

**Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning and Advisory Committee
FCCJ Urban Resource Center – 601 W. State St. Rm. 411
Meeting Summary
Monday, May 02, 2005**

Members and Alternates

Ann Thompson	Deloris Swain	Doug Vanderlaan
E. M. Johnson	Floree Johnson-McPherson	Celia Miller
Janetta Norman	Jo Ann Smith	Johnny Swain
Louvenia Tippins	Luellen Logan	Michael Bryant
Rosemary Anderson		

Guests

Doris Marlin	Mary Anne Saadeh	Mack Bissette
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Staff/Resource

Bill David	Carolyn Shehee-Williams	Denise Bunnewith
Doris Leach	Gregory Owens	Ken Avery (e)
Milton Locklear	Pat Royland	Valerie J. Williams

Call to Order

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

Introductions

Janetta Norman asked that all present introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes from April 4, 2005 was made by Doug Vanderlaan and in second by Floree McPherson, motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Janetta Norman stated that the dedication ceremony for the John N. McPherson Park was a success and thanked members for supporting the initiative to bring it to fruition. She also remarked that *The Mayor's Meeting with the CPAC Chairs* is a forum to bring neighborhood concerns from each planning district to the attention of city officials, and encouraged members to provide both positive and negative issues for submission. Finally, she added that applications for the New Ways Initiative Grant were delivered to Doris Leach, neighborhood coordinator on Friday April 29, 2005. Grants and Awards Sub-committee chair Jo Ann Smith will provide more information during her report.

Subcommittee Reports

Grants and Awards – Sub-Committee Chair, Jo Ann Smith confirmed receipt of the 2005 New Ways Initiative grant applications. Sub-committee members are: Michael Bryant, E. M. Johnson and Louvenia Tippins. Members will convene meetings to review the applications and present recommendations of awards at the June CPAC meeting. A total of 13 applications were received. She also noted that the applications were received later than usual from the Children's Commission.

Environmental – Sub-Committee Chair, Michael Hartman introduced the Hogan's Crack Park Restoration-Citizen Vision Statement for Hogan's Creek. Vision is to turn a major eye sore into an asset attract people to the downtown area. Test results from past four years show fecal coliform bacteria levels (contamination from the intestines of warm blooded animals) exceeded the standard levels. He also paralleled the future of Hogan's Creek to that of Central Park in New York. Sub-committee member Doug Vanderlaan commented that Springfield had formed a Parks Task Force, which is in support of efforts to restore the creek. Doris Marlin stated that the following information could help rally support for the CPAC: the St Johns River was designated as one of twelve American Heritage Rivers nationwide; Hogan's Creek is a tributary to the St Johns River; and NOA has designated the St Johns River as a critical fish habitat.

A motion was made by Janetta Norman to endorse the Hogan's Creek Park Restoration- Citizen Vision Statement and in seconded by Doug Vanderlaan; motion carries.

Membership – Doug Vanderlaan remarked that Mack Bissette was observing the meeting to consider CPAC membership. He also commented on reviving membership in the Eastside community, and was informed by Doris Leach that steps to achieving that goal are in progress.

Hospitality – No report

Transportation – No report

Speakers

Denise Bunnewith, First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization

Topic: Transportation Improvement Program FY 2005/06 –2009/10

Provided copies of the FY 2005/06 – 2009/10 Transportation Improvement Plan that lists projects in various phases of construction. Asked members to direct questions or concerns to Jeff Sheffield, Director of Planning at MPO 306-7512. Questions were welcomed from the floor.

Doris Marlin, Project Manager, Army Corps of Engineers

Topic: Status on Hogan's Creek Aquatic Restoration Project

Stated that the federal government has Continuing Authority Program Projects the Federal government is cost sharing with the City of Jacksonville to pursue design studies related to restore Hogan's Creek. Sediment renewal and other restoration limited to restoration only. Sediment and contamination level does not require more expensive disposal (not exceed federal funding limits) After the Great fire; the creek was used to dispose ash. Questions were welcomed from the floor.

Staff Reports

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Not present

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – Valerie J. Williams reported that investigators are conducting weekend spot checks of seafood and other vendors to ensure that they have obtained the proper permits. Investigators can be contacted during weekends via cell phone at 237-7240.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Milton Locklear presented handouts of information on the I10/I95 interchange and the urban projects under construction for the district.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – **not present** – Doris Leach reported that Mr. McIntosh had made a commit to attend the

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – not present

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Carolyn Shehee-Williams informed the group that the Mayor's Family Summit is scheduled for May 13 and 14 at the Prime Osborne convention Center.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES –Doris Leach announced that the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit is scheduled for June 24, 2005 at the Prime Osborne Convention Center. Nomination forms for the 2005 Mayor's Award (individual and organization) were distributed and criteria for selection was highlighted.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – Excused

Old Business – Mary Ann Saadeh of Oak haven Preservation Association requested CPAC support to block the City Council's ordinance regarding changing the definition of a node. The CPAC deferred the request until the June 2, 2005 meeting.

New Business – none

Announcements – none

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for 5:00 PM June 6, 2005 at Florida Community College Jacksonville, Urban Resource Center - Room 411.