

# District #1 - Urban Core

## Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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**Urban Core ~ District 1  
Citizens Planning and Advisory Committee  
Cathedral Terrace – 701 N. Ocean Street  
Meeting Summary  
Monday, September 12, 2005**

### Members and Alternates

Ann Thompson  
E. M. Johnson  
Janetta Norman  
Louvenia Tippins

Deloris Swain (e)  
Ethel Griffin  
JoAnn Smith  
Michael Bryant

Doug Vanderlaan  
Floree Johnson-McPherson  
Johnny Swain (e)  
Michael Hartman

### Guests

Kathryn Bissette

### Staff/Resource

Adam Brown  
Carolyn Shehee-Williams  
Gregory Owens (e)  
Milton Locklear

Bob Crawford  
Charlene Taylor-Hill  
Ken Avery  
Pat Royland

Brad Thoburn  
Doris Leach  
Keith McLaughlin  
Sandra Willis

### Call to Order

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

### Approval of Minutes

*A motion to approve minutes from August 1, 2005 was made, properly seconded, and approved by the group.*

### Remarks – Chair / Vice Chair

Dr. Norman asked that all present introduce themselves, then observe a moment of silence. Members were reminded about adhering to protocol when inviting guests to address the body. She advised that the agenda is set by the chair with the approval of the body and coordination of the guests is done through the neighborhoods coordinator. The Florida neighborhoods Conference is October 20-22 in Lakeland. The chair expressed a desire to explore possibilities to send those who did not receive scholarships. The tour of the new downtown library proved to be exciting and anticipation is building for the grand opening. Finally, the environmental subcommittee is doing an effective job at bringing awareness to the efforts to revitalize Hogan's Creek. The latest efforts included a letter to Senator Bill Nelson, who has agreed to meet with them.

### Speakers

Brad Thoburn – Director of State and Federal Affairs, City of Jacksonville – Reported on the status of the Better Jacksonville Plan. He indicated that there had been a substantial shortfall in funding but that the Urban Core had no projects that would be negatively impacted. Questions were taken from the floor.

### Subcommittee Reports

*Grants and Awards* – no report.

*Environmental* – Sub-Committee Chair, Michael Hartman distributed a written report for the group. He indicated that letters had been delivered to Senator Bill Nelson and Congresswoman Corrine Brown soliciting their help in obtaining federal funding to the Army Corp of Engineers for the ecological restoration of Hogans Creek.

*Membership* – No report.

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*Hospitality* – No report

*Transportation* – No report

### Staff Reports

CODE ENFORCEMENT – No report

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – No report - Milton offered to have someone address the CPAC in the future regarding the I-10 / I-95 Interchange.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Excused

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Lt. Adam Brown presented favorable statistics on a successful task force run by Officers Cassatti and Nobles in Springfield.

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Carolyn Shehee-Williams indicated that she had no report. She did however mention about the D.A.R.T. dialogue that she and Doug Vanderlaan had carried.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – No report

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – Ken Avery announced that Jennie Fewell had accepted a position with the Jacksonville Housing Commission. Her last day is September 30, 2005.

*A motion was made and approved to send a letter of commendation to Jennie Fewell for her hard work and dedication.*

### Old Business

Doug Vanderlaan requested to have Chris Pearson from Environmental Resources and Dan Slater from the D.A.R.T. program address the group at a future meeting.

### New Business

#### Announcements

Ethel Griffin informed the group that the Simond Johnson Park had recently been vandalized. It was also noted that the equipment at the park was substandard prior to the desecration. Dr. Norman recommended comprising a subcommittee to discuss the park and other issues in district 8 with Councilwoman Yates. Charlene Taylor-Hill advised the group to inform the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission of housing discrimination practices on hurricane evacuees. Doris Leach reported that FRESH Ministries started an initiative "Women to the Rescue", to help displaced evacuees who have moved to the area with family members or others. Sandra Willis indicated that FCCJ had waived all fees for evacuees of hurricane Katrina, allowing them to attend school without the financial burden. Carolyn Shehee-Williams stated that the public library had suspended restrictions enabling individuals displaced as a result of Katrina to utilize the computer. Keith McLaughlin announced that FCCJ would open a charter school next fall and more details would be presented soon.

#### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

***The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for 5:00 PM October 3, 2005, at Klutho Building –1830 N. Main Street.***