitor the stations and have controls at the lift stations. At the Plants there was 2.5 parts of chlorine in the system with the water and it is maintained at the level of .02. The leak got to 10 parts per million. This was a one time occurrence. They do not think it was at a harmful level. Members talked about a neighbor whose clothing was discolored from the water. If they call Ms. Kilgo she will follow up with them. Members also asked what kind of system do they have for monitoring and is there a quality control sensor to monitor future problems from this happening again? The sensors and alarms with lights go off along with an audible alarm. They will have to rewire them and have an audible alarm and sensor. Operations and maintenance have 5 plants to rewire so hopefully this will not happen again.
- The chain link fence on 1st and Laura Street is around the Main Plant which is a brick building and conservation center just north of Hogan Street between Laura and Main Street. South of Laura Street is not historic but JEA had gotten a waiver from the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission and the time was almost up. It was fenced off for a construction project to upgrade the water treatment and underground reservoir. JEA will be demolishing and building a new reservoir south of Hogan's Creek. It will be fenced off until the project is finished. They should start in the fall to change the fence and make if very nice once it's complete. It will be a nice improvement to the Historic Bridge with no chain link fence. It will take a total of 18 months. They did go to the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission to ask for an extension. They were only given an extension for 12 months. The Commission wants to be sure they are making progress before a further extension will be given.

  http://www.coj.net/Departments/Planning+and+Development/Community+Planning/Historic+Preservation/Default.htm)
- Electric bills high with the winter peaks residents complain about bills in the summer being too high but the winter bills are worse. Rates went up some and fuel is up along with a combination of 19 extreme cold days in December. In January there were 9 days. There are some new conservation and rebate programs that started in October 2010 to do some upgrading on weatherization. Additional attic insulation gets the most bang for the buck. With a pilot program they have seen houses get a19 to 20% reduction that had zero insulation. Replace weather stripping and if you qualify you can get some help from Northeast Florida Community Action Agency. To qualify one must be 200 % of poverty level to be eligible. You will need to get on their list. Keep your heater set on 68 degrees and cover up and this will help. JEA also has a program to pay the same amount every month if you want to keep to a budget. They do work with people but it depends on the past record of payment.

Members had questions and concerns on the following:

• If an A/C was broken can one get a reduction on the electric bill after the repair has been made. This is not like a water leak where they can reduce the sewer charges with a broken pipe. Call 665-6000 and explain the situation. It is a long shot but try it.

Nancy Kilgo can be reached at 665-6439 or kilgna@jea.com

## **Staff Reports**

**Mayor's Representative** – Carolyn Shehee-Williams was excused. She can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

**Project New Ground** – Consultant Greg Bruce from the Hester Group reported on the following:

- He thanked the CPAC for meeting with them last month as the move forward. Next month Project New Ground will have a panel on all facets of the project. They will talk in detail on what is happening at the 4 remediation sites: Forest Street, 5<sup>th</sup> and Cleveland, Brown's Dump and Lonnie Miller Park.
- Phase one is almost complete. Part two for the Brown's site will start in April and OU2 in Springfield has an expanded boundary and remediation will begin in the fall.

Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

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

- The Arlington Expressway at West Palmetto over Florida Rock the beams that hold the road up need to be repaired. There will be periodic lane closures and should be done by the end of spring.
- Starting this summer there will be a landscape project from Winona to the River. This roadway was resurfaced a few months ago.
- Bids went out to repair the Klutho, Newnan and Hubbard Street Bridge to the park. It was stated that they are possibly going to close the park and make the bridge for pedestrians. It would not make sense to repair the Bridge for automobiles when it would used for pedestrians. Mr. Green stated this was for preliminary engineering and environmental study and this was a good time to know this information.

Members asked if signs can be put down on Palmetto Street up to Pippin Street on traffic detour. Mr. Green will look into this. Jim Green can be reached at 360-5684 or <a href="mailto:Green.James@dot.state.fl.us">Green.James@dot.state.fl.us</a>

**Planning and Development** – Emery Nauden had no formal report. Emery Nauden can be reached at 255-7825 or <a href="mailto:enauden@coi.net">enauden@coi.net</a>

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 new Supervisor Nelson Beard for Urban Core introduced himself. He has been working with previous Supervisor Lancaster on the concerns in the Urban Core. Currently, there are 1500 active cases in the Urban Core. Chair Vanderlaan welcomed Supervisor Beard and stated he had big shoes to fill since Supervisor Lancaster worked very hard for the Urban Core. A member had a concern on putting in a CARE issue on the website. It was stated that the web is under construction and they are rolling out different pages on different days. Supervisor Nelson can be reached at 255-7041. Municipal Code Compliance can be reached at 255-7000 or psafety@coj.net

**Recreation and Community Services –** Shorty Robbins stated that her report had information that Council Member Gaffney, Ron Barton and Marilyn had in their report. Shorty Robbins can be reached at 255-7915 or <a href="mailto:shortyr@coj.net">shortyr@coj.net</a>

<u>HAND - Community Development</u> Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following: City Holiday - President's Day, Monday, February 21, 2011
The Mayor's Budget Meetings:

- Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Regency Square Library, 9900 Regency Square Blvd.
- Thursday, March 10, 2011 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Crown Point Elementary School, 3800 Crown Point Road

- Wednesday, March 23, 2011 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Jax. Beach Community Center, 2508 S Beach Parkway
- Saturday, April 9, 2011 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Clanzel T. Brown Community Center, 4545 Moncrief Road
- Saturday, April 16, 2011 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Cecil Recreation Complex, 13611 Normandy Blvd.

Please go to <a href="www.myjaxbudget.com">www.myjaxbudget.com</a> or call (904) 630-CITY (2489) to request a seat at an upcoming budget workshop. Pre-registration is required as seats are limited and important workshop information will be disseminated to registrants in advance.

#### **CPACs**

- The Urban Core, Southwest and Northwest CPACs and The Women League of Voters/First Coast will host a <u>Candidate Forum for City Council/City Council At-Large Candidate Forum</u> Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 from 6 9 p.m. at FSCJ Kent Campus, Large Auditorium F-128, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd.
- The Urban Core, Southwest and Northwest CPACs will host a <u>Mayor, Sheriff, Tax collector and Property Appraiser Candidate Forum</u> on Thursday, <u>March 3</u>, 2011 from 6 9 p.m. at FSCJ Kent Campus, Large Auditorium F-128, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd.
- If anyone would like to volunteer or help out please give your name to Marilyn.

## Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- **Stay Home** Program If someone you know is worried about losing their home, call 255-8200 or 630-2489 and ask to register for a free foreclosure prevention program. To learn more, please visit <a href="http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm">http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm</a>.
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program- redevelops abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households.
   For information call 255-8200 or 398-HOME or website <a href="https://www.nspiax.com">www.nspiax.com</a>
- The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (**NWJEDF**) has public funds used to provide capital for project development. The prospective applicant must be a business located within the Northwest Jacksonville area or a business that is expanding its operations into this targeted area.

<u>Project New Ground</u> is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

<u>Jacksonville Journey</u>: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, **February 17**, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 8th floor, Conference Room 851. Contact: Michelle Innes at 630-1273

## Recreation and Community Services - Parks

- Deustch Bank Presents *Arts on the Go* 6-8 p.m. Friday, **March 18** at the Balis Center, 1513 LaSalle St. Fun art projects the whole family can enjoy.
- **Great Outdoor Adventure's** 3rd Annual Great Jacksonville Campout Saturday, **March 26**-Sunday, March 27. Check-in begins 3 p.m. Saturday. Event concludes 9 a.m. Sunday. Experience camping with the family. Learn camping skills, play games, enjoy S'mores and sing around the campfire.
- Spring Break Camp Monday, March 28-Friday, April 1 This camp for ages 6-12 is offered during Duval County Public Schools' spring break week. See detailed information at <a href="https://www.jaxparks.com">www.jaxparks.com</a> Fees apply.
- The 7th Annual JaxParks ... Get Out There! Festival 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 2 Hanna Park, 500 Wonderwood Drive. Participate in the nation's longest running kite festival, enjoy a bike tour, take a nature walk, learn to fish, study the stars and watch a movie in the park... all during this one-day festival. All activities are free. Entry to the park is free for the first 2,000 cars.

<u>Seniors</u> - Mayor's Fish-A-Thon – Wednesday, **March 30**, 2011 at Hanna Park. Call 630-3690 or e-mail <u>events@coj.net</u> for information. Seniors can enjoy a fishing tournament, games, live music and a delicious fried fish lunch.

## **Downtown**

- JEDC Downtown Development Review Board Monthly Meeting Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Police & Fire Pension Bldg, 1 W. Adams St., Suite 200 Board Room. Contact: Michelle Stephens; <a href="masked-most-msteph@coj.net">msteph@coj.net</a>
- March Art Walk Wednesday, March 2, 2011 Held each month from 5-9 p.m. -- rain or shine -- Art
  Walk spans a 15-block radius within the Downtown core. For info call 630-3690 or email
  <a href="mailto:events@coj.net">events@coj.net</a>
- <u>Riverside Arts Market</u> Every Saturday from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Under the Fuller Warren Bridge,
  Downtown Jacksonville. <a href="http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/">http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/</a> Riverside Avondale is named one of
  Ten Great Neighborhoods in America by the American Planning Association (APA) as one of the
  country's 10 Great Neighborhoods under the APA's Great Places in America program.
- 4th Annual Downtown Vision Inc. (DVI) JaxParks Movies in the Park Spring Movie Series all starting at 6:30 p.m. at Jessie DuPont Park, 1123 Prudential Drive on Friday, April 8, 15 and 29. Enjoy a movie and picnic under Jacksonville's famous Treaty Oak. Free family fun for all. Movies rated G or PG.

## **Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events**

- The City of Jacksonville and the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission will accept nominations for the Fifth Annual Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Awards now through Friday, Feb. 18, 2011. These awards showcase individuals, businesses, organizations, schools and colleges that are making strides to keep the city clean. For an application go to: <a href="http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Clean+It+Up+Green+It+Up/KJB+.htm">http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Clean+It+Up+Green+It+Up/KJB+.htm</a>
  The awards will be presented at the Mayor's Environmental Luncheon on Friday, March 18, 2011
- Jacksonville Lacrosse Matches Will Feature National Powerhouses Duke University and the
  University of Notre Dame will reprise last year's national lacrosse championship while Jacksonville
  University takes on Georgetown University Feb. 20, 2011, in the Moe's Southwest Grill Sunshine
  Classic.
  - http://www.coj.net/Departments/Central+Operations/Public+Information/Headlines/20101216\_Lacrosse.htm
- JEA and Jacksonville Public Library Officer Home Energy Workshops Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Main Library. Learn how to reduce home energy use and have some free do-it-yourself Home Energy Evaluation Kits available to check out with a library card
- First Coast Vision: Town Hall Meeting on the Future of the First Coast- Duval County Town Hall Meeting Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place [32216] For more information call Margo Moehring, Director of Policy, at 279-0885 ext 161 or mmoehring@nefrc.org
- Free Homeowner (Deeds and Covenants) Leadership Conference Training, Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Jacksonville Marriott, 4670 Salisbury Rd., 32256 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register call 407-875-0955 or e-mail Lindsay Coover at <a href="Loover@becker-poliakoff.com">Loover@becker-poliakoff.com</a>
- Free Condo Training will be offered from Becker & Poliakoff Attorneys on Thursday, April 7, 2011 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan St., Training room 110 lobby level, [32202] Call 255-8236 to register.

## **Phone Numbers**

- City Link **630-CITY (**630-2489**)** Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.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 (Search word 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 <a href="https://www.employflorida.com">www.employflorida.com</a>

2011 Urban Core CPAC Meeting Dates

# Meetings begin at 5 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building Training Room 110, 214 N. Hogan St., 32202

Monday, March 7, 2011

Monday, May 2, 2011

Monday, Monday, June 6, 2011

July - No Meeting

Monday, August 1, 2011

Monday, August 29, 2011

Monday, November 7, 2011

Monday, November - No Meeting

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

## Chair's Report

Chair Vanderlaan asked Member Radlinski to speak on Pending Legislation 2010-884 for the EPF Design Competition. The competition is for stormwater runoff for Hemming Plaza. The scope of the work talks about the criteria with the design having regulations on stormwater with low impact. The public access of the park would be unchanged but he would like to see the second part of the criteria changed to add it should encourage strolling and discourage loitering.

Member Radlinski made a Motion to include the following to the Design criteria that should encourage strolling and discourage loitering to the Design Competition criteria in Legislation 2010-884. Member LaMountain seconded the Motion. Discussion: Since this is a design competition he would like to see a design that would encourage strolling and discourage loitering. They may want to consider removing the stationary park benches. Other members discussed that a park just isn't a park without a bench. The Motion is asking to amend the bill to change the criteria, the purpose would remain unchanged. The Vote: 5 in favor; 5 opposed. The Motion fails.

Member Radlinski is asking to be excused for the March meeting. Since he will not be at the next meeting he wanted to let the Members know that The Parks at the Cathedral are not in favor of the City losing money but if money were available they would like to see the Agricultural Fair move.

Member Radlinski made a Motion to recommend that the city close Monroe Street and create a public plaza and that the design for the plaza encourage strolling and not loitering specifically no benches, chairs or tables. Member LaMountain seconded the Motion. Discussion: This is a similar issue but in a different location. The Vote: 4 in favor; 6 opposed. The Motion fails.

Member Radlinski made a Motion to write to the administration to locate the USS Adams to the former shipyards property where a Maritime Museum may be added to the USS Adams exhibition. Member Chance seconded the Motion. Discussion: If the city puts the USS Adams at the River City Brewing location there is limited parking and it would be a stand alone exhibit and it would not attract as much attention. The city currently owns the shipyard property and now would be the time to consider this. Moving the ship down to a ship yard environment and having a real Maritime Museum could bring a lot of attention downtown. The Vote: All in Favor; None opposed. The Motion carries unanimously.

# **Subcommittee Reports**

- Environmental Subcommittee Chair Vanderlaan reported that they had a meeting with the City's Environmental Chief Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi and Diane Kerr from the Forest Street site. There have been some issues with homeowner's not happy with the remediation from Project New Ground. Chair Vanderlaan is not sure if a mediation system needs to be in place with such a small number of conflicts. This will be discussed at next month's CPAC meeting where Project New Ground will be presenting an update.
- Membership Chair LaMountain introduced new Member Gloria DeVall from
  Preservation SOS as well as future member Rev. William Hamilton and Rev. Victoria
  Hamilton from St. Johns Luthern Church. She plans on going to Metro North next and if
  anyone knows of organizations, businesses and churches to invite to please let her know.
  CPAC Chair Vanderlaan thanked Chair LaMountain for being such a persuasive lady
  and getting all the new CPAC members.
- Transportation no report

<u>Announcements</u> – none

Public Comments - none

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **March 7**, **2011** at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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