

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chairman: Janetta Norman

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Coordinator: Doris Leach 630-7131



**Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning and Advisory Committee
FCCJ Urban Resource Center – 601 W. State St. Rm. 411
Meeting Summary
Monday, June 6, 2005**

Members and Alternates

Ann Thompson	Betty Chance	Deloris Swain
Doug Vanderlaan	E. M. Johnson	Eula Canty
Floree Johnson-McPherson (e)	Celia Miller	Henrietta Hill-Murray
Janetta Norman (e)	Jo Ann Smith	Johnny Swain
Joyce Brinson	Keith McLaughlin	Louvenia Tippins
Luellen Logan	Michael Bryant	Michael Hartman

Guests

Ayesha Covington	Linda Stevenson	Mary Anne Saadeh
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Staff/Resource

Bill David	Carolyn Shehee-Williams (e)	Doris Leach
Gregory Owens (e)	Ken Avery (e)	Milton Locklear
Sherry Pritchard	Valerie J. Williams	

Call to Order

E. M. Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes from June 6, 2005 was made by Jo Ann Smith; Luellen Logan made a second. Motion carried.

Remarks – Vice Chair

E.M. Johnson remarked that Janetta Norman was recouping from a recent surgery.

Speakers

There were no presenters scheduled for this meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Grants and Awards – Sub-Committee Chair, Jo Ann Smith thanked the members who served with her to review the 2005 New Ways Initiative Grant applications. (Michael Bryant, E. M. Johnson and Louvenia Tippins). A total of 13 applications were received and the members chose to award all 13 applicants with a portion of the \$25,000. She also noted that the applications were received later than usual from the Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC), however the Urban Core was the only CPAC that had submitted its recommendations to the JCC.

1. City Kids Art Factory	\$2000	9. Summer Camp 2005	\$2800
2. Karate Ministry	\$2000	10. Computer Literacy for Kids	\$3402
3. Library Arts Camp	\$850	11. Extended day for All!!!	\$1000
4. Mt. Olive AME Church	\$2200	12. Playground Safe Zone	\$3000
5. The Salvation Army	\$1700	13. After School/Summer Program	\$2000
6. Nutrition for a Healthy Living	\$800		
7. Project Blueprint	\$2048		
8. Florida Community College	\$1200		

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Environmental – Sub-Committee Chair, Michael Hartman reemphasized the implementation of the Hogan's Creek Citizen's Vision Statement, which was adopted by the CPAC in May. The objective of the vision statement is to bring awareness to the need to restore Hogan's Creek and renovate the parkland. A plea was made to the body for volunteers to serve on the sub committee. Hartman requested that Mayor Peyton be made aware of the CPAC's efforts and suggested that his support be enlisted during the mayor's meeting with the CPAC chairs. It was also noted that Hogans Creek runs along the Greenway Trail, which includes John N. McPherson, Klutho, and Confederate Parks. The Army Corps of Engineers has reported finding extremely elevated levels of fecal coliform and muck at the bottom of the creek.

Doug Vanderlaan indicated that Councilwoman Lockett-Felder is in support of seeking federal funds for environmental remediation. Additionally, Alberta Hipps sits on a committee focused on communicating the critical need for environmental cleanup to the federal government. Louvenia Tippins stated that \$25 million in funds were previously approved, but have since been frozen. Michael Bryant pointed to the fact that the efforts would gain more momentum if it were linked with the Downtown Master Plan, which already includes McCoys and Hogans Creeks.

Celia Miller prompted members to seek a commitment that addresses all contamination issues such as the lead and ash sites, which have caused areas like Durkeeville to be without an adequate park facility. Testing was conducted on the sites, but there have not been any updates in five years on brownfields. She further stated the Emerald Necklace affects the entire Urban Core and that future lobbying efforts be focused to develop a collaborative plan that addresses the longstanding problems of neglect shown to sites in the district. Michael Bryant recommended Janice Eggleton Davis, Director of Environmental Resources, as a future speaker on the issue.

E. M. Johnson appointed Celia Miller to serve on the environmental sub committee. Miller accepted her appointment.

Membership – Doris Leach reported that Sandra Willis had recently been appointed as an alternate member for FCCJ Downtown Campus. Willis is currently Dean of Student Success.

Hospitality – No report

Transportation – No report

Staff Reports

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Elaine Lancaster reported that she has assumed supervisory duties for the urban Core. She can be reached at 391-3520.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No report

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – No report - Milton offered to have someone address the CPAC at a future meeting regarding resurfacing the Matthews Bridge.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Sherry Pritchard, Region I Director, reported there were no failing schools in the district. She also stated that Andrew Jackson High School has undergone changes in its leadership staff. Information pertaining to which schools in and around the Urban Core have currently have corporate and/or community partners will be provided at a future meeting.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – not present

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Excused

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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – Doris Leach announced that the Mayor's Town Hall Meeting for the district was June 20, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of FCCJ DTC.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – No report

Old Business

E. M. Johnson asked for nominations from the floor for an individual and organization within the district worthy of receiving the 2005 Mayor's Award. Ballots were received and tallied. Joyce Brinson was chosen as the individual and North Jacksonville Community Development Corporation was selected as the organization.

Mary Ann Saadeh of Oak Haven Preservation Association appeared before the body to request support to block the City Council's ordinance regarding changing the definition of a node in 2005-561. She indicated that the bill itself would pass, however the opposition was that the proposed definition change be stricken. Four of six CPACs are in support of her efforts. Kenny Logsdon stated that the proposed definition change would reduce requirements density wise in a rural or residential area.

A motion was made by Doug Vanderlaan to draft a letter the council in support efforts to oppose the proposed definition change of a node in 2005-516; Celia Miller made a second. Motion carried.

New Business

None

Announcements

E.M. Johnson encouraged attendance at Mayor's Neighborhood Summit on June 24, 2005. Michael Bryant announced June 9, 2005 is the second anniversary celebration for the Beaver Street Enterprise Center.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for 5:00 PM August 1, 2005 at Florida Community College Jacksonville, Urban Resource Center - Room 411.