

District #1 - Urban Core

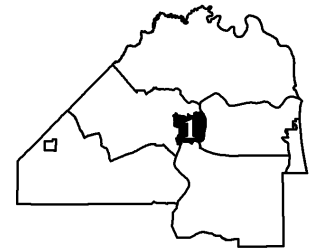
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Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
FCCJ Urban Resource Center – 601 W. State St. Rm. 411
Meeting Summary
Monday, August 1, 2005**

Members and Alternates

Ann Thompson
Doug Vanderlaan
Eula Canty
Henrietta Hill-Murray
Johnny Swain
Luellen Logan

Betty Chance
E. M. Johnson
Floree Johnson-McPherson
Janetta Norman
Joyce Brinson
Michael Bryant

Deloris Swain
Ethel Griffin (e)
Celia Miller
JoAnn Smith
Louvenia Tippins
Michael Hartman

Guests

James Bennett
Rufus Pennington

Lloyd Martin
Ruth Arnold

Paul Crawford

Staff/Resource

Audrey Gibson
Carolyn Shehee-Williams
Ken Avery
Milton Locklear
Valerie J. Williams

Bill David
James Richardson
Lara Dietrich
Stephen Sprunt

Bob Prado
Gregory Owens
Levi McIntosh
Steve Hite

Call to Order

Dr. Norman called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes from July 11, 2005 was made, properly seconded, and approved by the group.

Remarks – Chair / Vice Chair

Dr. Norman acknowledged missing last month's meeting due to surgery, and expresses happiness to return. She noted Ms. McPherson's brother who resides out of town is ill and asked the group to remember them both in prayers. Ms. Miller indicated that she had an invalid mother. It was noted that Ms. Griffin had a late appointment and would be unable to attend the meeting. Bishop Johnson indicated that he was glad to see everyone back after a month off and he was eager to get back to CPAC business. Dr. Norman then asked the group to go around the room and introduce themselves, as there were a number of visitors.

Speakers

State Representative Audrey Gibson addressed the group and distributed a legislative update. She encouraged those present to continue taking an active role in the community and to feel free to contact her, or other legislators, for any assistance needed. James Bennett with FDOT made a presentation on the Mathews Bridge Regrading Project and Traffic Re-Routing. The contract is projected to be awarded in October and work scheduled to begin in January 2006. It is anticipated that work will last approximately 6 months. Mr. Bennett then fielded questions from the group. Rufus Pennington, Chair of the Mayor's Parks Task Force and Paul Crawford, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Jacksonville, spoke about the recommendations of the Task Force and which ones were to be implemented beginning in the coming Fiscal Year. They then proceeded to field questions from the group.

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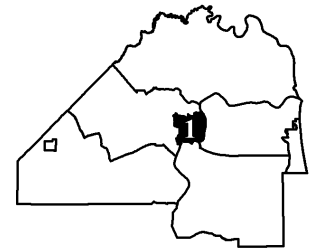
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Subcommittee Reports

Grants and Awards – no report.

Environmental – Sub-Committee Chair, Michael Hartman distributed a written report for the group. He indicated having met with representatives from the Mayor's Office regarding Hogan's Creek. He indicated that the committee was on the trail of what is the cause of contamination in the creek. They would like to convene a meeting of the parties involved to have a thorough discussion and begin to formulate solutions. He expressed a desire to send the draft of a letter to Congress from the CPAC to Doris so that the group could vote on it via email. This is necessary to meet deadlines to get funding for the project into the budget.

Membership – No report.

Hospitality – Dr. Norman thanked Ms. Canty for providing refreshments and asked those present to contribute \$1 to defray the costs.

Transportation – No report

Staff Reports

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Bob Prado brought information to the group for distribution. He indicated that Property Safety was to begin an emphasis on bringing property, which had been in a condemned state for 36 months or more to a resolution. In the Urban Core alone, there are over 900 structures, which meet that criterion. He would bring more information to the group in September. He then fielded questions from the group.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – Valerie Williams reported that the Budget as presented by the Mayor called for a reduction in the Consumer Affairs Division from 10 positions to 3 positions. At this time, she was unsure of any future functions, and she would hopefully be able to provide additional information at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – No report - Milton offered to have someone address the CPAC in October regarding the I-10 / I-95 Interchange. (Doris is to send Milt an email as to when)

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Regional Superintendent Steve Hite spoke to the success of schools in Region 6 on the FCAT. He expressed optimism for the upcoming year. Dr. McIntosh spoke to the success of schools in Region 1. He indicated that parents and teachers are to be commended for their successful efforts.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – not present

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Carolyn Shehee-Williams indicated that she had no report. Dr. Norman recognized Charlene Taylor-Hill, Executive Director of the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission who provide the rationale of having her staff attend the CPAC meetings. She and Bill Davis fielded several questions about Study Circles and distributed schedules to the group.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – James Richardson, reporting for Doris Leach, informed the group of the upcoming Florida Neighborhoods Conference and encouraged as many people to attend as possible. Those interested should contact Doris for additional information.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – Ken Avery indicated that he had two items for the group. Habijax wanted to build a house and applied for a variance for lot size. At this point the staff had no recommendations. Dr. Norman expressed concern over the proximity of the Habijax houses to each other. Ken then talked about the 2010 Comp Plan and the process to amend it, which takes place every 7 years. He distributed information on how the process was to work and how members could provide input.

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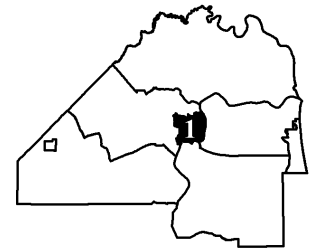
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Old Business

E. M. Johnson reported attending the CPAC Chairs meeting with the Mayor on June 14th. He brought up the Hogan's Creek statement of the CPAC to the Mayor. He indicated that he was familiar with the issues and would ask Brad Thoburn to meet with the group. The issue of the contaminated ash sites was discussed and he indicated that he had concerns, but it was in legal hands now. Mr. Johnson indicated that the 14 individuals involved in a lawsuit were moving toward a settlement. Ms Miller indicated that she would like the CPAC to take a strong stance indicated their strong desire to ensure that all of the \$25 million set aside in the Better Jacksonville Plan, and more, go to remediation of this issue. Mr. Johnson also indicated the Mayor advised them that the new Main Library was scheduled to open on November 12th.

New Business

Dr. Norman talked about a letter received from Richard Spears concerning community coalitions. He had been invited to the September meeting to discuss what he wanted.

Announcements

Dr. Norman advised the group that the September meeting would be held September 12th due to the Labor Day holiday. It will take place at the Cathedral Residences and she thanked them in advance for their hospitality. She also asked James Richardson to ensure that sponsorships/scholarships would be available to attend the Florida Neighborhoods Conference.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for 5:00 PM September 12, 2005 at Cathedral Terrace Auditorium – 701 N. Ocean Street.