

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chairman: *Janetta Norman* 285-0329

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

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

Neighborhood Coordinator: *TBD*



**Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Main Library – Room G4 - 303 N. Laura St.
Meeting Summary
Monday, Oct. 2, 2006**

Members and Alternates

Janetta Norman, Chair
Eugene Johnson, Vice-Chair
Johnny Swain
Louvenia Tippins

Deloris Swain
Tony Nelson
Doug Vanderlaan
Flore Johnson McPherson

Ruth Arnold
Luellen B. Logan
Michael Bryant
Celia Miller

Guests

Calvin Lee
Jimmy Midyette

Donnell Walker
Dawn Hudson

Chris Dale Monti

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee Williams
Milton Locklear

Joyce Hellmann Bizot
Robert Crawford

Kenneth Avery
Jocelyn Turner

Call to Order

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

Remarks – Chair / Vice Chair

Dr. Norman greeted and welcomed those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Speakers

Dr. Joseph Wise, Superintendent for Duval County Public Schools

Dr. Wise spoke about his new plans to raise high school graduation standards, the full effect of which will not be felt until 2010. Concerning underperforming schools he stated that performance and behavioral expectations have been raised and that core beliefs must be signed onto by new teachers.

Dr. Wise reviewed some of the positive steps being taken in the community in support of education which include the Mayor's reading programs, the work of the Jacksonville Children's Commission, mentors who align their efforts with what teachers need. Within the schools a team approach to reading intervention and the "zap the brain" or "fast forward" technique is being applied to enhance reading skills. Dr. Wise answered questions from members and guests and said that he would respond to e-mail requests and questions.

[Questions may be sent to: wisej@educationcentral.org]

Ronnie Ferguson, President and CEO of the Jacksonville Housing Authority

Ronnie Ferguson said that housing services for low income families are very expensive and that in Jacksonville these services are not as well coordinated as they might be among the various providers. There is no new public housing being built and of the approximately 10,000 units of

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Jacksonville's subsidized housing, 3000 units are public housing and 7000 are privately owned units subsidized by vouchers. Those receiving vouchers must pay 30% of their income towards housing costs. The average subsidy is \$500 per month and the annual cost for subsidized housing in Jacksonville is \$42 million. Mr. Ferguson spoke about the city's two Hope VI grants – revitalization projects funded by Federal HUD, Durkeeville and Brentwood - and about the importance of opening those communities to their neighborhoods and integrating them into the mainstream. The design of the projects aimed to achieve that goal. Mr. Ferguson fielded a number of questions from members and offered to respond personally to e-mails and calls. [Questions may be sent to rferguson@jaxha.org ; or call 630-3871]

Staff Reports

Code Enforcement – Inspector Bob Crawford reported that code inspections are taking place in the area of 13th to 20th and Myrtle Avenue to Price Street. There are also inspections taking place in Brooklyn and Eastside neighborhoods. On Saturdays, inspectors follow up on special requests for inspections.

Department of Transportation – No representative present

Duval County Public Schools– See speaker

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office - No representative present

Mayor's Representative – No report

Neighborhood Services Division - Joyce Bizot announced the Florida Neighborhoods Conference, October 5 to 7 in Fort Lauderdale and the next Mayor's Town Hall Meeting which will take place in the North District October 16.

Planning and Development – No report

Subcommittee Reports

Environmental – Michael Bryant reported that FRESHMinistries submitted the application for the cleanup of Hogans Creek to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by the September 28 deadline. Dr. Norman sent a letter in support of the application on behalf of the UC CPAC.

Hospitality –The committee provided refreshments for members and guests.

Membership – No report

Old Business – The annual CPAC picnic, hosted this year by the SW CPAC, took place on Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Little Talbot Island State Park. More than 60 attended including Mayor Peyton and City Council President, Michael Corrigan. All six districts were represented.

New Business

Guests/Visitor Comments

Agenda Considerations

Mayor John Peyton will be the speaker at the November meeting.

Announcements

Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

*The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is scheduled for
5 p.m. November 6, 2006, Main Library, G-4, 303 N. Laura St.*