

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

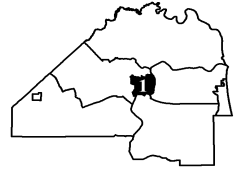
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

Chair: Christina Parrish 434-0959 ceparrish.CPAC@yahoo.com

Vice Chair: Gerre Walker 355-9757

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 cshehe@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 mfharmer@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, August 6, 2012

Members

Christina Parrish, Chair

John Swain, Grand Boulevard

Derrick Johnson, Pathways Charter HS

Gloria DeVall, Preservation SOS

Robert Ian Ownby, Sustainable Springfield

Gerre Walker, Vice Chair

Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral

Dorothy Merrick, Plaza Condominiums

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR

Excused – Louvenia Tippins, Dimitri Demopoulos, Rev. William and Victoria Hamilton, Jonathan Bishop

Guests

Matt Shirk, Public Defender

Neil Nance, JTA

Debra Tinsley

Michelle Tappouni, SAMBA

Cassandra Barlow, Al Barlow for Judge

Hugh Wilkerson, Public Defender's Office

Suraya Teeple, JTA

Richard Lewis, Plaza Condominiums

Michelle Kalil, Candidate for Judge

Shakera Bailey

Staff/Resource

JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Danny Perkins

Pam Roman, Parks

Samantha Paull, Planning

Nelson Beard, Municipal Code

Jim Green, FDOT

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhoods, HCDD

Call to Order

Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., established that a quorum was present and welcomed everyone. She reminded visitors that candidates are welcome to introduce themselves and state the office they seek during the public comment portion of the meeting but there cannot provide additional information or distribute literature anywhere inside of the building.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Arnold made a Motion to accept the minutes from the June 4, 2012 meeting.

A second was made by Member Merrick. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports:

JSO – Zone 1 – Sgt. Perkins had no official report. Members asked for information on the temporary downtown enhancement program and learned that during the last two weeks, for the downtown area from the river to Duval Street between Liberty Street and Broad Street there was 1 robbery, 1 residential burglary (at Newnan Street) and 3 car burglaries.

For more information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Mayor's Representative – not present

Ms. Williams can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Project New Ground – not present

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

Municipal Code Compliance – Supervisor Nelson Beard reported 1940 active cases in Zone 1 with no new systematic inspections. Members asked for an update on the squatter previously reported on 20th Street, and Mr. Beard advised that the property was checked a few times and the house remains secure. They have not caught a squatter. If the house becomes open they will ask for a complete board up due to the complaints at this address. Beard noted that he is down 4 officers due to the proposed budget and does not believe the vacancies will be filled.

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

Recreation and Parks – Pam Roman reported:

- After School Program registrations started tonight at the Kennedy and Emmett Reed Centers in the Urban Core. The Boselli Program registration at Simonds-Johnson and Russell “Bill” Cook Parks will begin Monday, Aug. 13, 2012.
- Summer Night Lights will end next weekend. Additional funding has been provided for 2013.
- Members had the following questions and comments:
 - The sign prohibiting feeding birds requested for Confederate Park is not there. Ms. Roman stated that Parks is working on the appropriate wording for the signage. This has gone to the Preservation Chief. A member asked why would it go to the Preservation Chief; Ms. Roman advised that wildlife issues are handled by Preservation.
- A member asked for an update on the Confederate Park Playground. Ms. Roman advised that she would obtain that information. **Ms Roman followed up with an email advising that construction would begin on August 10th with completion mid September.**

Ms. Roman can be reached at 255-7902 or pwilson@coj.net

Duval County Public Schools – Jonathon Bishop was excused. The first day of school is Aug. 20th.

Mr. Bishop can be reached at 390-2511 or bishopj1@duvalschools.org

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green had no new information to report, but advised that:

- the MLK project continues;
- the Matthews Bridge painting project continues; and
- FDOT is working with JEA on their water main project, which affects the Matthews Bridge and has forced closure of ramps and one east bound lane to Arlington Road.

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

Planning and Development – Samantha Paull had no new information to report but advised that the previously reported request for rezoning of a vacant lot in Springfield (at 343 E 3rd Street) has been approved. The lot was zoned CN (Commercial Neighborhood), which would not allow the proposed construction of a single family residence.

Chair Parrish asked about a proposed project on State Street at Warren Motors for a Family Dollar and a McDonalds. She is concerned that it will back up to Confederate Park and there is no buffer. Ms. Paull advised that she would obtain information about the project.

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

Neighborhoods - Housing and Community Development Division

Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported items on the attached report.

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

Guest Speakers

Chair Parrish introduced Public Defender Matt Shirk, after advising that CPAC tried to contact Chuck Fletcher, Mr. Shirk's opponent in the upcoming election, to invite him to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Shirk provided an overview of his education and work history, provided information about the Public Defender's Office and discussed several programs of the PD:

- The Office has 75 attorneys and 70 support personnel and a \$12 million dollar budget. They work in Duval, Nassau and Clay County in the 4th Judicial Circuit and handled a large volume of cases.
- For the past few years the PD has partnered with the Children's Commission and PAL to provide a summer camp for youth called Vision for Excellence. This year the camp was at the Eastside PAL Center on Franklin Street and 40 children participated, with a waiting list of 50 children.
- The PD recently started a Veterans Court Program which is similar to Drug Court, a very successful initiative with only a 10% recidivism rate. Approximately 1300 veterans are arrested each year, and many were not getting the services they needed from the Veterans Administration. This program matches these veterans with mentors and so far participants have had a **zero** recidivism rate.
- Members expressed concern about losing the JSO Matrix House Program, an intensive four month substance abuse treatment program with a maximum of 135 inmates, due to proposed budget cuts. Mr. Shirk agreed that this program should continue.

Chair Parrish thanked Mr. Shirk for his presentation and introduced the second speaker, JTA.

- Neil Nance and Suraya Teeple presented a PowerPoint on the upcoming BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) program in the Urban Core. The presentation can be viewed at this link: <http://www.jtafla.com/jtafutureplans/media/video/brt-downtown06192012.wmv>

For more information contact: Winova Mayer, JTA at 100 North Myrtle Ave. or by mail at P.O. Drawer "O", Jacksonville, FL 32203

Chair's Report

- **2013 Nominating Committee**: The committee will present a slate of officers at the October 2012 meeting and the election would be during the November 2012 meeting. Members Gloria DeVall, Dorothy Merrick and Doug Vanderlaan volunteered to serve. They will meet at 5 p.m. before the next regular meeting on September 10, 2012. If any members would like to be considered please let Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer or a committee member know.
- Chair Parrish discussed with members what speakers they would like at future meetings. She would like to invite the IBM Smarter Cities Challenge Team to speak, and Member Merrick advised that she was invited to the kick-off on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library. Members stated they would like their voice to be heard about downtown. A request to speak about the Duval Food Policy was discussed and declined.

Elected Officials Reports – none

Subcommittee Reports

- **Parks** – Chair Radlinski reported that the subcommittee recently reviewed conditions at Robert F. Kennedy Park, Simonds Johnson Park, Russell "Bill" Cook Park, Grunthal Park and Florida C. Dwight Park. Members found Kennedy Park to be most well-appointed and well maintained. Other parks needed mowing and minor maintenance. Ms. Roman explained that mowing frequency has been reduced due to budget constraints; however, Parks is willing to negotiate with community groups to sponsor parks, which includes maintenance. Deficiencies such as broken or missing equipment, lights without bulbs and litter will be reported to Public Works through the CARE System. At its next meeting (9/10) the committee will review James Small Park, Liberty Park, Wigmore Park, Longbranch Park, J.S. Johnson Park and Emmett Reed Park. More than half (16 of 30) of the parks within the Urban Core CPAC jurisdiction will have been visited and reviewed. Member Merrick attended a recent meeting about Hemming Plaza and suggested that we send our past Motion on Hemming Plaza, stating Urban Core CPAC recommendations for that park, to Council Member Lee and other committee members.
- **Environmental** – Chair Vanderlaan – no report
- **Preservation** – Chair DeVall advised that the Urban Core CPAC will now receive the Historic Commission Design Review Book on Friday or Monday of the week before each Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The meeting is on the last Wednesday of the month and the Urban Core CPAC will not have an opportunity to discuss issues at its regular meeting because the HPC agenda is not then available. Chair DeVall asked that the Urban Core CPAC consider reviewing issues related to historic landmarks located in the Urban Core but not in a recognized historic district. A list of these landmarks was requested from historic planning. The Preservation Subcommittee will strive to meet on the Tuesday before each HPC meeting to discuss the agenda.
- **TRUE Commission** – CPAC Representative Radlinski reported that the TRUE Commission is focusing on the City's pension problem.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business

- *Member Vanderlaan presented the following Motion:*
"A close partnership between Urban Core neighborhoods and JSO has resulted in a very positive trend toward reduced crime rates and safer streets. The Urban Core CPAC is concerned that proposed budget cuts will lead to the layoff of hundreds of JSO officers, and will set back efforts to further improve public safety. In order to continue the improvements in public safety in the Urban Core we urge the Mayor and City Council to work together to provide

adequate funding to avoid these layoffs. We are confident that the budgetary tools, including millage rollback, are available to protect our quality of life."

A second was made by Member Radlinski. Discussion ensued.

Chair Parrish recommended amending the Motion to provide:

*"A close partnership between Urban Core neighborhoods and JSO has resulted in a very positive trend toward reduced crime rates and safer streets. The Urban Core CPAC is concerned that proposed budget cuts will lead to the layoff of hundreds of JSO officers, and will set back efforts to further improve public safety. In order to continue the improvements in public safety in the Urban Core we urge **the Sheriff, Mayor and City Council to work together to avoid these layoffs**. We are confident **that appropriate budgetary tools are available** to protect our quality of life."*

A second was made by Member Merrick. Discussion; The Vote: All in Favor; none opposed.

- Member DeVall stated that North Shore Elementary School has made many changes this past year with new administrators and teachers. Students have attended school an hour more each day than other schools. The school grade improved from a D to a B, an achievement that is particularly significant when the socio-economic status of the students is considered: 93% of North Shore students receive free or reduced lunch.

Member DeVall made a Motion to commend the school, administration and district for hard work resulting in improved grades. Member Merrick made the second. Discussion ensued with questions about changes in this year's educational standards. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Public Comments/Announcements

- Michelle Kalil introduced herself as a Candidate for Judge.
- Cassandra Barlow introduced herself stating that her husband Al Barlow was running for Judge.
- Shakera Baily reminded members that early voting started on August 4 and goes to August 11 and the Primary Election is on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Adjournment

Member Vanderlaan made a Motion to adjourn and was seconded. The Vote: All were in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Date Changed due to Labor Day: The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on
Monday, **September 10, 2012** at 5:30 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the
Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

Submitted by:
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NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Urban Core CPAC Reminders – August 2012

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown/Notices

- **Mayor Brown's Proposed Budget** is available at: <http://www.coj.net/welcome/news/mayor-to-present-the-2013-budget-on-july-16.aspx> Mayor Alvin Brown has filed his proposed 2012-13 city budget with the Jacksonville City Council. The budget will reduce spending by 1.3 percent compared to the current year. It also represents the lowest level of city spending since 2008. Mayor Brown presented his final proposed budget to the Jacksonville City Council on July 16, 2012. "As Mayor, I am committed to streamlining city government to make it as effective and efficient as possible," said Mayor Brown. "We must ensure that taxpayers get the best possible return on their investment." The City Council Finance Committee Budget hearings will be at City Hall, Council Chambers on the following dates/times (<http://www.coj.net/city-council/council-committees,-boards---commissions/finance/2012-budget-information.aspx>):
 - **Thursday, August 9, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (noon to 1 p.m. lunch)**
 - **Friday, August 10, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
 - Thursday, August 16, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (**noon to 1 p.m. lunch**)
 - Friday, August 17, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (**noon to 1 p.m. lunch**)
 - Friday, August 24, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Thursday, August 30, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (**noon to 1 p.m. lunch**)*Additional dates for budget hearings if needed: August 29 and August 31, 2012
- The City Council Meeting for the 2nd Tuesday in August has been rescheduled to Wednesday, **August 15, 2012** in accordance with Ordinance 2012-466-A at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Council Chamber
- **Proposal Writing Basics – Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Main Library, Hicks Auditorium, 303 Laura St., Registration is required. To register please call 630-2665 or via e-mail to rooney@coj.net** For those new to proposal writing, this class will cover:• How the proposal fits into the overall grant seeking process• What to include in a standard proposal to a foundation• Tips for making each section of your proposal stronger• What funders expect to see in your proposal and attachments• Tips for communicating with funders during the grant process• Additional resources on proposal writing, including sample proposals.
- **2012 Downtown Jax Chamber's Council Annual Painting of the Paw Prints – Saturday, August 11, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the base of the Main Street Bridge to EverBank Field.**
- **"Eat Up Downtown"** restaurant promotion will be from **August 13-26, 2012**. Information is available at www.eatupdowntown.com
- **First Wednesday Art Walk, September 5, 2012 – rain or shine Theme: Pet Walk**
http://downtownjacksonville.org/Marketing/First_Wednesday_Artwalk.aspx
- **The Riverside Arts Market (RAM) is open and located under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville.**
<http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/>
- **The Jacksonville Landing Market** – Fridays at The Landing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Info: 353-1188
- **Two Days per Week Watering** – Chapter 366 of the city's ordinance code limits watering to two days a week. Residential properties with an address that ends in an odd number or places without an address may water on Wednesday and Saturday, and those addresses which end in an even number may water on Thursday and Sunday. **Watering is allowed only before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.** year-round. Violators of the irrigation schedule will be issued a warning ticket for the first observed offense. They will be given tickets for \$50 and \$250 for the second and third violations, respectively. Lawn watering will return to one designated day per week beginning Nov. 4, 2012. To learn more, visit the City of Jacksonville Environmental Quality Division at www.coj.net.
- **Project New Ground** is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

2012 Primary Early Voting – August 4 – August 11, 2012

Early Voting Sites

Monday – Friday Saturday-Sunday

8:30 AM – 5:30 PM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DUVAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS MAIN OFFICE

105 East Monroe Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32202

DUVAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BRANCH OFFICE

5200-2 Norwood Avenue

Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Monday – Friday Saturday-Sunday

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

BEACHES LIBRARY

600 3rd Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266

REGENCY SQUARE LIBRARY

9900 Regency Square Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32225

HIGHLANDS LIBRARY

1826 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32218

SOUTH MANDARIN LIBRARY

12125 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32223

MAIN LIBRARY (Downtown)

303 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

SOUTHEAST LIBRARY

10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32256

MANDARIN LIBRARY

3330 Kori Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257

WEBB-WESCONNETT BRANCH

6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32210

PABLO CREEK SOUTH LIBRARY

13295 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32246

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

1425 Chaffee Road South, Jacksonville, Florida 32221

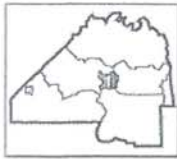
Save the Date

Mayor Brown's Special Events for Seniors:

- Senior Prom – Friday, August 24, 2012
 - Jacksonville Senior Games – Oct. 1 – 7, 2012
 - Brain Brawl – Friday, Oct. 12, 2012
 - Mayor Brown's Holiday Festival – Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012
 - The 2012 Senior Directory can be picked up at the Mary Singleton Center, 150 East 1st Street
- For more information call 630-7392.

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 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
- **Jacksonville Public Library** - 303 N. Laura St, Jacksonville, FL 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 Extension Office)
June Newsletter - <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/CAjune12.pdf>
- 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



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August 15, 2012

Mayor Alvin Brown
City Hall
117 W. Duval St.
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mayor Brown:

The City of Jacksonville's Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee voted unanimously in support of the following resolution at our meeting earlier this month:

"A close partnership between Urban Core neighborhoods and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has resulted in a very positive trend toward reduced crime rates and safer streets. The Urban Core CPAC is concerned that proposed budget cuts will lead to the layoff of hundreds of JSO officers, and will set back efforts to further improve public safety. In order to continue the improvements in public safety in the Urban Core we urge the Sheriff, Mayor and City Council to work together to avoid these layoffs. We are confident that appropriate budgetary tools are available to protect our quality of life."

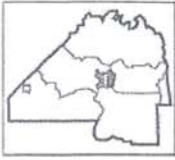
Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Jacksonville's Urban Core.

Sincerely yours,

Christina E. Parrish

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The Honorable Denise Lee
City Hall at St. James
117 W. Duval St., 4th Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Councilwoman Lee:

The City of Jacksonville's Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee has established a Subcommittee to review parks and recreation in the Urban Core. That Subcommittee has engaged in extensive dialogue regarding the future of Hemming Plaza and presented its findings to the full CPAC during a meeting earlier this year. The Subcommittee made the following recommendations regarding Hemming Plaza:

1. The Park should be "softened" and made more attractive with additional landscaping, including grass and flowers.
2. Benches and other seating should remain in the Park.
3. JSO should provide officers on foot to patrol the Park during open hours.
4. An area for children and families, including a small playground, should be provided in the Park in close to the Main Library and MOCA.
5. The City should focus on providing regular (at least weekly) programmed events in the Park.
6. Bicycle racks should be installed to encourage cyclists to visit the Park.
7. The City should consider allowing concessions in the Park (including food trucks) for the sale of food and beverages.

The entire CPAC voted unanimously in support of the recommendations of the Parks Subcommittee. We hope that you will strongly consider these suggestions as you move forward with compiling your own recommendations for the improvement of Hemming Plaza. We are Urban Core residents and business owners and will be among those most directly and significantly impacted by any changes made to the Park.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Jacksonville's Urban Core.

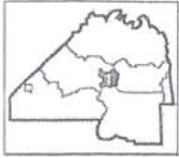
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North Shore Elementary School
5701 Silver Plaza
Jacksonville, FL 32208

Dear Principal Hardaway:

The City of Jacksonville's Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee was pleased to learn of North Shore Elementary School's significant gains in Student Achievement during the 2011 – 2012 school year and voted unanimously in support of a resolution to

"Commend the school, administration and district for hard work resulting in improved grades."

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Jacksonville's Urban Core residents. The education of our children is critical to the future success of our City.

Sincerely yours,

Christina E. Parrish

Christina E. Parrish, Chair
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E-copy: The Honorable Paula Wright
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