

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

Chair: Doug Vanderlaan 923-5179 dougcpac@comcast.net

Vice Chair: Louvenia Tippins

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 cshehe@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 mfharmer@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, January 3, 2011

Members

Doug Vanderlaan, Chair
Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile
Dan Cronrath, FreshMinistries
Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.
Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral
Pat LaMountain, Springfield Women's Club

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair
Geraldine Walker, 12th Street Loyalty
Michelle Hughes, FreshMinistries
Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard
Erica Trent, Pathways Charter High School

Excused – Jim Green, Emery Nauden

Guests

Evie Welch, Cathedral Terrace
Brandi Johnson, NJCDC
Tom Patton

Brenda Boydston, SPAR
Levoyus Partlow, M.A.N.I.A.

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison
Shorty Robbins, DRCS
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Perkins
Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code

Call to Order

Chair Vanderlaan called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street and welcomed everyone. He welcomed our new members Erica Trent – Pathways Academy Charter High School and Dan Cronrath and Michelle Hughes from FreshMinistries. He asked that all members introduce themselves.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Arnold made a Motion to accept the minutes from the November 2, 2010 meeting. A second was made by Member LaMountain. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Zone 1 Sgt. Perkins had no formal report but would be at the meeting to take concerns. Chair Vanderlaan spoke about the Times Union article on the good news that the number of murders for Jacksonville is down. However; there are still far too many murders in the Urban Core. He hopes the declining numbers will continue. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams had no report but wished everyone a Happy New Year. She can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Chair Vanderlaan asked if the Internet Café Ordinance 2010-326 had been signed by the Mayor. It was signed by the Mayor on Dec. 6, 2010.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green asked to be excused and asked to pass on concerns. Member Miller asked about the underpass on Bay Street and Myrtle Avenue. Public Works Jeff Beck had reported that the city was responsible when he attended the CPAC meeting and would be working on this. Marilyn Fenton-Harmer will follow up on this. Mr. Beck's reply was:

Vegetation has been trimmed and trash has been removed (although it has attracted a bit more since we picked it up). We plan on painting over the graffiti and repainting the yellow/black stripes by the end of January.

Jim Green can be reached at 360-5684 or Green.James@dot.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden asked to be excused. Emery Nauden can be reached at 255-7825 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Supervisor Elaine Lancaster reported that Mr. Prado will bring the new Zone 1 Supervisor to the February meeting. The new supervisor is expected to begin on January 22nd or 23rd. She was asked to cover the meeting tonight. Chair Vanderlaan thanked her for coming. Property Safety can be reached at 255-7000 or psafety@coj.net

Recreation and Community Services – Shorty Robbins reported on the following:

- New program guides were hot off the press for Winter/Spring 2011 with dates for camp and spring break camps. Currently there are not too many outside events city wide. Upcoming events mentioned were:
 - The annual kite event in April
 - The Road to Olustee Living History Weekend in February on Super Bowl Weekend but the event will be done before the game.
- Chair Vanderlaan would like to have an update on all the Urban Core Parks and what activities are available. Shorty and Daryl Joseph will be happy to do this and the CPAC will give them ample notice on when.
- Chair Vanderlaan also wanted to know the status of Klutho Park. Shorty met with the Council Member and they are asking SPAR to set up a meeting with Council Member Gaffney. The citizen has no direct authority on the tennis courts and the pad lock has been removed. They are hopeful to satisfy everyone.
- Members asked about the Joe James Center. It is available for rentals and neighborhood meetings. The neighborhood organization needs to be registered with the Housing and Neighborhoods Department. Is there a charge for a neighborhood meeting? No, there is no charge but they need to know ahead of time to schedule an employee to open and close the center.

Shorty Robbins can be reached at 255-7915 or shortyr@coj.net

HAND – Community Development Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- **CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Workshops** - CDBG applicants will be required to attend a mandatory technical assistance workshop where CDD staff will provide training on the application process. **Applications will be distributed at the workshops. No applications will be accepted from agencies that have not attended a technical assistance workshop.** **Public Hearings:** Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011 – 6 p.m. - Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., 1st Floor Training Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202 and Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011 – 6 p.m. - Community Rehabilitation Center (CRC) Institute, 5308 N. Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32208
Technical Assistance Workshops: Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 – 6 p.m. - Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., 1st Floor Training Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202 and Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011 – 3 p.m. - Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., 1st Floor Training Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202 and Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 – 6 p.m. - Community Rehabilitation Center (CRC) Institute, 5308 N. Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32208
Budget Workshop: Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011 – 3 p.m. - Housing and Neighborhoods Department - 214 N. Hogan St., 1st Floor Training Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202 For more information call 255-8241
- **Stay Home Program** - If someone you know is worried about losing their home, call 255-8200 or 630-2489 and ask to register for a free foreclosure prevention program. To learn more, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program** - redevelops abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information call 255-8200 or 398-HOME or website www.nspjax.com

- The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (**NWJEDF**) has public funds used to provide capital for project development. The prospective applicant must be a business located within the Northwest Jacksonville area or a business that is expanding its operations into this targeted area.

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City at: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, Thursday, **January 20, 2011** at 4:00 p.m. at the Emmett Reed Community Center, 1093 West Sixth Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209 Contact: Michelle Innes at 630-1273

Recreation and Community Services – Parks

- JaxParks 4th annual Swim Classic - Friday, **January 14, 2011** through Sunday, January 16, 2011 from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cecil Aquatics Center - 13611 Normandy Blvd. Come see youth compete from Jacksonville and all over, in this annual swimming event. Prizes will be awarded to all winners. For info call: 745-9630
- Road to Olustee - Friday, **February 04, 2011** through Sunday, February 06, 2011 at Camp Milton

Seniors

- **Legislative Forum for Seniors - January 20, 2011** at 10 a.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street, Calling all seniors ages 60 and over! Meet members of the Duval Delegation and voice issues and concerns affecting seniors. Complimentary lunch will be provided and reservations are required. Reserve your seat today. For more information or if you have a disability and need an accommodation, please call (904) 630-3690.

Downtown

- **January Art Walk - Kids Creations in Snyder!** Wednesday, **January 5, 2011** from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. For info call 630-3690 or e-mail events@coj.net
- **Riverside Arts Market** – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/> **Riverside Avondale is named one of Ten Great Neighborhoods in America** by the American Planning Association (APA) as one of the country's 10 Great Neighborhoods under the APA's Great Places in America program.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events

- Deputy Director Carolyn Shehee Williams for the Jacksonville Public Libraries spoke on upcoming meetings on "Here's the Plan" by the Godfrey's Associates on their findings about the Jacksonville Library system. There will be four meetings but the one in the Urban Core will be on Wednesday, **January 12, 2011** Dallas Graham Branch, 2304 N. Myrtle Ave. at 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast tickets on sale for \$25 held on Friday, **January 14, 2011** at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Doors open at 7 a.m. Program begins at 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. For info call 630-3690
- Empowerment/Enterprise Zone Board Meeting - Wednesday, **January 19, 2011** at 1:00 pm at the Beaver Street Enterprise Center, 1225 W. Beaver Street. Contact: Karen Underwood 630-1906
- The Downtown Development Review Board Meeting - Thursday, **January 27, 2011** 2:00 p.m. at the Police & Fire Pension Fund Building, 1 West Adams Street, Suite 200 - Board Room. Contact: Michelle Stephens, 630-1979, msteph@coj.net

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events – continued

- **Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Celebrates 28th Anniversary** - Friday, **Jan. 28, 2011**, Keep Jacksonville Beautiful will celebrate its 28th anniversary and honor Mayor John Peyton with an educational fundraising event. Keep Jacksonville Beautiful received two first place awards in national competitions during 2010 from Keep America Beautiful. Tickets to the event are \$25 and may be purchased by calling Vivian Harrell at 630-3420 or e-mail vharrell@coj.net
- The City of Jacksonville and the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission will accept nominations for the Fifth Annual Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Awards now through Friday, **Feb. 18, 2011**. These awards showcase individuals, businesses, organizations, schools and colleges that are making strides to keep the city clean. For an application go to: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Clean+It+Up+Green+It+Up/KJB+.htm> The awards will be presented at the Mayor's Environmental Luncheon scheduled on Friday, March 18, 2011
- **Jacksonville Lacrosse Matches Will Feature National Powerhouses** - Duke University and the University of Notre Dame will reprise last year's national lacrosse championship while Jacksonville University takes on Georgetown University Feb. 20, 2011, in the Moe's Southwest Grill Sunshine Classic. http://www.coj.net/Departments/Central+Operations/Public+Information/Headlines/20101216_Lacrosse.ht

Phone Numbers

- City Link- **630-CITY** (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For info call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com

2011 Urban Core CPAC Meeting Dates

Meetings begin at 5 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building Training Room 110, 214 N. Hogan St., 32202

Monday, January 3, 2011

Monday, February 7, 2011

Monday, March 7, 2011

Monday, April 4, 2011

Monday, May 2, 2011

Monday, June 6, 2011

July – No Meeting

Monday, August 1, 2011

Monday, August 29, 2011

Monday, October 3, 2011

Monday, November 7, 2011

December – No Meeting

Last minute information not on the written report

- On Thursday, **Jan. 27**, 2011 FDOT will hold a public meeting on the I-95 Overland Bridge at the Aetna Building, 841 Prudential Dr. with the doors opening at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.
- On Wednesday, **Feb. 2**, 2011 at 3 p.m. at the Main Library there will be a workshop for non-profits designed to provide an overview for grants. Call Janine Stanley at 630-2423 to register.

There will be a joint Urban Core, Southwest and Northwest **CPAC Candidate Forum**:

- Mayoral and Sheriff Candidate Forum Tentative date and location:
Thursday, **March 3**, 2011 at FSCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., 32210, large Auditorium F- 128
- Tentative Date City Council and At-Large Forum, Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 location to be determined. The last day to qualify as a candidate is Jan. 14, 2011 at noon. The election is Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Members of the Urban Core CPAC were asked to provide questions for the Forum. Chair Vanderlaan prepared the list of questions to be turned over to the Candidate Forum Committee. The Committee did not want the candidates to have the questions ahead of the Forum. If members have other questions to please get them to Marilyn by Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011. Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Chair Vanderlaan stated that Council Member Gaffney will be our guest speaker for February. Members discussed the need for Council Members to come to CPAC meetings to listen to concerns. At-Large Council Members were brought up and they need to listen and communicate with citizens as well.

Chair's Report

TRUE Commission

The Urban Core CPAC needs a TRUE Commission representative. Chair Vanderlaan asked Member Radlinski to be the representative. Information on the Commission was provided and Member Radlinski accepted this position. Member Miller also volunteered for this position. Chair Vanderlaan thanked both Member Radlinski for accepting the position and Member Miller for volunteering.

2011 Brainstorming

Chair Vanderlaan spoke about the CPACs and how the CPAC needs to do a better job of listening and expressing what is important to us and getting those ideas to the Mayor, City Departments and City Council Members. He presented a list of issues that he read off (technical difficulties) that were concerns of the Urban Core CPAC:

- A. Philip Randolph commercial development
- Vacant/abandoned houses and commercial buildings
- Light rail/Rapid bus transit

- Environmental cleanup
- Infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, drainage)
- Schools
- Taxes/budget
- Small gambling casinos – resolved
- Home weatherization
- Key intersections – Laura St.; Union and Main
- Zoning and Planning
- Retention ponds (policy and standards)

Last year he had the members take a vote on the top three issues. This year he would like members to say what issues are important and then set up a subcommittee to do the work on that concern. *He is going to be the Chair of the Environmental Subcommittee and hopes that members will join him.* If you would like to serve on a subcommittee to let him know. He reminded members that the CPACs are the Mayor's Advisory Committees and try to chose a topic that the Mayor along with city departments could make a change. Education is an important topic but the CPAC does not report to the School Board. JSO and crime is an important issue but there is ShAdCo to help resolve issues there. The CPAC Chairs meet with the Mayor four times a year and Vice Chair Tippins will give a report at next month's meeting on the last meeting with Mayor Peyton. Chair Vanderlaan asked members what they were passionate about. Member LaMountain expressed interest in a Membership Committee. Chair Vanderlaan asked her to Chair this Committee. She accepted. New Member Cronrath would like to be a part of the Membership Committee and spoke about being a service provider. He would like to see the City be a central clearing house on what is available for residents. It was also suggested to network and contact the CDCs (Community Development Corporations) to get more members. Member Radlinski is interested in the waterfront. He would like the CPAC first to get some guest speakers on the waterfront to see if a subcommittee needs to be formed. It was suggested to get JEDC and the Building Department (Tom Goldsbury) to speak on this. It was also mentioned that the court process is going forward at Berkman Plaza II

Subcommittee's formed:

Environmental – Chair Vanderlaan

Membership – Chair LaMountain – Member Dan Cronrath

Previous Subcommittees

- A. Philip Randolph Corridor – A Chair is needed if this is to remain.
- Transportation – Member Miller has been asking to be relieved of this position. Chair Vanderlaan will attend a few meetings to see if he would like to take this position unless someone else is interested in future transportation needs.

Announcements - none

Public Comments

- *Tom Patton introduced himself. He is running for City Council At-Large Group 2 which is a county wide race. Election Day will be on March 22.*

Chair Vanderlaan thanked everyone for coming.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **February 7, 2011**
at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

Submitted by:

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