

Urban Core ~ District 1
Meeting Summary of the
Citizens Planning and Advisory Committee
FCCJ Urban Resource Center – 501 W. State St. Rm 411
Monday, June 7, 2004

Committee Members Present

Dr. Janetta Norman, Chairman
Michael Bryant, Vice Chairman; Fresh Ministries
Ethel Griffin, 29th & Chase
E. M. Johnson, Council Appointee District 7
Deloris Swain, Grand BLVD Crime Watch
Johnny Swain, Grand BLVD Crime Watch
Floree Johnson-McPherson, N.W. Quad. Neighborhood Watch
Joyce Brinson, Heart for Children
Joseph Brinson, Heart for Children
Dr. Noel Braithwaite, Healthy Jacksonville

City/Staff/Public/Media

Kenneth Avery, Planning & Development
Frank Cunningham, Bldg. Code Enforcement
Doris Leach, District 1 Planner, NSD
Dr. Delphia Williams, City of Jacksonville, Director, Community Services
Jennifer Godlewski, University of North Florida Nursing Student
Enelda Negrani, University of North Florida Nursing Student
Janet Cohen, University of North Florida Nursing Student
Jacqueline Corvo, JSO #7778
Mike Hartman, Parks at The Cathedral
Gwen Osborne, First Timothy CDC
Benita Paul, NFCAA
Annie Bean, Eastside Pride

Call to Order

Dr. Janetta Norman, CPAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM at FCCJ Urban resource Center Rm 411, 501 W. State Street

Approval of the Meeting Summary

Minutes were not approved due to there not being a quorum.

Welcomed Guests

Guests introduced themselves.

Guest Speaker

Bill David, program manager, Jacksonville Human Rights Commission (JHRC), presented information about JHRC and Study Circles: He stated that this is an initiative of the JHRC, supported by a grant from the Jessie Ball DuPont Fund. Mayor Peyton is currently a Study Circles participant, and whole-heartedly supports the organization's initiative. He also stated that hundreds of Jacksonville residents have participated in the process and are beginning to make noticeable differences in their communities in Jacksonville.

Announcements

Dr. Janetta Norman, chair, raised concerns about the negative images of the Urban Core portrayed by the media. She said that most often the media only depicts stereotypical imagery, and when areas such as Springfield, Downtown or the Eastside are mentioned, they are not identified as Urban Core neighborhoods. She also reminded members about The Ninth Annual Mayor's Award. Our current nomination for the individual award is Pastor E. M. Johnson, and Grand Boulevard Neighborhood Association (Johnny and Deloris Swain) has been nominated for the neighborhood award. Floree Johnson-McPherson nominated Michael Bryant for the individual award. The deadline for submission of winners is July 31, 2004.

Michael Bryant, vice chair, stated that the Beaver Street Enterprise Center is available to persons seeking jobs or those desiring to start their own business. He also stated that the business incubator currently houses 16 tenants and has staff on hand to readily provide assistance. The center will celebrate its first anniversary on June 22, 2004 at 4:30 PM.

Staff Reports

Dr. Delphia Williams, Mayor's representative, director, community services, urged everyone to attend the Mayor's Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for June 21, 2004. She stated that City directors would accompany Mayor Peyton to address the concerns of Urban Core neighbors. The meeting will take place at LaVilla School of the Arts. She can be reached at 630-3632

Jacqueline Corvo, JSO #7778, No report.

Duval County School Board – Not present

Ken Avery, planning and development, notified everyone that a public hearing would be held for a parking lot project belonging to Fresh Ministries. He stated that current landscaping and buffering requirements could not be met. The hearing is scheduled for Friday, June 18, 2004.

Doris Leach, planning coordinator, reminded everyone about the upcoming Neighborhood Leadership Training Institute July 6-August 26 at Shands Twin Towers. It is requested that each neighborhood association sends three representatives through this year's program.

Frank Cunningham, code enforcement officer, reported that three unlicensed roofing and siding contractors were arrested for targeting elderly neighbors in the Urban Core. He said that doing business as an unlicensed contractor is only a misdemeanor, however, once elderly neighbors are targeted, the crime then becomes a felony. He urged anyone having knowledge of these predatory practices to contact JSO or Code Enforcement. He also reminded everyone that Code Enforcement is a complaint-based department. He stated that due to their enormous workload, officers are not able to randomly ride around and issue citations to properties. He encouraged neighbors to call 630-CITY to report possible code violations.

Ethel Griffin reported that 29th & Chase Community had a successful neighborhood cleanup event, with assistance from Duval County inmates, on June 5, 2004. She stated that although departments such as Clean It Up, Green It Up, and the Sheriff's Office were notified, the event did not receive sufficient coverage.

Old Business – None at this time

New Business -None at this time

Announcements

Janetta Norman, chair, read a letter from GreenScape announcing a luncheon on June 10, 2004 at 11:30 Club Southbank.

Floree Johnson-McPherson commended Johnny and Deloris Swain on their recent achievement of spearheading the construction and dedication of the Raymond E. Davis Park dedication.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM

The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2004 at Florida Community College Jacksonville, Urban Resource Center Room 411.