

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Meeting Location: Main Library – room G4 - 303 N. Laura St.

Chairman: *Dr. Janetta Norman 285-0329*

Vice Chairman: *Bishop E. M. Johnson 343-7206*

Mayor's Representative: *Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636*

Neighborhood Coordinator: *Adrianne Ligon 630-7131 aligon@coj.net*



Meeting Summary Monday, December 4, 2006

Members

Janetta Norman, Chair
Floree McPherson
Luellen B. Logan
Michael Hartman

Bishop E. M. Johnson, Vice-Chair
Johnny Swain
Betty J. Chance

Deloris Swain
Doug Vanderlaan
Louvenia B. Tippins

Guests

Rex Williams

Eugenia Johnson

Beverly Toney

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams
Jocelyn Turner

Adrianne Ligon
Del Miley

James Richardson

Call to Order

Janetta Norman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Remarks – Chair / Vice Chair

Chair Janetta Norman greeted and welcomed those in attendance. She relayed the gratitude expressed in a thank you letter from Mr. Peterson and Ms. Bryant for the flowers sent to the funeral service of CPAC member, Michael Bryant. She also stated that the quorum had been reached. Vice Chair Eugene Johnson expressed his gratitude to the committee members and visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Environmental – Michael Hartman is waiting to hear about the Noah grant before scheduling a field trip with Susie Wiles from the mayor's office to view the condition of the lower section of Hogans Creek. The committee believes that if the Hogans Creek project is funded, it will raise the profile and importance of restoring the creek. Douglas Vanderlaan reported that the project to paint the historic bridges at Hogans Creek has been completed by the residents of Springfield.

Membership – Douglas Vanderlaan requested a meeting with Adrianne Ligon, neighborhood coordinator to discuss strategies to increase membership.

Guest Speaker

Prentis Clayton with the First Coast MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) was rescheduled for the February meeting.

Staff Reports

Code Enforcement – Del Miley, Code Enforcement Officer Sr., informed the committee that they are working on the backlog and identifying strategies to become more proactive in handling code enforcement issues. Additional officers have joined the division. One officer comes from the DART team and it's anticipated that his experience will greatly benefit the Code Enforcement division.

Department of Transportation – No report

Duval County Health Department – Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health Promotion, invited everyone to an Urban Holiday Festival sponsored by the DCHD, the Jacksonville Urban League and other partners. The event is free to the public and features health screening, music, games and much more. Everyone was also encouraged to help promote the event by spreading the word. She also announced that DCHD was sponsoring a dance-a-thon Feb. 9th & 10th and the details will be presented at the next meeting. She will provide a report to the committee that lists the types of diseases that are prevalent in the Urban Core, as requested. Future discussions and information will follow regarding health related issues in the school systems. She offered to coordinate workshops for health experts. The availability of immunizations offered by DCHD was discussed. Individuals were encouraged to affect change by getting involved with health focused groups.

Duval County Public Schools – No report

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – No report

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams encouraged everyone to tour the library and take advantage of all it has to offer. The Junior League is responsible for decorating trees throughout the library.

Neighborhood Services Division – Adrienne Ligon announced the Mayor's Annual Holiday Open House on Dec. 14.

Planning and Development – No Report

Other Announcements

- Simon Johnson park renovations are underway
- J. P. Small Memorial Park is having a celebration to honor the negro league baseball players, and the Durkeeville community – Sponsored by Councilwoman Yates & Department of Parks, Recreation, Entertainment and Conservation
- Springfield tour of homes sponsored by the Women's Club Friday and Saturday for \$15

Election of Officers

The Nominations Sub-committee leader Michael Hartman, who replaced Michael Bryant, gave the committee's recommendation for the election of officers. The sub-committee recommended Dr. Janetta Norman as chair and Bishop E. M. Johnson as vice-chair. After the recommendations were given, Dr. Norman asked for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations. A unanimous vote was made in favor of the sub-committee's recommendation.

Presentations

Words of appreciation and certificates were presented to the following:

Chair – Dr. Janetta Norman	Vice Chair – Bishop E. M. Johnson	Environmental – Michael Hartman
Hospitality – Floree Johnson-McPherson & Luellen Logan		Membership – Douglas Vanderlaan

Guest/Visitor Comments

Beverly Toney, Fresh Ministries, extended gratitude and appreciation for the flowers and recognition given to Michael Bryant in his passing. She encouraged everyone to attend the event honoring Michael at the Wyndham Hotel next Thursday. She also announced the opening of the East Jacksonville Information Resource Center scheduled to open in January. A Michael Bryant mentor program has been established and is accepting donations.

Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and invited everyone to stay and enjoy the holiday festivities.

**The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m.
January 8, 2007, at the Main Library, room G-4, 303 N. Laura Street**