

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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Urban Core ~ District 1 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee Main Library – Room G4 - 303 N. Laura St. Meeting Summary Monday, Nov. 6, 2006

Members and Alternates

Janetta Norman, Chair
Eugene Johnson, Vice-Chair
Doug Vanderlaan
Flore Johnson McPherson

Michael Hartman
Betty Chance
Michael Bryant
Celia Miller

Ruth Arnold
Luellen B. Logan
Louvenia Tippins
Eula Canty

Guests

Rex Williams
Louise Steward
Aurora Jones

Adrianne Ligon
Diana Dorsey
Susan Toffolon

Partlow Levoyus
Sharon Marshall

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee Williams
Robert Crawford

Joyce Hellmann Bizot
Wight Greger

Kenneth Avery

Call to Order

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

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Norman greeted and welcomed those in attendance and introduced speaker, Mayor John Peyton.

Speaker

John Peyton, Mayor, City of Jacksonville

Mayor Peyton said that his comments would be primarily on two topics: public safety and the Cecil Field vote. Concerning public safety, he described the short term measures and long term approaches that will be taken.

For the short term, measures include \$5 million towards increased police presence, support from the Florida Highway Patrol on weekend sweeps, gun buybacks by the ministerial alliance and \$200,000 from the Chamber of Commerce to fund a program that offers rewards of \$1,000 for tips concerning people who brandish guns. Long term approaches will focus on education (such as upping early education standards to prepare children for first grade by shifting the focus from safety to education) and economic opportunity (Blueprint for Prosperity's move to raise the family income in Duval County).

Mayor Peyton provided historic information about Cecil Field – from 1993 when the master jet base pulled out, the BRAC's interest in having the Navy return and the initial enthusiasm that changed when the Navy said they did not want to come. Other factors for not wanting the Navy to return include the changes to the Westside communities where there are 8,000 new homes and the \$100 million already spent on the Cecil Commerce Center.

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The mayor discussed issues and answered questions posed by members and guests.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Staff Reports

Code Enforcement – Inspector Bob Crawford reported that four new code inspection officers are being hired.

Department of Transportation – No representative present

Duval County Public Schools – No representative present

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office - No representative present

Mayor's Representative – No report

Neighborhood Services Division – Wight Greger, Deputy Director of the Housing and Neighborhoods Department provided information about housing in LaVilla and about available mortgage financing at 5.6% for first time homebuyers through a recent \$2.4 million bond issue.

Planning and Development – Ken Avery presented information on a pending application for an administrative deviation filed by Operation New Hope for the Union / Palmetto Housing Cluster.

Subcommittee Reports

Environmental – Michael Hartman gave an update on the application to NOAA for the cleanup of Hogans Creek.

Hospitality – The committee provided refreshments for members and guests.

Membership – No report

Old Business None

New Business

The chair announced that the nominating committee for this year is composed of Michael Bryant, Flo Johnson-McPherson and Louvenia Tippins. Election of 2007 chair and vice-chair will take place at the December meeting.

Guests/Visitor Comments Visitors from Habijax introduced themselves.

Agenda Considerations December meeting - First Coast MPO, "First Coast Commuter Services;" January meeting- the status of the Growth Management Task Force recommendations

Announcements Sharon Toffolon of the Grace and Truth CDC passed around a booklet showing the new homes they are building in the North Brookside community.

Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

*The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is scheduled for
5 p.m. Dec. 4, 2006, Main Library, G-4, 303 N. Laura St.*