

Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
January 28, 2002
Black Business Investment Corporation ~ 2933 North Myrtle Avenue

AMENDED MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Dr. Janetta Norman
Rev. Quodavis Thomas
Ann Thompson (Representative)
Louvenia Tippins
Michael Bryant
Johnny Swain (A)
Flossie Brunson
Pastor E. M. Johnson
Celia Miller
Donna Rash-Sawyer
Melody Bierwirth
Henrietta Hill-Murray

Guests Present

Hallie Williams- Bey
Carrie Davis
Luellen Logan
Rachael Robitzsh
Larry Thomas

Staff Present

Felicia A. Bridgewater
Ken Avery
Karen Blutcher
Pete Sutherland
William Sweet
Matt Thompson
Gregory Owens
Fred Kyle
Roy Babson
David Roe
Marvin Smith
Roslyn Phillips
Asst. Chief Ed Johnson
Jeannie Fewwell (*Added*)

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm.

The Chair opened the meeting by presenting Tony Nelson, President of the Black Business Investment Corporation (B.B.I.C.) and thanked him for hosting this meeting at their new facility. Mr. Nelson made opening remarks and discussed the services of the B.B.I.C. He also shared the vision of the B.B.I.C. and the Incubator Program housed in the new facility. Presented the rendering for the new shopping center that will replace the former "Daylight" store located on 21st and Moncrief. The official Grand Opening of the B.B.I.C. and the groundbreaking of the new shopping center will be held on February 22, 2002.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Speakers

- **Gregory Owens (Neighborhoods Division)** – Presented the Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grant Program. Provided information on the steps that an organization can take to apply for a grant. Funds applied for must be matched by 25% volunteer labor and 75% in-kind services and/or cash. The application deadline is June 28, 2002.
- **Matt Thompson (Jacksonville Children's Commission)** – Presented the New Ways Initiative Grant Program and provided information on the requirements for application.

The New Ways Grant Initiative includes three grants: 1) Neighbor-to-Neighbor up to \$10,000, 2) For Kids, By Kids up to \$1,000, and 3) In Our Community up to \$5,000. The application deadline is March 11, 2002.

- **Fred Kyle (Chief, City of Jax - Traffic Engineering)** – Provided an overview of the Traffic Engineering department and their duties. Addressed concerns and questions concerning unsafe traffic and the need for traffic calming efforts in certain areas of the Urban Core. In cases of excessive speed and/or cut through traffic, Mr. Kyle suggested that citizens contact law enforcement first and follow up with his department. There is no certain criteria for consideration for signage but there is also no guarantees. His department will make time to visit the site and investigate any problems.
- **Hallie Williams-Bey (Jacksonville Urban League) & Pete Sutherland (Code Enforcement Supervisor)** – Williams-Bey discussed the Municipal Code Enforcement Board which represents the CPAC in identifying and enforcing code regulation on homes in the community. All CPAC members are encouraged to enroll on the board and participate. Sutherland discussed code enforcement and efforts that are made to maintain property safety. Mentioned a faith-based Initiative (Builder's Care) that assists families in repairing their homes to avoid code citations. Mentioned that 100 homes are slated for repair in the 32206 area. Information will be forwarded to the CPAC regarding this program. Code enforcement also addresses concerns with nuisance/abandoned properties and junk vehicles. They distributed pamphlets and other information on zoning and permit requirements. Answered questions from the members and guests.

Old Business

Urban Core Bus Tour

Floree Johnson-McPherson and the committee continue to plan the Urban Core bus tour to be held in the Spring 2002.

New Business

- Report from the Nominating Committee for the 2002-2003 Urban Core CPAC Officers:
Dr. Janetta Norman – Chair
Michael Bryant – Vice-Chair

Louvenia Tippins made a motion to accept the nominations and elect Dr. Norman and Mr. Bryant as the 2002-2003 Officers. The motion was moved in second by Melody Bierwirth. The members voted unanimously to accept and approve the nomination and election of these officers.

- Dr. Norman suggested that E. Denise Lee be presented a citation or certificate for her extensive work done in the Urban Core. Floree Johnson-McPherson made a motion that Ms. Lee be honored at the next CPAC meeting. The motion was moved in second by Rev. Q. G. Thomas. The members unanimously approved.

Reports

No reports given

Announcements

- Ed Johnson was introduced as the new Zone Commander for Zone 1 replacing Pete Mittleman of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.
- Dr. Norman acknowledged and thanked students from Jacksonville University for attending the meeting and taking an interest in the community.
- Dr. Norman acknowledged the presence of Mrs. Leota Davis a centurion who is active with the Planet Watch Neighborhood Association.
- Carrie Davis of Housing Partnership announced the Paint the Town campaign to be held May 4-11, 2002. The target area will be 29th and Chase. The goal of the campaign is to help citizens improved the appearance of the their homes.
- Felicia Bridgewater encouraged visitors to consider applying for appointment to the CPAC. She stressed attendance and the process for updating information. Organizations are encouraged to update their information and ensure consistent attendance from their primary and alternate representatives.
- Flossie Brunson commended Jeannie Fewell's outstanding work in the Urban Core.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Urban Core – District #1 CPAC Meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2002 at 5:00 pm at the Business Center located on the corner of Myrtle Avenue and Martin Luther King Parkway (aka 20th Street Expressway).