

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, April 4, 2011

Members

Doug Vanderlaan, Chair
Catherine Morton, 12th Street Loyalty
Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard
Derrick Johnson, Pathways Academy
Pat LaMountain, Springfield Women's Club

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair
Janice Love, Eastside Neighborhood
Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral
Gloria DeVall, Preservation SOS

Excused – Ruth Arnold, Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton, Erica Trent, Daniel Cronrath

Guests

Greg Bruce, The Hester Group
Shereline Redden, SYGI
Lenore Chesnutt, Brandon Taylor, Scott Eldridge, UNF Nursing Program

Evie Welch
Dorothy Merrick

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison
Jim Green, FDOT
Shorty Robbins, DRCS
Nichelle Stone, DCPS
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND

JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Yul
Emery Nauden, Planning
Nelson Beard, Code Enforcement
Niki Micheau, DCPS

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 Motion to accept the minutes from the March 7, 2011 meeting. A second was made by Member Swain. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Report

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Zone 1 - Sgt Yul had no formal report but reminded members not to leave any items in their cars since burglaries to autos are still continuing. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Guest Speakers

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) – Nichelle Stone and Niki Micheau spoke on the following:

- **Budget** – Chair Vanderlaan asked for information this morning on the upcoming budget. In Duval County there is an estimated \$75 to \$97 million deficit. For the past two years there was funding from the State/Federal Economic Stimulus dollars. This funding will end on June 30. They are considering lots of different options like using the Fund Balance (Reserves) \$ 5 million. In an effort to let the public know what is happening and to help with the decision there will be a series of community meetings. There is one currently going on right now. The School Board and Superintendent want input on what should

be done. The stimulus dollars were able to help fund art, music and P.E. If it weren't for the stimulus dollars art, music and P.E. would have been cut two years ago. Our new Governor said education would not be effected and this has not happened. The class size amendment will play a part on this as well with the number of teachers that are needed.

2011-2012 Budget Shortfall

- Revenue Shortfall - \$48-\$62 million
- Fixed Cost increases - \$32million
- Total - **\$80- 94 million**
- Use of Fund Balance (Reserves) - \$5 million
- **Shortfall to District - \$75- \$89million** (Based on current Senate and House Budgets)

Budget Challenges - Duval County Public Schools has had to cut more than \$150 million from the budget over the past four years. Cost cutting initiatives have included:

- District Staff cuts;
- Secondary Schedule change (shorter days and fewer classes);
- School consolidations;
- Reduction in travel
- Reduction in transportation, including an increase in the walk zone to schools from 1.5 miles to 2;
- Hiring freeze
- No compensation for cell phones

Possible Budget Reduction Strategies

- Cutting all Magnet transportation - **\$10 million**
- Cutting all supplements for extracurricular activities, including sports, band and other clubs - **\$6.3 million**
- Eliminate Art, Music and P.E. at the **Elementary** level - **\$18.3 million**
- Reviewing the possibility of a four-day school week* - **\$7 million**
- Cuts to employee benefits* - **\$21.1 million**
- Furlough all DCPS employees (Leave without pay)* - **\$2.5 million per day**

***Negotiable items**

Community meetings to discuss Budget Shortfall will be held at the following schools at 6 p.m.:

- April 7 – Andrew Jackson High School
- April 11 – Ed White High School

What can you do - talk with state legislators and share information about DCPS priorities which can save money:

- Class Size Flexibility - \$12 million
- Textbooks - \$4 million
- Opportunity Scholarship Transportation - \$1.3 million and higher possible
- Student Success Act
- Critical Needs Millage - \$17 million

Members would like to see a copy of the budget. When it is available it will be on the web at www.duvalschools.org They are very concerned about the funding for Duval County Public Schools. Chair Vanderlaan thanked Ms. Stone for this update at the last minute. This helped everyone understand the big picture. We all need to write and contact our legislators and tell them not to cut dollars for education.

Florida is 50th when compared to income in total revenue for public education and have the lowest administrative costs of any state.

Budget Shortfall link:

<http://www.duvalschools.org/static/aboutdcps/departments/budget/shortfall.asp>

Intervene Schools - Duval County Schools that fall into the Intervene Category for 2010-2011 include Andrew Jackson High School, Jean Ribault High School, William M. Raines High School and North Shore K-8 School. When schools are categorized as Intervene, the state requires the district to choose from four options for implementation at the Intervene School. The four options are:

1. Convert school to a district turnaround school
2. Close the school, reassign students and monitor progress
3. Close and reopen as a charter school
4. Contract with an outside entity to run the school

Currently the district is implementing the District Turnaround option with all four Intervene Schools. The Intervene Option selected does not have to be implemented should one of the following occur:

- The school meets the Exit Intervene criteria as outlined in DA rule. (Rule a-1.099811, F.A.C.), or
- The district is able to demonstrate to the State Board, after release of the 2010-2011 FCA T scores and AYP calculations that the school is likely to move from the lowest performing category if additional time is provided to implement the current plan.

Duval County wants more time to show progress at the Turn Around Schools since they have all had a principal change as well as a staff change. It takes more than one year to show progress. With the Turnaround status, it became apparent that many of the designated Turnaround schools were also schools that had failed to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and were also a part of the district's Restructuring Plan. They have also partnered with Duval Partners for help and direction. They went to the State on March 15 to ask for the changes but were turned down. They will have to go back on May 5 with one of the other 3 options. They will have more Board Workshops to decide which way to go. If they do not comply the Federal Grants they have will be held back as a penalty. The Intervene Schools are making gains. To complicate matters there is a new system of grading but the State will use the old grading system with these schools.

Members had questions on the following: Are the Intervene Schools getting good teachers and do they get more money. Yes and yes, but it takes time to show improvement. Currently there are approximately 1100 students at Andrew Jackson High School but the numbers have shrunk. Rutledge Pearson is a perfect example of what getting the right principal and staff can do. They were an F School and now they are an A school for the last two years. FCAT testing begins on Monday, April 11, 2011. They need time to plan for next year but they only have a few months to do it in. Chair Vanderlaan thanked Ms. Stone and Ms. Micheau for the presentation and information. They all want to see DCPS succeed for all children.

Staff Reports:

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams had no report. 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 talked about last month's meeting with Project New Ground as the guest speaker. He spoke on the small number of disputes. Chair Vanderlaan had a list of the concerns and went through them. Minor issues have been resolved. Half of a median has been resolved and the rest by the end of the month. There were few others they were working on. They do mediate on a case-by-case basis.
- Member LaMountain did visit the Center and stated that it was a very nice office and the staff was nice and very helpful in resolving an issue.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green did not have a major report but spoke on the following:

- *The Hart Bridge is done but a few touchups are needed.*
- *The Tallulah Landscape project has budget restrictions and the City will not be partnering with FDOT. It will be better than concrete.*
- *In late summer or early fall the Matthews Bridge will begin to be painted the same color.*

Chair Vanderlaan stated that the Hart Bridge looks terrific. Members had a question on the streets that will be landscaped in the Tallulah Project: It is technically in the Northwest Planning District from Winona to the Trout River. Jim Green can be reached at 360-5684 or Green.James@dot.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden reported on the following:

- E-11-22 and Companion Ad-11-18 located at 3811 Moncrief Rd., St Matthews Baptist Church wants to expand. They have 1.3 acres and the usual amount of land needed would be 4 acres and the usual exception would need 2 acres. The Planners do have a concern but they have not heard from anyone in the neighborhood. The Church is right next to a single family residence on either side. They also would need 147 parking places and they only have 41. Therefore it would be a lot of street parking. Members asked what neighborhood this was located in. It is in the 29th and Chase Neighborhood. They no longer have a CPAC representative and they are in the process of reorganizing. Member Tippins made the following Motion with a proper second from Member Love to write to the Planning Department and Planning Commission to ask them to defer E-11-22 and Companion Ad-11-18 a month to be sure that the neighborhood is notified and aware of this. Discussion: Members stated they did not think the neighborhood knew what was happening. They want to be sure they know about this and can express their own opinion on this. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries unanimously.

Emery Nauden can be reached at 255-7825 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Supervisor Nelson Beard reported on the following:

- They held 2 systematic inspections: one in East Jacksonville last week and the other one in Springfield. This opened up 80 to 85 new cases and now there are approximately 1500 active cases in the Urban Core.

Members had questions on parking in the roadway, on sidewalks or empty lots. Sidewalks can not be blocked. If a car is on a sidewalk or in the roadway it is a Sheriff's issue and can be reported to JSO at the non-emergency number 630-0500. If a car is visible in a yard with no tag and is not operational than it can be reported to CARE at 630-CITY for a Municipal Code Officer to check on. Members also asked about a burnt out house on Florida Avenue and wanted to know why it has not been demolished. It is not boarded up and it is a safety hazard. Supervisor Beard will check on this and report back. Supervisor Beard can be reached at 255-7041 or call Municipal Code at 255-7000. To report issues call 630-CITY (2489).

Recreation and Community Services – Shorty Robbins reported on the following:

- Really great news – for the past 2-years they have been working on getting the agency accreditation. They are proud to announce that on March 18, 2011 they were awarded the accreditation as the 99th park out of 4000. They did use the CPAC process for the application on communication and appreciates you being here to help get the word out and help the parks communicate what is happening. The staff is very excited.
- DVI Movies at Treaty Park will be skipping Good Friday on Easter weekend but will have 4-weeks of movies.
- They are gearing up for Summer Nights Lights when specific Centers will be open on Friday and Saturday night till midnight. They took this project from LA. This year they worked on partnerships for different programs like faith based groups with sports, artists and cultural groups as well as mentors for 8-weeks. This year they added the Johnnie Walker and the Emmett Reed Center.

Chair Vanderlaan wanted to thank the Recreation Department for the use of the Kennedy Center for the ShAdCo monthly meeting. It is working out beautiful and it is good to see how busy and organized the Center is with adults and children. Members had questions and concerns on the following:

- Members stated that the accreditation was great but will be hard to maintain. Ms. Robbins stated that they are moving towards partnerships which will help with the reduced City staff and retirees that can't be replaced due to a hiring freeze. The Athletic Programs are taking over the maintenance and they now have to clean

the bathrooms. Everyone is doing a portion of the work. They accreditation is for 5-years. Also the Summer Nights Lights Program wouldn't have happened if it were not for partnerships and lots of volunteers. If anyone in the neighborhoods want to volunteer to let her know. Chair Vanderlaan will send an e-mail and ask to get the word out in Springfield.

- What is the latest with the Wedding that was supposed to happen during Movies in the Park at Treaty Oak Park? The couple will get married there and the movies will be moved to another location.

Shorty Robbins can be reached at 255-7916 or shortyr@coj.net

HAND – Neighborhood Initiatives - Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following: **Please Remember to Vote May 17, 2011**

- Not on the printed report – Animal Care and Protective Services would like for you to vote for them at www.votetosavelives.org for the ASPCA \$100,000 Challenge Grant to save animals.

The **Mayor's Budget Meetings**:

- Saturday, **April 9**, 2011 – 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Clanzel T. Brown Community Center, 4545 Moncrief
- Saturday, **April 16**, 2011 – 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Cecil Recreation Complex, 13611 Normandy Blvd.

Please go to www.myjaxbudget.com 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.

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 <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- **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 www.nspjax.com
- 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.

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

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 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/Seniors

- Seniors - Fun with the Jacksonville Suns – Wednesday, **April 27**, 2011 at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville,
- Senior Expo – Wednesday, **May 11** and Thursday, May 12 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Join the City of Jacksonville for two days devoted to sharing Jacksonville's programs, resources and services available to senior citizens and their families

Downtown Events

- **April Art Walk** – Wednesday, **April 6**, 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 events@coj.net
- **World of Nations Celebration** – **April 29**, 2011 to May 1, 2011 at Metropolitan Park. Join your friends and neighbors on an exciting trip around the globe at the 19th Annual World of Nations Celebration. Journey with us as we celebrate the rich cultural traditions and unique heritage of people from around the world. As you travel through the World of Nations, experience the cuisine, artistry and customs from lands near and far. Admission is \$5 (One Way Ticket to the World) and \$8 (Round Trip Two Day pass). Children ages 3 and under are free. Around the World Family Movie Night (Friday night) \$1. Grab your passport and join us for a great trip
- **Starry Nights** – Saturday, **May 21**, 2011 at Metropolitan Park. Join us as Starry Nights combines the wonderful sounds of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and a national performer! This event creates a festive downtown atmosphere with the beautiful St. Johns River serving as the perfect backdrop. Fees apply.
- **Jacksonville Jazz Festival** - From **May 26** to May 29, 2011 all over downtown.
- **Memorial Wall Ceremony** – Monday, **May 30**, 2011 at the Veterans Memorial Wall. Join us as we honor the local heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The ceremony includes keynote speakers, presentation of colors, family tributes, a wreath presentation and

performances.

Downtown Vision, Inc. presents the fourth installment of **JaxParks Movies in the Park at Treaty Oak**. Bring your picnic blankets and camp chairs to 1123 Prudential Drive on Downtown's beautiful Southbank for these feature films: Friday, April 8, *Cars* (rated G) ~Friday, April 15, *The NeverEnding Story* (rated PG) ~ Friday, April 29, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (rated G) ~ Friday, May 6, *The Wizard of Oz* (rated G). Please note there will not be a movie on Friday, April 22 due to the holiday weekend. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.) Well-behaved pets are welcome, alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Free parking is available next to the park in the Suddath garage, located on Flagler Street. For more information visit downtownjacksonville.org.

Riverside Arts Market – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/>

The Jacksonville Landing Market – Fridays at the Jacksonville Landing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Info: 353-1188

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events

- City Council Public Meeting - **Sign Regulations** - Wednesday, **April 06**, 2011 5:00 p.m., City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Council Chamber. Council President Jack Webb will be having a "Public Meeting" on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 in the City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202 at 5:00 p.m. for public discussion of the proposed 2010-900 (Ordinance regarding Sign Regulations – Changing Message Devices). Please note that ALL Council Members have been invited. All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. Contact: Suzie Loving, ECA, District 6, at (904) 630-1388
- **Free Condo** Board Training will be offered from Becker & Poliakoff Attorneys on Thursday, **April 7**, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan St., Training room 110 – lobby level, [32202] Call 255-8236 to register.
- **JEDC** - Jacksonville Economic Development Commission Meeting - Thursday, **April 14**, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room. Contact: Michelle Stephens, 630-1979, msteph@coj.net
- **Empowerment/Enterprise** Zone Board Meeting - Wednesday, **April 20**, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the Beaver Street Enterprise Center, 1225 W. Beaver Street. Contact: Karen Underwood 630-1906
- The **Downtown Development Review Board** Meeting - Thursday, **April 28**, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Police & Fire Pension Fund Building, 1 West Adams Street, Suite 200 - Board Room. Contact: Michelle Stephens, 630-1979, msteph@coj.net
- 10th Annual **Butterfly Festival** - Saturday, **April 30**, 2011 from noon - 5 p.m. at Tree Hill Nature Center - 7152 Lone Star Road. Nature's Fireworks at the 10th Annual Butterfly Festival. For more information go to www.treehill.org
- 9th Annual **Fair Housing Awareness Symposium** - Saturday, **April 30**, 2011 "Your Keys to Fair Housing" at 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel, 1201 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207 ~ Free Event
- **Free Training** – Running Effective Meetings – Roberts Rules of Order – Thursday, **May 26**, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, Training Room 110, 214 N. Hogan St. [32202] Please call 255-836 to register.

Phone Numbers

- City Link **630-CITY** (630-2489) Get 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
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St., 32202 – 630-2665 or 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 (Search word: Extension)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com

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, May 2, 2011

Monday, June 6, 2011

July – No Meeting

Monday, August 1, 2011

Monday, August 29, 2011

Monday, October 3, 2011

Monday, November 7, 2011

December – No Meeting

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

Chair's Report

Chair Vanderlaan spoke on the following:

- He was pleased with the Project New Ground report that deals with conflicts and disputes. Overall they are doing a good job.
- He stated that the CPACs are under the Mayor and the School Board does not have to report to the Mayor since they are not appointed. Schools are important and with Andrew Jackson High School being a failing school in the Urban Core needs to keep a close eye on this
- Chair Vanderlaan brought up the start time of the meeting. A number of members arrive late due to traffic and the time of the meeting. Member Swain made a Motion to move the time to 5:30 p.m.. Member Love seconded the Motion. Discussion: Since a number of members were not at the meeting Chair Vanderlaan would like to survey the members to see what the overall consensus should be to start the meeting. A suggestion to start the meeting at 5 p.m. in the winter and 5:30 p.m. or 6 p.m. in the summer was made since it is so dark. The City Ambassadors can walk members to their cars if needed. Member Swain withdrew the Motion.
- At the last meeting members requested a study on Main Street to become 2-way. The Urban Core also has concerns on more parking, one side street parking and yellow lines that lead up to safety issues and what can be done about it. He would like to see this addressed at next months meeting. He asked FDOT Jim Green if that works for him. He would like to know how the decisions are made and whom do we communicate with.
- Chair Vanderlaan stated that he would be attending the meeting with the City Council on the Sign Ordinance 2010-0900 along with the other CPACs. They are speaking with one voice.
- Please plan to attend the Mayor's Budget Workshops to keep informed on what is happening. We need to study the issues so that the CPAC can make informed recommendations to the Mayor.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Environment** – No report
- **Membership** – Chair Vanderlaan thanked Membership Chair LaMountain on getting new members. This was Member LaMountain last meeting. The CPAC will need a new Membership Chair.

Announcements

- Member LaMountain invited everyone to participate in Relay for Life in Springfield on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from noon to 6 a.m. at the Confederate Dog Park. This is an 18-hour event to Celebrate Life and Fight Cancer. Currently there are 23 teams signed up. For information visit: www.relayforlife.org/springfieldFL or e-mail SpringfieldRelayforLife@gmail.com
- The Old Library is being renovated by the Cesery Group and it is supposed to have a restaurant, bowling ally and all kinds of amenities. Chair Vanderlaan would like to invite them to the next meeting to hear what will go in.

Public Comments – none.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **May 2, 2011**
at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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